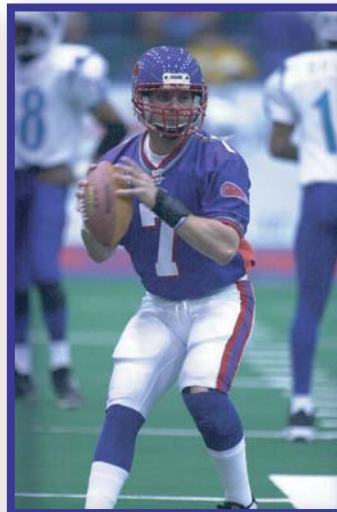




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GENERAL INFORMATION

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President/General Manager: Christopher Vallozzi
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Clock Operator: Brent Toms
Game Clock Operator: Brent Toms
Firecats Mascot: Blaze (Kyle Treadeau)

Football Operations Directory

Head Coach: Ben Bennett
Defensive Coordinator: Kevin Bouis
Offensive/Defensive Line Coach: Victor Hall
Assistant Coach: Jimmy Magas
Head Trainer: Adam Bort
Team Physician: Dr. James Guerra, M.D.

Team Information

Team Colors: Purple, Red, Silver
Year In af2: 3rd Season
Regular Season Record: 9-7 (2002)
Home Arena: TECO Arena
Capacity: 7,128

ANDREW A. VALLOZZI
OWNER / OPERATOR

Andrew Vallozzi is the owner of the Milwaukee Mustangs Arena Football Team and the Florida Firecats Arena 2 team.

Vallozzi started his career with a Fortune 500 Company. Several years later, he and a group of associates purchased the division, later selling it to a New York Stock Exchange Company. That division is now the nucleus of the corporation's 500-million dollar food service division.

Later, Vallozzi used his marketing and advertising expertise in joining the legendary Chicago-based advertising firm founded in 1939. With his marketing and advertising savvy, Vallozzi helped increase revenue for that firm, now known as AVA Advertising, into one of the world's largest food service advertising organizations in which he now holds 100% ownership interest.

In 1989, Vallozzi developed an interest in the Arena Football League and sought a franchise for Milwaukee. After putting together the proposal for the league's Board of Governors, the league approved a franchise for Milwaukee in August 1993. Vallozzi is well known for his advertising and marketing successes and has received hundreds of national and international awards for his accomplishments within the field. Three years ago he was elected to Arena Football League's Executive Committee and served as the Chairman of the Board of the Arena Football League as well as chairman of the league's Expansion and Relocation Committee. Vallozzi also is a major shareholder in one of Wisconsin's largest financial institutions and serves on its Board of Directors.

He and his wife, Janet, have three children and split their time among their homes in Arizona, Florida and Wisconsin.

Christopher J. Vallozzi

President/General Manager

Entering his 10th year in the Arena Football League, Vallozzi has formed the Florida Firecats into one of af2 premiere franchises. In just their second season the Firecats won the American Conference Championship and a birth to the 2002 Arena Cup. The Firecats have also enjoyed tremendous success at the gate. Over the past two seasons the Firecats have been in the top ten in af2 attendance and have filled TECO Arena to an average of over 80% capacity, which is tops in the af2. No stranger to Arena Football Vallozzi, has run an Arena Football team for nine years which is the second longest tenure of any President or General Manager. Vallozzi also was instrumental in working with other AFL owners in developing the AFL's minor league af2, which is entering its 4th year in 2003 fielding 28 teams.

Vallozzi also ran the Milwaukee Mustangs in the AFL for eight seasons. During that time Vallozzi's business skills led the Mustangs to many achievements. In eight seasons the Mustangs qualified for the play-offs four times and the quarterfinals twice. Vallozzi was recognized for his managerial accomplishments as he was named to the Milwaukee Business Journal's "Top 40 under 40" for Business Executives in 1995. Vallozzi guided the Mustangs to second highest attendance average in the league at 15,564 fans per game in 1996, and the highest attendance in AFL history for an expansion team at 14,000 per game in 1994.

In just two seasons after assuming the title of President/General Manager, Vallozzi took a 0-12 team in 1994 to 10-4 in 1996. His 10-4 squad broke all Mustang attendance records and achieved the greatest single season turnaround in AFL history. In the sixteen year history of Arena Football the Mustangs have joined just a handful of other franchises to win ten or more games in a single season. The Mustangs have also had a rich history of talent with more than seven players selected to the leagues 15th All League Anniversary team.

Over the past ten years Vallozzi has been active in various league committees such as the oversight committee of the Commissioner's Office.

A native of Milwaukee, Vallozzi enjoyed a superlative high school athletic career at state power Catholic Memorial. As a result, he received a scholarship to play football at Concordia University. Vallozzi finished his education at the Business School of Marquette University. Vallozzi now resides in Naples, FL with his wife Lauren and their two daughters Isabella and Christina.

Ben Bennett
HEAD COACH

2nd Season with the Firecats (1st as Head Coach)



The Florida Firecats are the only team in AF2 whose head coach is in the Arena Football Hall of Fame. Ben Bennett, a fourteen-year veteran of the Arena Football League, takes over the reigns of his first head coaching position after a long and extremely successful career as both a player and a coach.

Bennett's success as a coach follows a stellar career as a quarterback in the USFL, the NFL, and the Arena League. He was a Class of 2000 inductee into the Arena Hall of Fame after a 10 year run in the indoor league, during which Bennett was named the AFL MVP in 1988 with the Chicago Bruisers. He was also named 1st Team All-Arena 3 times, twice with the Orlando Predators. He is the only QB in league history to lead 3 different teams to a total of 5 Arena Bowls. He also finished his career as the all-time leader in several passing categories.

A 1984 graduate of Duke, Bennett was the 1st QB in a long line of successful signal-callers to shine under Steve Spurrier. With the "Old Ball Coach" calling the shots as offensive coordinator, Bennett would set the NCAA all-time marks for attempts, completions, and yards. He would go on to set 7 NCAA, 15 ACC, and 42 Duke passing records. He was named the ACC's Rookie of the Year in 1980 and followed that by being named ACC Player of the Year in both the 1982 and 1983 seasons.

After his playing days at Duke University, Bennett was selected as the #1 overall territorial pick of the Jacksonville Bulls in the USFL. He also had short stays with several NFL teams, including being a member of the 1988 Chicago Bears NFC Central Division championship team.

The Cats new head coach maintains a home in Orlando, FL during the off-season. When he's not calling the shots on the football field, he enjoys spending time with his 9-year old daughter Jordan.

Kevin Bouis
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
2nd Season with the Firecats



Coach Bouis is in his 2nd year with the Firecats and has been promoted to run the defense.

A former player for the the National Indoor Football League Mississippi Firedogs. He helped his team win 2 League Championships with All League Honors. He also led the team in interceptions with 13 and 30 total defensive turnovers (23 int. 7 fumbles recovered) .

Bouis played college football at Kentucky. While he was there he started as a true freshmen as a safety. He majored in kinesiology.

Victor Hall
OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE LINE COACH
1st Season with the Firecats



A former Arena Football legend, Coach Hall has recently retired and gone into coaching the game he loves. Victor played for the L.A. Avengers and won an Arena Bowl Championship with the Orlando Predators. Nicknamed "The Sack Man" he is Number 9 all time in that department. He has been named "All-Arena" and "All Ironman" in one single season, only the third such player to be selected to both teams in one season.

Victor has also spent time in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings (1992) and Indianapolis Colts (1993). He has also played overseas in NFL Europe, where he led the Barcelona Dragons in tackles and sacks in 1995.

Victor was a three-year letterman at Auburn University as a tight end. He caught 54 passes for 522 yards during his career with the Tigers. He started 22 of his last 23 games at Auburn. In his final game, he set a Peach Bowl Record with nine receptions against Indiana. As a junior, he was selected to the All-Southeastern Conference First-team.

He resides in Alabama in the off-season ...has three daughters, Ajash, Alexis and Sydney ...was a truant officer in Orange County, Fla., where he worked with students and their families to get them to attend school everyday ... was involved in a serious automobile accident during his junior year in high-school which caused him to clinically die on the operating table twice before being revived ... made a full recovery and was back on the field in less than six months ... speaks to school kids about drugs, life, highway safety, and the positive effects of extracurricular activities such as football ... appeared in the movie The Waterboy ... youngest Chief of Police in Alabama history when he was named Chief of the Hobson (Ala.) Police Department at age 23.

JIMMY MAGAS
ASSISTANT COACH
2nd Season with the Firecats



Coach Magas returns to the Firecats anxious to kickoff the season. He is looking forward to working with the offense for the second year.

Before his professional coaching career Magas, coached the Ft. Myers High School Football Team for 8 seasons. He a two-year stint with the Semi-Pro Team the Dothan Chiefs in Dothan, Alabama as their offensive coordinator.

Currently with the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Head Coach of the sheriffs football team the past 6 years.

He graduated from Mariner High School in Cape Coral, and recently received his Bachelors degree from International College and will begin to work on his Masters in the early spring in sports management.

TRAINING CAMP ROSTER

Alphabetical

No.	Last	First	Position	Height	Weight	School
1	Benton,	Magic	WR/DB	6'0	195	Univ. of Miami
75	Boland,	Erik	OL/DL	6'3	210	Butte Jr. College
3	Burnside,	Brandon	WR/DB	6'0	180	Mo. Western
11	Burnside,	Brent	WR/DB	6'0	180	Mo. Western
63	DeBose ,	Greg	OL/DL	6'3	320	Nicholls State
2	Dixon,	Anthony	WR/DB	5'11	210	Marshall
	Dowe,	Sequon	DS	6'2	210	Florida A&M
96	Fisher,	Comone	WR/DB	6'2	275	Ole Miss
55	Fitts,	Jimmy	FB/LB	5'9	170	USF
34	Freeman,	Schad	FB/LB	5'9	170	Valdosta State
99	Harley,	Fred	OL/DL	6'2	270	U of Central Florida
73	Jolly,	Jarvis	OL/DL	6'7	225	Middle Tenn. St.
5	Johnson,	Tyronn	OL/DL	6'1	260	Florida A&M
52	Kimura,	Yuji	WR/DB	6'1	210	Ritsumeikan U.
4	Lamb,	Cainon	WR/DB	6'3	220	FAMU
44	Madison,	Sydney	FB/LB	6'4	235	Ellsworth C.C.
8	McLaurin,	Carlos	OS	6.0	180	Illinois
10	Olmstead,	Tim	QB	5'11	200	Vanderbilt
	Robinson,	Clifton	WR/DB	5'8	180	Auburn
14	Shinjo,	Takeshi	QB	6'1	180	Kansau U.
9	Sorrell,	Quincy	WR/DB	5'11	200	Nicholls State
6	Stabler,	Roy	WR/DB	6'3	210	S. Mississippi
7	Sparacino,	Bryan	QB	6'3	210	LSU
	Unzicker,	Tyler	OL/DL	6'2	250	Tenn. @ Chatt.
3	Ware,	Jarrod	WR/DB	5'89	165	Florida A & M



ALL-TIME ROSTER

1	Magic Benton	WR/LB	6-0	194	University of Miami
1	David Simmons	WR/DB	5-9	210	Virginia Union
2	Anthony Dixon	WR/DB	5-11	200	Marshall
3	Jarrod Ware	WR/DB	5-9	155	Florida A & M Univ.
4	Robert Hall	DS	5-1	190	Walla Walla
4	Antwon Robinson	WR/DB	5-7	165	Bethune Cookman College
4	Cainon Lamb	OS	6-0	205	FAMU
5	Tyronn Johnson	OL/DL	6-1	285	FAMU
6	Roy Stabler	DS	6-3	220	S. Mississippi
7	Bryan Sparacino	QB	6-2	205	LSU
8	Chris Weibel	QB	6-1	220	Clarion University
9	Quincy Sorrell	DS	5-11	200	Nicholls State
10	Tim Olmstead	QB	5-3	200	Vanderbilt
11	Brent Burnside	WR/DB	6-0	180	Missouri Western
11	Jason Cue	QB	6-2	225	Wagner
11	Ken Mastrole	QB	6-3	245	University of Maryland
12	Carlos McLaurin	DS	6-0	180	Illinois
13	Brandon Burnside	OS	6-0	180	Missouri Western
14	Takeshi Shinjo	QB	6-1	190	Kansai University
17	Phil Setterquist	K	6-2	225	South Carolina
21	Isaac Harvin	DS	6-0	175	Florida A & M University
21	Victor Ramirez	K	5-11	175	No School
21	Brandon Kornblue	K	5-9	190	University of Michigan
21	Wes Virgilio	K	5-9	180	No School
24	Anthony Jones	DB	5-9	188	Winston Salem
28	Rosco Burnett	WR/DB	5-10	170	University of Virginia
34	Schad Freeman	FB/LB	6-3	252	Valdosta State
42	Blake McCollom	FB/LB	6-2	258	Bloomsburg University
44	Dedric Maffet	FB/LB	6-1	240	Austin Peay University
45	Brad Dunn	FB/LB	5-11	252	University of Virginia
50	David Barnard	OL/DL	6-3	290	University of Florida
50	Rick Nipper	OL/DL	6-1	270	South Illinois
52	Rufus White	OL/DL	6-3	325	N. Eastern Oklahoma
52	Yuji Kimura	LB/FB	6-1	200	Ritsumeikan Univ.
55	Jimmy Fitts	OL/DL	6-3	280	University of South Florida
55	Patrick Russo	OL/DL	6-1	255	University of Connecticut
59	Kevin Kelly	WR/DB	6-1	185	Montclair State
59	Odell Parks	FB/LB	6-2	230	Navarro Jr. College
63	Greg DeBose	OL/DL	6-3	320	Nicholls State
64	Miguel Gonzalez	OL/DL	6-2	295	Cumberland
68	Joe Sipp	OL/DL	6-0	280	University of South Florida
72	Bryne Malone	OL/DL	6-5	265	Florida State University
80	Trevor Anderson	WR/DB	6-6	218	University of South Florida
80	Cleveland Pratt	OS	5-9	190	Edinboro Univ. of Penn
81	Germain Jones	WR/DB	6-0	183	Tennessee State University
82	Terrance Hatton	WR/DB	6-2	210	SW Texas State
84	Antwon Robinson	WR/DB	5-7	165	Bethune Cookman College
92	Mike Bradley	OL/DL	6-6	313	Bethune Cookman College
95	Johnny Frost	WR/DB	6-2	250	University of Louisville
96	Comone Fisher	OL/DL	6-2	290	Ole Miss
98	Fred Hagberg	OL/DL	6-3	280	University of Florida
98	Quentin Wilson	OL/DL	6-4	290	Mississippi
99	Keith Drayton	OL/DL	6-2	295	University of Georgia
99	Fred Harley	OL/DL	6-2	273	University of Central Florida

* **Players in bold were on the team since training camp for the 2001 season.**



The Players



Magic Benton

Position: WR/DB

Height: 6'0

Weight: 195

Born: 1/10/76

College: University of Miami

AF2: 2nd Season



Erik Boland

Position: OL/DL

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 280

Born: 8/16/78

College: Butte Jr. College

AF2: 2nd Season



Brandon Burnside

Position: WR/DB

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 180

Born: 7/17/78

College: Missouri Western State

AF2: 3rd Season



Brent Burnside

Position: WR/DB

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 180

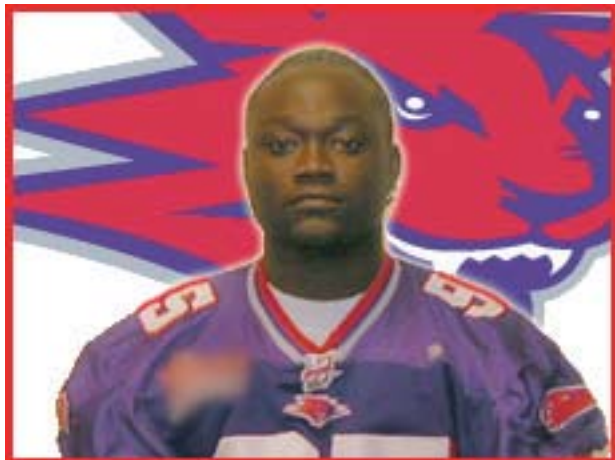
Born: 7/17/78

College: Missouri Western State

AF2: 3rd Season



Greg A. DeBose
Position: OL/DL
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 320
Born: 4/21/75
College: Nicholls State
AF2: 2ndSeason



Anthony Tyrone Dixon
Position: WR/DB
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 210
Born: 10/23/72
College: Marshall
AF2: 2nd Season



Comone Fisher
Position: OL/DL
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 290
Born: 2/10/78
College: Ole Miss
AF2: 3rd Season



Jimmy Fitts
Position: OL/DL
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 280
Born: 2/15/80
College: Univ. South Florida
AF2: Rookie



Schad Freeman
Position: FB/LB
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 252
Born: 6/17/75
College: Valdosta State
AF2: 3rd Season



Fredrick Harley
Position: OL/DL
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 270
Born: 3/26/77
College: University of Central Florida
AF2: 3rd Season



Tyronn Johnson
Position: OL/DL
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 285
Born: 10/18/78
College: FAMU
AF2: 3rd Season



Jarvis Aija Jolly
Position: OL/DL
Height: 6'7"
Weight: 325
Born: 12/25/73
College: Middle Tennessee State
AF2: 2nd Season



Yuji Kimura

Position: FB/LB

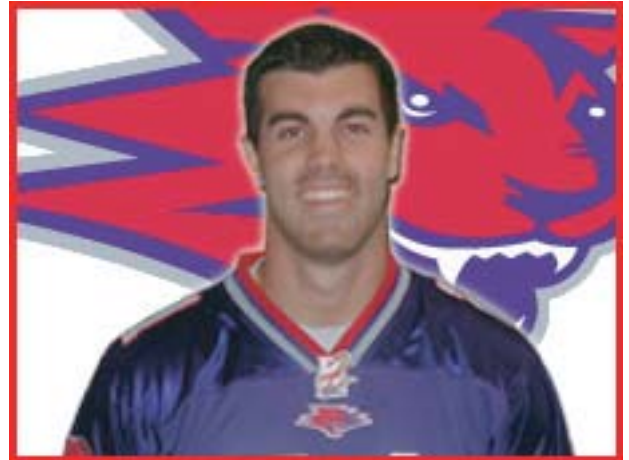
Height: 6'1"

Weight: 200

Born: 3/21/76

College: Ritsumeikan University

AF2: Rookie



Brandon Berry Kornblue

Position: K

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 195

Born: 1/12/77

College: University of Michigan

AF2: 3rd Season



Cainon Lamb

Position: OS

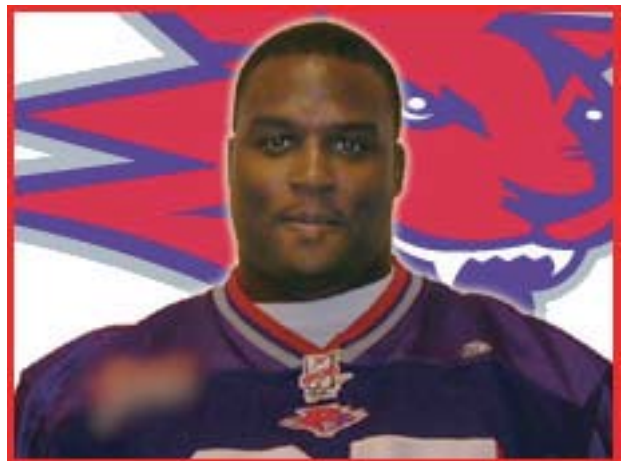
Height: 6'0"

Weight: 205

Born: 3/22/78

College: FAMU

AF2: 3rd Season



Sidney Madison

Position: FB/LB

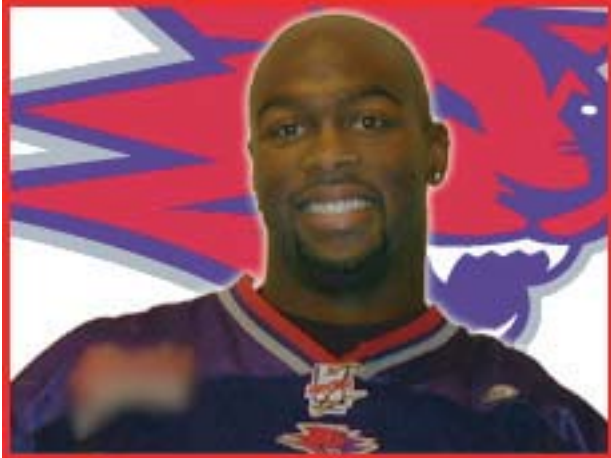
Height: 6'4"

Weight: 235

Born: 2/23/71

College: Ellsworth C.C.

AF2: 3rd Season



Carlos McLaurin

Position: DS
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 180
Born: 12/16/76
College: Illinios University
AF2: 3rd Season



Tim Olmstead

Position: QB
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 200
Born: 3/04/78
College: Vanderbilt
AF2: Rookie



Takeshi Shinjo

Position: QB
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 190
Born: 12/11/68
College: Kansai University
AF2: Rookie



Quincy Joseph Sorrell

Position: WR/DB
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 200
Born: 2/18/77
College: Nicholls State
AF2: 3rd Season



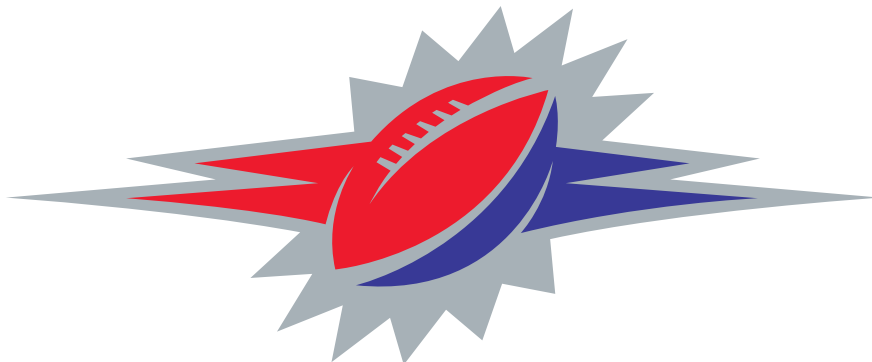
Bryan Paul Sparacino

Position: QB
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 200
Born: 4/9/75
College: LSU
AF2: 3rd Season



Roy L. Stabler, Jr.

Position: DS
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 210
Born: 12/30/73
College: Southern Mississippi
AF2: 3rd Season





2002 Team & Individual STATS

TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	17	vs Charleston Swamp Fox (May 31, 2002)
Yards Rushing.....	81	vs Charleston Swamp Fox (May 31, 2002)
Yards Per Rush.....	6.4	vs Mobile Wizards (Apr 06, 2002)
TD Rushes.....	4	vs Charleston Swamp Fox (May 31, 2002)
Pass attempts.....	39	vs Birmingham Steeldogs (May 03, 2002)
Pass completions....	21	vs Memphis Xplorers (Jun 29, 2002) at Augusta Stallions (Jul 05, 2002) vs Pensacola Barracudas (Jul 13, 2002)
Yards Passing.....	282	at Augusta Stallions (Jul 05, 2002)
Yards Per Pass.....	9.0	at Columbus Wardogs (Jul 20, 2002)
TD Passes.....	8	at Augusta Stallions (Jul 05, 2002)
Total Plays.....	51	vs Birmingham Steeldogs (May 03, 2002)
Total Offense.....	291	at Augusta Stallions (Jul 05, 2002)
Yards Per Play.....	7.7	at Augusta Stallions (Jul 05, 2002)
Points.....	55	at Columbus Wardogs (Jul 20, 2002)
Sacks By.....	5	at Columbus Wardogs (Jul 20, 2002)
First Downs.....	23	at Jacksonville Tomcats (May 24, 2002)
Penalties.....	14	vs Pensacola Barracudas (Jul 13, 2002)
Penalty Yards.....	123	vs Charleston Swamp Fox (May 31, 2002)
Turnovers.....	4	vs Jacksonville Tomcats (May 10, 2002)
Interceptions By....	4	at Charleston Swamp Fox (Jun 15, 2002)

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	9	TAITE, Derrick vs Columbus Wardogs (Apr 13, 2002)
Yards Rushing.....	49	FROST, Johnny vs Mobile Wizards (Apr 06, 2002)
TD Rushes.....	3	TAITE, Derrick vs Columbus Wardogs (Apr 13, 2002)
Long Rush.....	27	FROST, Johnny vs Charleston Swamp Fox (May 31, 2002)
Pass attempts.....	34	SPARACINO, Bria at Jacksonville Tomcats (May 24, 2002)
Pass completions....	21	SPARACINO, Bria vs Memphis Xplorers (Jun 29, 2002) SPARACINO, Bria vs Pensacola Barracudas (Jul 13, 2002)
Yards Passing.....	265	SPARACINO, Bria at Augusta Stallions (Jul 05, 2002)
TD Passes.....	7	SPARACINO, Bria at Augusta Stallions (Jul 05, 2002)
Long Pass.....	45	SPARACINO, Bria vs Charleston Swamp Fox (May 31, 2002) SPARACINO, Bria at Columbus Wardogs (Jul 20, 2002)
Receptions.....	13	DIXON, Anthony vs Birmingham Steeldogs (May 03, 2002)
Yards Receiving.....	133	BENTON, Magic at Columbus Wardogs (Jul 20, 2002)
TD Receptions.....	3	CAUSEY, Kenny vs Mobile Wizards (Apr 06, 2002) DIXON, Anthony at Jacksonville Tomcats (May 24, 2002) DIXON, Anthony at Augusta Stallions (Jul 05, 2002) SUTTON, Terrell at Augusta Stallions (Jul 05, 2002) BENTON, Magic at Pensacola Barracudas (July 27, 2002)
Long Reception.....	45	DIXON, Anthony vs Charleston Swamp Fox (May 31, 2002) BENTON, Magic at Columbus Wardogs (Jul 20, 2002)
Field Goals.....	3	KORNBLUE, Brand at Memphis Xplorers (Apr 27, 2002)
Long Field Goal.....	43	KORNBLUE, Brand vs Jacksonville Tomcats (May 10, 2002)
Long MFG Return.....	55	CAUSEY, Kenny at Tallahassee Thunder (May 18, 2002)
Long Kickoff Return.	57	WARE, Jarrod at Charleston Swamp Fox (Jun 15, 2002)
Tackles.....	11.0	STABLER, Roy vs Memphis Xplorers (Jun 29, 2002) JONES, Richard vs Pensacola Barracudas (Jul 13, 2002)
Sacks.....	2.0	HARLEY, Fred vs Pensacola Barracudas (Jul 13, 2002) LANE, Deryl at Columbus Wardogs (Jul 20, 2002)
Tackles For Loss....	3.0	HARLEY, Fred vs Pensacola Barracudas (Jul 13, 2002)
Interceptions.....	2	STABLER, Roy at Charleston Swamp Fox (Jun 15, 2002) STABLER, Roy vs Memphis Xplorers (Jun 29, 2002)

Florida Firecats Combined Team Statistics:
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(9-7-0)	(4-4-0)	(5-3-0)	(0-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Apr 06, 2002	MOBILE WIZARDS	W	47-23	5821
Apr 13, 2002	COLUMBUS WARDOGS	W	40-35	5081
Apr 27, 2002	at Memphis Xplorers	W	30-25	4670
May 03, 2002	BIRMINGHAM STEELDOGS	L	31-49	5122
May 10, 2002	JACKSONVILLE TOMCATS	L	24-43	5038
May 18, 2002	at Tallahassee Thunder	L	37-40	2868
May 24, 2002	at Jacksonville Tomcats	L	33-40	5500
May 31, 2002	CHARLESTON SWAMP FOX	W	52-45	5261
June 7, 2002	at Mobile Wizards	W	40-37	-
Jun 15, 2002	at Charleston Swamp Fox	W	54-35	3685
Jun 22, 2002	TALLAHASSEE THUNDER	L	28-32	5533
Jun 29, 2002	MEMPHIS XPLOREERS	L	32-34	5278
Jul 05, 2002	at Augusta Stallions	W	54-29	4072
Jul 13, 2002	PENSACOLA BARRACUDAS	W OT	46-40	6221
Jul 20, 2002	at Columbus Wardogs	W	55-44	-
July 27, 2002	at Pensacola Barracudas	L	44-58	2937

TEAM STATISTICS	FLO	OPP
FIRST DOWNS.....	214	225
Rushing.....	31	23
Passing.....	135	155
Penalty.....	48	47
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	411	311
Yards gained rushing...	495	387
Yards lost rushing.....	84	76
Rushing Attempts.....	177	132
Average Per Rush.....	2.3	2.4
Average Per Game.....	25.7	19.4
TDs Rushing.....	24	27
PASSING YARDAGE.....	3002	3405
Att-Comp-Int.....	480-253-18	553-277-21
Average Per Pass.....	6.3	6.2
Average Per Catch.....	11.9	12.3
Average Per Game.....	187.6	212.8
TDs Passing.....	51	59
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	3413	3716
Total Plays.....	657	685
Average Per Play.....	5.2	5.4
Average Per Game.....	213.3	232.2
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS...	69-1488	79-1510
FG RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	23-339	19-380
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	21-258	19-4
FUMBLES-LOST.....	27-18	36-21
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	129-895	131-877
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	29:52	30:18
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	43/121	46/121
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	8/20	10/29

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
FROST, Johnny	12	67	248	28	220	3.3	12	27	18.3
MAFFETT, Dedric	15	47	149	22	127	2.7	5	21	8.5
LANE, Deryl	3	8	20	3	17	2.1	1	7	5.7
DIXON, Anthony	16	6	16	0	16	2.7	1	6	1.0
SPARACINO, Bria	15	22	24	15	9	0.4	1	5	0.6
TAITE, Derrick	6	15	18	10	8	0.5	4	6	1.3
BENTON, Magic	15	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	4	0.4
WARE, Jarrod	14	3	6	0	6	2.0	0	5	0.4
VALENCIA, Joe	6	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
HAYWOOD, Denny	2	3	5	3	2	0.7	0	5	1.0
ROGERS, Josh	2	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.5
HUNTLEY, Kevin	10	2	0	3	-3	-1.5	0	0	-0.3
Total.....	16	177	495	84	411	2.3	24	27	25.7
Opponents.....	16	132	387	76	311	2.4	27	21	19.4

PASSING	GP	Rating	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
SPARACINO, Bria	15	91.97	361-197-11	54.6	2428	42	45	161.9
TAITE, Derrick	6	54.32	110-51-7	46.4	639	7	34	106.5
ROGERS, Josh	2	114.17	5-3-0	60.0	27	1	15	13.5
KORNBLUE, Brand	16	42.36	3-1-0	33.3	-2	0	0	-0.1
WARE, Jarrod	14	143.75	1-1-0	100.0	9	1	9	0.6
TM	11	39.58	0-0-0	0.0	-99	0	0	-9.0
LANE, Deryl	3	39.58	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	16	83.00	480-253-18	52.7	3002	51	45	187.6
Opponents.....	16	80.33	553-277-21	50.1	3405	59	46	212.8

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
DIXON, Anthony	16	78	970	12.4	18	45	60.6
BENTON, Magic	15	43	540	12.6	8	45	36.0
CAUSEY, Kenny	10	42	558	13.3	11	41	55.8
SUTTON, Terrell	14	32	468	14.6	8	41	33.4
HUNTLEY, Kevin	10	24	291	12.1	2	42	29.1
WARE, Jarrod	14	9	86	9.6	0	19	6.1
MAFFETT, Dedric	15	7	58	8.3	1	17	3.9
VALENCIA, Joe	6	6	63	10.5	0	22	10.5
FROST, Johnny	12	4	32	8.0	0	13	2.7
WHITE, Rufus	12	3	29	9.7	0	16	2.4
BOLAND, Eric	6	2	9	4.5	2	7	1.5
WILSON, Stacy	4	2	-8	-4.0	0	0	-2.0
HARLEY, Fred	7	1	5	5.0	1	5	0.7
Total.....	16	253	3101	12.3	51	45	193.8
Opponents.....	16	277	3560	12.9	59	46	222.5

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
KORNBLUE, Brand	22-51	43.1	3-3	8-11	9-19	2-10	0-8	43	1

SCORING	TD	FGs	|----- PATs -----|				2PT	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
DIXON, Anthony	22	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	132
KORNBLUE, Brand	0	22-51	57-77	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	123
CAUSEY, Kenny	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	72
FROST, Johnny	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	72
SUTTON, Terrell	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	50
BENTON, Magic	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
MAFFETT, Dedric	6	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0-1	0	0	38
TAITE, Derrick	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
WARE, Jarrod	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
BOLAND, Eric	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
HUNTLEY, Kevin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
HARLEY, Fred	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
BARNARD, David	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
LANE, Deryl	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
TM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	3	6
SPARACINO, Bria	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-4	0	0	6
MCKENZIE, Antho	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
CAGINS, Derrick	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Total.....	85	22-51	57-77	1-2	1	1-5	0	5	647
Opponents.....	87	6-41	39-66	8-8	2	2-13	4	3	609

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Florida Firecats....	141	180	127	193	6	- 647
Opponents.....	133	209	74	193	0	- 609

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
STABLER, Roy	7	67	9.6	0	32
SORRELL, Quincy	4	41	10.2	0	18
WARE, Jarrod	2	97	48.5	2	49
SUTTON, Terrell	2	10	5.0	0	10
DIXON, Anthony	2	19	9.5	1	19
HUNTLEY, Kevin	1	5	5.0	0	5
JONES, Richard	1	8	8.0	0	8
MAFFETT, Dedric	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENTON, Magic	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total.....	21	258	12.3	3	49
Opponents.....	19	4	0.2	0	19

FG RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
CAUSEY, Kenny	10	188	18.8	1	55
BENTON, Magic	4	40	10.0	0	16
SUTTON, Terrell	4	43	10.8	0	15
WARE, Jarrod	3	61	20.3	0	39
DIXON, Anthony	1	7	7.0	0	7
VALENCIA, Joe	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	23	339	14.7	1	55
Opponents.....	19	380	20.0	1	55

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
CAUSEY, Kenny	25	618	24.7	0	54
BENTON, Magic	23	371	16.1	0	39
WARE, Jarrod	14	414	29.6	2	57
MAFFETT, Dedric	2	10	5.0	0	10
JONES, Richard	1	12	12.0	0	12
HARLEY, Fred	1	30	30.0	1	30
HUNTLEY, Kevin	1	6	6.0	0	6
DIXON, Anthony	1	26	26.0	0	26
SUTTON, Terrell	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	69	1488	21.6	3	57
Opponents.....	79	1510	19.1	0	39

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	FG	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
CAUSEY, Kenny	10	0	558	188	618	0	1364	136.4
DIXON, Anthony	16	16	970	7	26	19	1038	64.9
BENTON, Magic	15	6	540	40	371	11	968	64.5
WARE, Jarrod	14	6	86	61	414	97	664	47.4
SUTTON, Terrell	14	0	468	43	1	10	522	37.3
Total.....	16	411	3101	339	1488	258	5597	349.8
Opponents.....	16	311	3560	380	1510	4	5765	360.3

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
SPARACINO, Bria	15	383	9	2428	2437	162.5
TAITE, Derrick	6	125	8	639	647	107.8
FROST, Johnny	12	67	220	0	220	18.3
MAFFETT, Dedric	15	47	127	0	127	8.5
ROGERS, Josh	2	6	1	27	28	14.0
Total.....	16	657	411	3002	3413	213.3
Opponents.....	16	685	311	3405	3716	232.2

Florida Firecats Overall Defensive Statistics (August 8, 2002)
All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	|-----Tackles-----|				|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
5 STABLER, Roy	14	53	47	76.5	1.5-5	.	7-67	17	.	2-0	2	.	.
9 SORRELL, Quincy	16	50	31	65.5	0.5-1	.	4-41	26	.	.	.	.	.
2 DIXON, Anthony	16	23	35	40.5	0.5-2	.	2-19	6	1	3-30	1	.	.
5 SUTTON, Terrell	14	26	22	37.0	0.5-1	.	2-10	24	.	2-0	2	.	.
44 MAFFETT, Dedric	15	15	21	25.5	3.5-7	.	1-0	1	4	.	1	1	.
95 FROST, Johnny	12	14	13	20.5	3.0-25	4.0-25	.	1	5	3-5	1	.	.
1 BENTON, Magic	15	15	9	19.5	.	.	1-11	8	.	4-0	1	.	.
22 JONES, Richard	5	16	4	18.0	.	.	1-8	11	.	.	.	.	.
67 MCKENZIE, Antho	13	9	15	16.5	4.0-47	3.5-46	.	1	3	.	1	.	1
4 HUNTLEY, Kevin	10	9	14	16.0	1.0-2	.	1-5	3	.	.	.	.	.
52 WHITE, Rufus	12	9	11	14.5	3.5-15	2.0-8	.	2	6	.	.	.	.
3 WARE, Jarrod	14	11	6	14.0	0.5-1	0.5-1	2-97	6	.	1-0	2	.	.
56 BARNARD, David	9	9	7	12.5	4.0-24	3.0-22	.	.	4	1-0	1	.	.
73 JOLLY, Jarvis	12	9	7	12.5	2.5-14	1.5-13	.	.	2	.	1	.	.
99 HARLEY, Fred	7	7	7	10.5	4.5-31	3.5-30	.	1	2	.	3	.	.
8 VALENCIA, Joe	6	8	4	10.0	0.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
92 LANE, Deryl	3	5	3	6.5	2.0-10	2.0-10	.	.	2	.	2	.	.
21 KORNBUE, Brand	16	3	.	3.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 DEBOSE, Greg	8	.	6	3.0	.	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	1	.
4 CAUSEY, Kenny	10	2	.	2.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
75 CAGINS, Derrick	3	1	1	1.5	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	1
98 WILSON, Stacy	4	1	1	1.5	0.5-1	1.5-12	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
TM TM	11	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	3-0	.	1	3
42 HAYWOOD, Denny	2	.	2	1.0	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 D. Anderson	1	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50 SYMONETTE, A.	2	.	2	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12 HOLMES, John	1	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 BOLAND, Eric	6	.	2	1.0	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
65 DUBOSE, Greg	1	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 SPARACINO, Bria	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
Total.....	16	298	271	433.5	33-191	27-186	21-258	114	34	21-35	20	3	5
Opponents.....	16	337	240	457.0	43-164	16-95	19-4	96	21	18-0	18	.	3

Overall Individual Statistics All games

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
FROST, Johnny	12	67	248	28	220	3.3	12	27	18.3
MAFFETT, Dedric	15	47	149	22	127	2.7	5	21	8.5
LANE, Deryl	3	8	20	3	17	2.1	1	7	5.7
DIXON, Anthony	16	6	16	0	16	2.7	1	6	1.0
SPARACINO, Bria	15	22	24	15	9	0.4	1	5	0.6
TAITE, Derrick	6	15	18	10	8	0.5	4	6	1.3
WARE, Jarrod	14	3	6	0	6	2.0	0	5	0.4
BENTON, Magic	15	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	4	0.4
VALENCIA, Joe	6	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
HAYWOOD, Denny	2	3	5	3	2	0.7	0	5	1.0
ROGERS, Josh	2	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.5
HUNTLEY, Kevin	10	2	0	3	-3	-1.5	0	0	-0.3
Total.....	16	177	495	84	411	2.3	24	27	25.7
Opponents.....	16	132	387	76	311	2.4	27	21	19.4

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SPARACINO, Bria	15	91.97	361-197-11	54.6	2428	42	45	161.9
TAITE, Derrick	6	54.32	110-51-7	46.4	639	7	34	106.5
ROGERS, Josh	2	114.17	5-3-0	60.0	27	1	15	13.5
KORNBLUE, Brand	16	42.36	3-1-0	33.3	-2	0	0	-0.1
WARE, Jarrod	14	143.75	1-1-0	100.0	9	1	9	0.6
TM	11	39.58	0-0-0	0.0	-99	0	0	-9.0
LANE, Deryl	3	39.58	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	16	83.00	480-253-18	52.7	3002	51	45	187.6
Opponents.....	16	80.33	553-277-21	50.1	3405	59	46	212.8

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CAUSEY, Kenny	10	42	558	13.3	11	41	55.8
SUTTON, Terrell	14	32	468	14.6	8	41	33.4
HUNTLEY, Kevin	10	24	291	12.1	2	42	29.1
WARE, Jarrod	14	9	86	9.6	0	19	6.1
MAFFETT, Dedric	15	7	58	8.3	1	17	3.9
VALENCIA, Joe	6	6	63	10.5	0	22	10.5
FROST, Johnny	12	4	32	8.0	0	13	2.7
WHITE, Rufus	12	3	29	9.7	0	16	2.4
BOLAND, Eric	6	2	9	4.5	2	7	1.5
WILSON, Stacy	4	2	-8	-4.0	0	0	-2.0
HARLEY, Fred	7	1	5	5.0	1	5	0.7
Total.....	16	253	3101	12.3	51	45	193.8
Opponents.....	16	277	3560	12.9	59	46	222.5

FG RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
CAUSEY, Kenny	10	188	18.8	1	55
BENTON, Magic	4	40	10.0	0	16
SUTTON, Terrell	4	43	10.8	0	15
WARE, Jarrod	3	61	20.3	0	39
VALENCIA, Joe	1	0	0.0	0	0
DIXON, Anthony	1	7	7.0	0	7
Total.....	23	339	14.7	1	55
Opponents.....	19	380	20.0	1	55

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
STABLER, Roy	7	67	9.6	0	32
SORRELL, Quincy	4	41	10.2	0	18
DIXON, Anthony	2	19	9.5	1	19
SUTTON, Terrell	2	10	5.0	0	10
WARE, Jarrod	2	97	48.5	2	49
JONES, Richard	1	8	8.0	0	8
MAFFETT, Dedric	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENTON, Magic	1	11	11.0	0	11
HUNTLEY, Kevin	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	21	258	12.3	3	49
Opponents.....	19	4	0.2	0	19

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
CAUSEY, Kenny	25	618	24.7	0	54
BENTON, Magic	23	371	16.1	0	39
WARE, Jarrod	14	414	29.6	2	57
MAFFETT, Dedric	2	10	5.0	0	10
DIXON, Anthony	1	26	26.0	0	26
JONES, Richard	1	12	12.0	0	12
SUTTON, Terrell	1	1	1.0	0	1
HARLEY, Fred	1	30	30.0	1	30
HUNTLEY, Kevin	1	6	6.0	0	6
Total.....	69	1488	21.6	3	57
Opponents.....	79	1510	19.1	0	39

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
FROST, Johnny	2	5	2.5	0	5
DIXON, Anthony	2	30	15.0	2	22
TM	1	0	0.0	0	0
BARNARD, David	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total.....	5	35	7.0	3	22
Opponents.....	2	0	0.0	0	0

Florida Firecats Overall Individual Statistic All games

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	2PT	Saf	Points
DIXON, Anthony	22	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	132
KORNBLUE, Brand	0	22-51	57-77	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	123
CAUSEY, Kenny	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	72
FROST, Johnny	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	72
SUTTON, Terrell	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	50
BENTON, Magic	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
MAFFETT, Dedric	6	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0-1	0	0	38
WARE, Jarrod	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
TAITE, Derrick	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
HARLEY, Fred	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
BOLAND, Eric	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
HUNTLEY, Kevin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
SPARACINO, Bria	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-4	0	0	6
BARNARD, David	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
TM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	3	6
LANE, Deryl	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
MCKENZIE, Antho	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
CAGINS, Derrick	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Total.....	85	22-51	57-77	1-2	1	1-5	0	5	647
Opponents.....	87	6-41	39-66	8-8	2	2-13	4	3	609

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
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MAFFETT, Dedric	15	47	127	0	127	8.5
ROGERS, Josh	2	6	1	27	28	14.0
LANE, Deryl	3	8	17	0	17	5.7
DIXON, Anthony	16	6	16	0	16	1.0
WARE, Jarrod	14	4	6	9	15	1.1
BENTON, Magic	15	2	6	0	6	0.4
VALENCIA, Joe	6	1	2	0	2	0.3
HAYWOOD, Denny	2	3	2	0	2	1.0
KORNBLUE, Brand	16	3	0	-2	-2	-0.1
HUNTLEY, Kevin	10	2	-3	0	-3	-0.3
TM	11	0	0	-99	-99	-9.0
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FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
KORNBLUE, Brand	22-51	43.1	3-3	8-11	9-19	2-10	0-8	43	1

FG SEQUENCE	Florida Firecats	OPPONENTS
Mobile Wizards	(25), 45, (22)	42, 48, 63
Columbus Wardogs	41, (33), (27), 58	58, 25, 21, (25)
Memphis Xplorers	36, 46, (39), (33), (40)	48, (17), 37
Birmingham Steeldogs	(30), (34), 35	60
Jacksonville Tomcats	(43), 63, 59	37, 52, 32, 45
Tallahassee Thunder	38, 35, 42, 46	47, 40, 50, 33
Jacksonville Tomcats	(36), (39)	56
Charleston Swamp Fox	31, 28, 30, (17)	57, 52, 52, 45, 63
Mobile Wizards	60, (18), 50, (20)	26, (31)
Charleston Swamp Fox	55, 37, (35), 25, (22)	(32), 52, 54
Tallahassee Thunder	33	55, 62
Memphis Xplorers	45	48, 63
Augusta Stallions	-	58, 50
Pensacola Barracudas	(26), 55, (27), 50, 27, 41	(34), 53, (27), 24
Columbus Wardogs	(37), 47, (22)	54
Pensacola Barracudas	37, 39, (19)	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Florida Firecats Overall Individual Statistics All games

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	FG	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
CAUSEY, Kenny	10	0	558	188	618	0	1364	136.4
DIXON, Anthony	16	16	970	7	26	19	1038	64.9
BENTON, Magic	15	6	540	40	371	11	968	64.5
WARE, Jarrod	14	6	86	61	414	97	664	47.4
SUTTON, Terrell	14	0	468	43	1	10	522	37.3
HUNTLEY, Kevin	10	-3	291	0	6	5	299	29.9
FROST, Johnny	12	220	32	0	0	0	252	21.0
MAFFETT, Dedric	15	127	58	0	10	0	195	13.0
STABLER, Roy	14	0	0	0	0	67	67	4.8
VALENCIA, Joe	6	2	63	0	0	0	65	10.8
SORRELL, Quincy	16	0	0	0	0	41	41	2.6
HARLEY, Fred	7	0	5	0	30	0	35	5.0
WHITE, Rufus	12	0	29	0	0	0	29	2.4
JONES, Richard	5	0	0	0	12	8	20	4.0
LANE, Deryl	3	17	0	0	0	0	17	5.7
SPARACINO, Bria	15	9	0	0	0	0	9	0.6
BOLAND, Eric	6	0	9	0	0	0	9	1.5
TAITE, Derrick	6	8	0	0	0	0	8	1.3
HAYWOOD, Denny	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1.0
ROGERS, Josh	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
WILSON, Stacy	4	0	-8	0	0	0	-8	-2.0
Total.....	16	411	3101	339	1488	258	5597	349.8
Opponents.....	16	311	3560	380	1510	4	5765	360.3



2002 Game Notes



Firecats claw past Wizards in season opener April 6, 2002

Ft. Myers, Fla. - The Florida Firecats used the passing of former Mississippi State quarterback Derrick Taite and former UAB receiver Kenny Causey to run past the Mobile Wizards in the arenafootball2 season opener for both teams, and the Wizards' inaugural af2 game. The contest was played in Fort Myers, Fla., before an enthusiastic TECO Arena crowd announced at 5,821.

The Firecats drew first blood, scoring at 9:15 of the first quarter on a 17-yard TD pass from Taite to Causey. Brandon Kornblue's extra point kick made the score 7-0. Although the Wizards ran one more offensive play than the Firecats in the first quarter, their scoring attempts were limited to kicker Michael Vaughn's two field goal attempts of 50 and 41 yards, which both fell short. When Kornblue nailed an 18-yard field goal with :20 left, the opening quarter ended with the Firecats holding a 10-point lead.

The Wizards' initial score came at 10:10 of the second quarter when quarterback Kelvin Simmons scored on a 1-yard run and Vaughn's extra point attempt made the score 10-7. The highlight of the drive was a 20-yard completion from Simmons to Antoine Flowers.

That same combination hooked up for a 28-yard touchdown with 1:10 left in the half, and with Vaughn's extra point good the Wizards held a 14-12 lead. Sandwiched between the Wizards' touchdowns was a Firecat safety when Wizards' lineman Eugene Lawson recovered his team's fumble in the end zone.

A three-play drive covering 45 yards brought the Firecats another lead at 18-14, the TD coming on a 17-yard pass from the combination of Taite-Causey with :40 left in the half. Mobile's Jake Jensen put a hush on the partisan crowd, however, when he intercepted an extra-point pass attempt and returned it 50 yards for two points for the Wizards, closing the first-half scoring with the Firecats leading 18-16.

The third quarter started fast and furious with the Firecats taking the second-half kickoff and scoring on a three-play drive, the TD coming on a 14-yard run by fullback Johnny Frost at 13:31.

Following a Kornblue extra point, the Wizards took just four plays to score on a 9-yard pass from Simmons to Howell. Vaughn's kick made it 25-23 Firecats. It took only six plays for Florida to extend its lead, scoring on a 1-yard Taite run. Kornblue's extra point was wide left and scoring for the period was at an end. The Wizards had a 45-yard TD pass from Simmons to Kennard Williams nullified by a holding penalty.

The Firecats took advantage of a Wizards' fumble on a field goal attempt, going 13 yards in four plays, scoring on a Johnny Frost 9-yard run at 14:08. Kornblue was wide right on his PAT and the Firecats maintained their 14-point edge at 37-23.

Florida ran a nine-play, time-consuming drive which ended with a 19-yard Kornblue field goal attempt hitting the right upright before going through the goalposts for a 40-23 Firecats lead.

Florida off to 2-0 start April 13, 2002

Tonight the Florida Firecats improved to a perfect 2-0 after a five-point victory over the Columbus Wardogs, 40-35. The Firecats led through most of game, but by less than a touchdown. The score after the first quarter was 13-10 Wardogs. The Firecats had a strong second half that put them in the lead to finish the second quarter, 26-20 lead into the half. The third quarter was scoreless. In the fourth quarter the Firecats took control of the game by a strong running attack. They scored 15 points in the quarter to put the game out of reach. The Wardogs scored one last touchdown in the waning moments of the game as the defender tripped in an attempt to knock down a long pass. The game was an exciting battle that saw both teams take advantage of turnovers and missed opportunities. Jarrod Ware was awarded the M.V.P. of the game. He scored TD's and had one interception. This is by far Ware's greatest game with the Firecats he was with the team all last season.

Firecats defense fuels win over Xplorers April 27, 2002

The Florida defense held Memphis three times inside the 10-yard line, securing a 30-25 win for the Firecats. Florida, the only undefeated team in the American Southern Conference, improves to 3-0. Memphis, which entered the game averaging 56.7 points, drops to 3-1. Kenny Causey got Florida on the board on its second drive, hauling in a 15-yard touchdown pass from QB Derrick Taite. Memphis rallied to take a 17-10 halftime lead. This season, the Firecats have exploded in the second half. Tonight was no exception as the Firecats scored 2 TDs early in the third quarter to make the score 24-17. The big play in the spurt that put Florida on top to stay came when Anthony Dixon recovered a fumble in his own territory and returned it for a touchdown. Florida kicker Brandon Kornblue contributed three clutch field goals.

Firecats fall to Birmingham 49-31 May 3, 2002

The Birmingham Steeldogs defeated the Florida Firecats in a shootout, 49-31 Friday night at TECO Arena. This was the Firecats first loss of the season, dropping to a record of 3-1. The Steeldogs improved to a record of 4-1 with the victory. The Firecats won the coin toss but elected to defer. The Steeldogs took the lead on the first series of the game with a 29-yard touchdown pass from Montressa Kirby to Thomas Wayne. The Firecats struck back on the next series with a sustained drive capped off by a two-yard run by Johnny Frost. After a defensive stop and a missed field goal by the Steeldogs on their next possession, the Firecats got the ball back with 2:30 to go in the first period. Derrick Taite was intercepted on the next series, and the Steeldogs capitalized with a 28-yard touchdown pass to Thomas Wayne for his second touchdown of the game. The first quarter ended with the score 13-6, Steeldogs. On the first series of the second quarter, the Firecats tied the game with an 18-yard pass from Derrick Taite to Anthony Dixon. The Steeldogs would not back off as they took the lead once again with another 18-yard strike from Kirby to Cedrick Buchannan. On the ensuing possession Taite was intercepted again leading to another score for the Steeldogs, making the score 27-13, and by the end of the first half it was 29-16 Steeldogs. The third quarter saw little action as the Steeldogs stretched their lead to 35-19. Of note, Derrick Taite was replaced by backup quarterback, Bryan Sparacino in the third as the Firecats attempted to get back in the game by changing things up. The fourth quarter was run and gun with both teams exchanging long touchdowns. The Firecats came back close enough to make it interesting, but just didn't have enough left at the end. On a good note for the Florida Firecats, receiver Anthony Dixon set a franchise record with 13 catches for 110 yards.

**Opportunistic Tomcats handle Firecats 43-24
May 10, 2002**By Ed Reed ESTERO, Fla. -

When opportunity knocked, the Jacksonville Tomcats answered. And opportunity knocked a lot Friday night. Four first-half fumbles by the Florida Firecats led to 27 points as the Tomcats built a 24-point lead and ran away with a 43-24 arena football 2 victory in front of an announced crowd of 5,038 at TECO Arena. "They had some great turnovers," Jacksonville coach Earnest Wilson said. "The defense played very well and the special teams did a good job." "I'm really proud of my guys," Wilson said. "It was an overall team effort. We're just so young. We're just learning how to do this thing." Jacksonville gained only 67 yards on 22 first-half plays, but Florida miscues gave the Tomcats scoring drives of 3, 3, 2 and 24 yards. For the game, the Tomcats completed only six passes for 23 yards, and only compiled 95 yards of total offense. "I don't think the defense played a bad game," Florida coach John Fourcade said. "The offense definitely hurt and we have to make some changes." Florida offensive specialist Kenny Causey had no answer for his unit, which gained only 132 total yards and scored just once each quarter. "We need to help the defense," Causey said. "Defense has been carrying us all year. We have to get something going offensively. We can't expect the defense to do it all. The offense has to win some games." When the Firecats held on to the ball, they could do nothing with it. Florida ran 21 plays for a total of 46 yards in the first half. Quarterback Derrick Taite completed only 3-of-11 passes for 45 yards before limping off the field in the second quarter. He hit Anthony Dixon for a 30-yard touchdown with 12:35 left in the second quarter, cutting Florida's deficit to 20-10. Taite was stripped of the ball on the Firecats' next possession and the Tomcats recovered at the Florida 2. On the next play, Jacksonville quarterback Rashard Casey hit James Adderly in the corner of the end zone. Jarrod Ware fumbled on fourth down to end Florida's next drive, and six plays later, Casey hit Lawrence Pullen from 14 yards. Robert Pollard ran in the two-point conversion for a 34-10 halftime lead. The Tomcats' first touchdown of the game came on a 56-yard field goal return run by Pullen for a 7-3 lead.

**Thunder wins defensive battle, 40-38 May 18, 2002
Tallahassee, Fla. -**

Tallahassee Thunder FB/LB Mesiah Porter scored two touchdowns in the final 46 seconds of the game to give the Thunder a 40-38 win in a battle dictated by the defenses. Defense was the theme of the game as both teams scored back-to-back safeties. Thunder Head Coach Mike McClenton was not entirely pleased with the defense but felt that "Everybody got their blocks. Coach Bennett did a great job preparing his team for this game." Tallahassee was off to a quick 14-0 start as QB Chris Perkins found WR/DB Cainon Lamb and OS James Dickerson for touchdowns on consecutive drives in the second quarter. Florida cut the lead by seven, and then quickly added another touchdown as OS Kenny Causey scored on a missed field goal. The teams ended the first half tied at 16. Florida came firing out in the third quarter and scored 14 unanswered points. QB Bryan Sparacino was 8-for-18 for 161 yards, four touchdowns, and one interception. The Firecats main target was Causey who added five receptions for 75 yards and two touchdowns. Although Tallahassee had cut the lead to six, Florida scored to take a 37-24 lead in the fourth quarter. Still Tallahassee was not ready to give up as the Thunder went to work. Badon returned a missed field goal for six yards to get the offensive drive going. Porter rushed a touchdown; to cut the Firecats lead to five with 46 seconds left. Thunder DS Adesola Badon intercepted a pass by Firecats QB Sparacino in the endzone. After Badon's interception, Tallahassee had 34 seconds to take the lead. Thunder back up QB Jason Cue found Ironman of the game Porter for an eight-yard touchdown pass. Former Firecats K Phil Setterquist added the drop kick to seal Tallahassee's victory. "We showed a lot of character. We were sluggish, but we kept our composure," Porter said. Cue, who came in the middle of the fourth quarter for Perkins, was 7-for-16 for 83 yards, one touchdown, and one interception. "It was a great win for us but hats off to Florida," McClenton added.

Tomcats finish sweep of Firecats By Jeff Walker May 24, 2002

After 50 minutes of ugly football, the Jacksonville Tomcats and Florida Firecats put on a five-minute show. In a game inundated with penalties and miscues, the Tomcats scored two touchdowns in the game's final five minutes to complete a season-series sweep with a 40-33 win in front of an announced crowd of 6,288 at the Coliseum. Marcus Outzen's 43-yard screen pass to James Lamar with 45 seconds left in regulation proved the game-winner for the Tomcats. "That was a double screen so I knew either me or the tight end was going to get it," Lamar said. "We practiced that play a lot, so when I got it and saw [DB Jarrod Ware chasing] I knew to just turn it on. People talk about having 4.3-4.5 speed, but it's no good unless you use it on the field. I put my 4.5 to work on that one." Jacksonville coach Earnest Wilson said he saw a mismatch on the Florida line that made him call the play. "I knew in advance it was going to gain yardage, at least 20-25 yards," Wilson said. "The defensive line they had in there wasn't their best, so I knew they had to put [LB Johnny] Frost up there to get some pressure." "I just tell these guys to sprint; they are good athletes. Once [Lamar] broke free I knew he could take it the distance." Florida tied the game with 53 seconds remaining on a 5-yard TD pass from Bryan Sparacino to Anthony Dixon. Sparacino finished the game 15 of 34 for 193 yards and 3 TDs. Outzen's dive from the 1-yard line on fourth down with 5:07 remaining in regulation gave the Tomcats their first score of the second half and a 33-26 lead. Outzen, playing the game with bronchitis, finished 12 of 25 for 214 yards and 5 touchdowns. Many of his incompletions were dropped passes. "We had a whole lot of adversity, a lot of mistakes, a lot of dropped passes," Lamar said. "You talk about the three Ds -- desire, determination and dedication -- you use those three and beat the adversity and you come away on top." Jacksonville built a 25-14 halftime lead with the help of four TD passes from Outzen -- three which were caught by Lawrence "Shorty" Pullen. After the Firecats fumbled the opening kickoff, Jacksonville needed one play, a 21-yard pass from Outzen to James Adderly, to take a 7-0 lead. When Florida got the ball on its first possession, it would foreshadow the entire first half: incomplete pass, penalty, run, pass, penalty, penalty, penalty, pass, run, penalty, penalty, penalty. Finally, after seven penalties, five plays and six minutes of elapsed time, the Firecats scored on a 15-yard pass from Bryan Sparacino to Anthony Dixon. The teams combined for 28 penalties for 206 yards.

Firecats regain their spark with 52-45 win May 31, 2002 BY Will Graves

ESTERO — The Florida Firecats made sure there wouldn't be any last-second lapses Friday night against the Charleston Swamp Foxes.

Not that they didn't try.

The Firecats jumped all over the Swamp Foxes early, and then survived a furious Charleston comeback to snap a four-game losing streak. Fullback/linebackers Dedrick Maffett and Johnny Frost each rushed for a pair of touchdowns as Florida got back into the arena football 2 playoff chase with a 52-45 victory in front of 5,261 at TECO Arena.

"We finally got the monkey off our back, it was getting pretty heavy," Maffett said.

Florida lineman Fred Harley contributed two huge special teams plays — the first a blocked field goal that set up a Maffett touchdown and the other a 30-yard kickoff return for a touchdown with just over three minutes to go to dash Charleston's chances of a miracle comeback.

Charleston (3-5) fell behind by 23 points, but rallied behind backup quarterback Mike Bath.

Bath guided a furious comeback, throwing for four scores and running for two more.

Twice the Swamp Foxes pulled to within a touchdown, but each time the Firecats answered the challenge.

Wizards fumble away victory June 7, 2002

The Mobile Wizards (0-10) gained more first downs than the Florida Firecats (5-4), passed for more yardage, had 70 yards more total offense, more kickoff return yardage and 1 more interception but came up on the short end of arenafootball2 action Friday night at Mobile's Civic Center, losing to the Firecats 40-37. The Wizards lead in another critical category, fumbles, helped turn the tide in favor of the Firecats. Mobile put the ball on the artificial turf four times, lost three of the fumbles, and gave up 10 points as a result of those miscues. With 8:55 to play in the second quarter, Wizards' quarterback Melvin Hill fumbled at his own four-yard line and Florida's David Barnard recovered in the endzone to put the Firecats ahead 17-7. The Wizards held a seven point lead, 37-30, in the fourth quarter following a Hill eight-yard scoring toss to Kendrick Lee at the 11:18 mark and a Rhaoul Guillaume 31-yard field with 3:43 left in the contest. Florida QB Brian Sparacino brought his club back as his 27-yard TD pass to Anthony Dixon with 2:17 left on the clock tied the score at 37. Lee's 25 yard kickoff return to the Mobile 17 put the Wizards in position to win their first game of the 2002 season. However, on the opening play of their drive, Hill's fumble and the Firecats' recovery at Mobile's 18-yard line led to Brandon Kornblue's 20-yard field goal with one tick left on the clock. The Wizards were stopped on the ensuing kickoff and time had run out on another possible victory. Hill was 16-28 with no interceptions, 239 yards and 3 TD passes while Sparacino also completed 16 of his 30 attempts for 164 yards and three TD. Hill's favorite target, Matt Butler, caught eight for 130 yards and a TD while Kenny Causey was Sparacino's main man, catching 5 passes for 62 yards and two TD. Causey and Lee put on an offensive show with kickoff returns, Causey gaining 149 yards on five returns and Lee piling up 153 yards with six returns.

Firecats end Swamp Foxes home unbeaten streak June 15, 2002 NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. –

The Swamp Foxes committed six turnovers and were held scoreless in the third quarter as the Florida Firecats ended Charleston's home unbeaten streak, 54-35 in arenafootball2 action Saturday night. Swamp Fox (4-6) quarterback Mike Bath completed 18-of-37 passes for 178 yards and four touchdowns. He also rushed for another score. However, the rookie signal caller suffered his roughest night, tossing a season-high four interceptions. Offensive specialist Dwayne Wilmot led the Swamp Foxes with 79 yards on seven catches including a TD. Michael Brown (Charleston Southern) led the Swamp Foxes in scoring recording touchdown receptions of 27 and 11 yards. Offensive Player of the Game Jarrod Ware led the Florida attack. Ware returned the opening kickoff 57 yards for a touchdown, and added another kick return for a score on Florida's next possession. He added 28 yards receiving on a pair of catches. Magic Benton led the Firecats in receptions with five catches totaling 37 yards. He added an interception and recovered a late onside kick to earn the game's Ironman Award. Defensively, Roy Stabler picked off Bath twice to earn the ADT Defensive Player of the Game honors.

Mesiah delivers Thunder again June 22, 2002

Tallahassee's Messiah Porter revised his role as deliverer against the Florida Firecats once again. Just as he did on May 18 in Tallahassee, Porter scored the final two touchdowns of the game to secure a 32-28 win for the Thunder. On a fourth down and two from the Thunder four-yard line, Porter batted down Bryan Sparacino's pass for Anthony Dixon, at the goal line, to wrap up the win with 50 seconds left. The loss dropped Florida to 6-5 on the season, one game behind Tallahassee, with five games remaining. The Thunder used outstanding red zone defense to limit Florida to their smallest point output of the year. The Firecats were only 2-of-6 inside the Thunder 10, with one interception and one fumble. Johnny Frost scored two more rushing touchdowns giving him 12 on the season, a new Firecats season record. Tallahassee out gained Florida 198-177 yards. The teams combined for 22 penalties and 5 turnovers in a sloppy offensive game.

Xplorers hang on against Firecats; halt losing skid June 28, 2002

The Florida Firecats lost a golden opportunity to move back into a first place tie in the American South Division, losing to the Memphis Xplorers 34-32 in front of 5,278 fans at TECO Arena. Memphis had the offense in high gear in the first half, scoring on every possession, other than a Hail Mary pass at the end of the half. Russell Copeland caught a 40-yard touchdown pass on his first series back en route to a seven catch, 76-yard, one TD night. Memphis led 28-19 at half-time after blocking an extra point and returning it for two points. Those points would be critical at the end of the game. Memphis scored on their first possession of the second half, but then the Florida defense took over. The Firecats answered Memphis to make the score 34-26 after three quarters, setting up a furious fourth quarter. Florida played outstanding defense, and twice was denied in the red zone. After stopping the Xplorers on downs again, Jarred Ware returned a missed field goal attempt 35 yards to the Memphis 15-yard line. The Cats scored with 22 seconds to go on a terrific second effort by tight end Eric Boland, and the game would come down to a two-point conversion. After an interference call in the end zone, the 'Cats ran a toss from the one-yard line, and Johnny Maffett was ruled out of bounds just inches from the goal line. Tim Lester was named MVP, Demarrio Shanks Ironman, and Roy Stabler ADT Defensive player.

Florida takes down Augusta; ruins undefeated home record July 5, 2002 Augusta, Ga. -

The Florida Firecats defeated the Augusta Stallions on Friday night in front of 4,000 plus at the Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center. The Firecats, whose defense dominated the usually high powered Stallion offense, won the game convincingly by a final score of 54-28. Augusta and Florida traded touchdowns on each of their first possessions and then the rest of the game belonged to the Firecats. QB Bryan Sparacino (19-29-0-265) won the battle of the QBs throwing for seven TDs. Game MVP Terrell Sutton and Ironman of the Game Anthony Dixon created havoc on the field with three catches for 61 yards and 10 catches for 115 yards respectively and each catching three TDs. The defensive side of the ball was also dominated by Florida By allowing only two Stallions receivers to catch the ball, those two being Tim Dumas (nine catches for 118 yards and two TDs) and Chris Johnson (five catches for 39 yards and one TD). ADT Defensive of the Game Roy Stabler had two solo tackles, four assisted tackles, one fumble received, and one pass defended.

'Cats clip 'Cudas in OT July 13, 2002 Estero, Fla.-

The Florida Firecats beat the Pensacola Barracudas 46-40 in the first overtime game in team history. The win left the Firecats at 8-6, one game ahead of Charleston and one behind division leading Tallahassee. Pensacola got on the board first with a eight-yard touchdown pass from Charlie Peterson to receiver Jack Walker. The 'Cats answered immediately when Bryan Sparacino hit Anthony Dixon on a 21-yard scoring strike. It was the first of three TDs for Dixon, who was named MVP of tonight's game. Florida scored on the ensuing kickoff when Brandon Kornblue's kick took an odd bounce off the net and was recovered by Quincy Sorrell for a 'Cats TD. The teams traded scores throughout the first half and ended up deadlocked at 20 at the half. The third quarter was scoreless until the final play, when JoJo Oliphant rumbled 32 yards with a screen pass, giving the Barracudas a 27-20 lead after three periods. In the fourth, the Firecats opened the scoring with a 41 yard pass to the Ironman of the game, Terrell Sutton. Sutton finished the game with nine catches for 115 yards, all in the second half. The teams then alternated scores until Jasper Pendergrass scored with 10 seconds left to tie the game. In the OT, the 'Cats stopped Pensacola's first possession on downs and drove 30 yards for the game winning score. The winning margin was an Anthony Dixon six-yard run on second and goal. Will Pettis was ADT named Defensive Player of the Game.

Firecats secure first playoff berth **By Will Graves, Naples Daily News July 20, 2002**

The old fifth-down play helped the Florida Firecats into the arenafootball2 playoffs Saturday night against the Columbus Wardogs.

Benefiting from a forgetful officiating crew and another solid second-half performance, the Firecats beat the Wardogs 55-44 at the Columbus Civic Center to clinch the Firecats' first postseason appearance in their short two-year history.

Florida quarterback Bryan Sparacino atoned for two costly interceptions by throwing for three and running for another and fullback/linebacker Dedrick Maffett scored three touchdowns of his own as the Firecats survived a spirited effort by the Wardogs (3-12), who didn't play like a team counting the days until the end of the season.

Columbus offensive specialist Phil Taylor caught four touchdowns for the Wardogs, while Barron Collier graduate Clifton Robinson added another.

"We played some good football, our guys were dead tired, they went out and fought their butts off," said Florida head coach John Fourcade. "Our guys stepped up when they had to."

"I'm happy, but I'm much more relieved," Fourcade said. "My goals for this year were three things. I wanted us to get a better record than last year. I wanted to bring in 21 guys who were better players and I wanted to make the playoffs. I think we got all three."

For awhile Saturday night, the Wardogs looked like the ones heading to the playoffs. The Firecats led by just 30-26 at the half, but took advantage of an officiating error to take control of the game in the third quarter.

An interception by defensive specialist Quincy Sorrell gave the Firecats a first down at the Columbus 9.

Sparacino threw incomplete on first down. On second down Sparacino hit Anthony Dixon for eight yards to the Columbus 1. On third down Sparacino lost three yards.

On fourth down, however, the Firecats went for it, and Dixon was stuffed at the Columbus 1.

Turnover on downs, right?

Wrong. The officials forgot to credit the Firecats with a down, and Sparacino dove over on fifth down to put the Firecats up 36-26 and give them some much-needed breathing room.

Fourcade said he knew it was fifth down, but he wasn't going to say anything.

"Yes, I knew what it was, but you have to know when not to say anything and be cool, calm and collected,"

Fourcade said.

Columbus committed a safety on their next possession, as the snap from center sailed over Welsh's head and out of the end zone. Columbus wouldn't get closer than nine the rest of the way.

Pensacola overruns Florida July 27, 2002

Pensacola (8-8) defeated the Florida Firecats (9-7) 58-44 on Saturday night in front of an announced crowd of 2,937 at the Pensacola Civic Center. The Barracudas tied and broke several records.

Charlie Peterson threw seven touchdown passes to set the Barracudas career touchdown pass record with 64 and Jack Walker caught two of them to set the Barracudas' single-season and career touchdown records with 25.

Before the game, receiver/defensive back Will Pettis was announced as the Pensacola's 2002 team most valuable player. During the game he showed why.

Pettis caught four touchdown passes to lead the Barracudas. The last one came with less than a minute left and clinched the game for Pensacola, who tied a team record with eight victories in a season.

After going into halftime with a 33-21 deficit, Florida's Brandon Kornblue kicked a field goal and Anthony Dixon returned a Peterson interception 21 yards to cut the lead to 33-30.

Peterson threw his third interception of the game on the next drive, but on the Firecats' next play, Walker picked off quarterback Bryan Sparacino in the end zone.

Walker caught a long pass from his own quarterback on the next drive giving Pensacola a 39-30 lead.

Florida put itself in good position to respond after Jarrod Ware returned Dave Adam's kick off to Pensacola 5.

Sparacino fumbled the snap on the next play and Robert Smith recovered for the Barracudas.

Pensacola scored a touchdown on every drive after that to hold off the Firecats and prevent them winning home-field advantage in the playoffs.

Pensacola scored a touchdown on every possession except their first to take a 33-21 lead into halftime.

Peterson was intercepted on the first drive by the Firecat's Quincy Sorrell. Florida then took a 7-0 lead on Deryl Lane's 1-yard touchdown run.

On the Barracudas' next four drives, Peterson threw four touchdown passes, including two long ones to Pettis. Peterson's second of the game was an 8-yard pass to Walker that gave Pensacola a 13-7 lead. The Firecats answered when Magic Benton caught the first of his two first half touchdown passes to give Florida a 14-13 lead.

With Pensacola holding onto a 27-21 lead late in the second quarter, Sparacino left the game in the middle of a Firecats drive after getting injured.

Josh Rogers replaced him and the drive stalled after two false start penalties sent Florida back to its own 16 where Kornblue missed the field goal.

Robert Stomas then temporarily rejoined Walker as the Barracuda career touchdown reception leader on a 21-yard touchdown pass with 20 seconds left in the half.

Rules of Arena Football

The Field and Equipment

An indoor padded surface 85 feet wide and 50 yards long with eight-yard end zones. Goal posts are nine feet wide with a crossbar height of 15 feet (the NFL goal posts are 18-1/2 feet wide with the crossbar at 10 feet). The goal-side rebound nets are 30 feet wide by 32 feet high. The bottoms of the nets are eight feet above the ground. Sideline barriers are 48 inches high and made of high-density foam rubber. The official football is the same size and weight as the National Football League ball. Each ball is manufactured by Wilson Sporting Goods

The Players and Formations

Eight players on the field; 24-man active roster; four-man inactive roster.

Players play offense and defense with the exception of the kicker, quarterback, offensive specialist (the kick returner on defense) and two defensive specialists.

Substitution: All non-specialists may substitute only once during each quarter.

Four (4) offensive players must line up on the line of scrimmage.

Three (3) defensive players must be down linemen (in a three of four-point stance). One linebacker may blitz on either side of the center. Alignment is two (2) or more yards off the line of scrimmage. No stunting or twisting. Offensive motion: Once a receiver may go in forward motion before the snap.

Timing

Four 15 minute quarters with a 15-minute halftime.

The clock stops for out-of-bounds plays or incomplete passes only in the last minute of each half or when the referee deems it necessary for penalties, injuries or timeouts. Each team is allowed three (3) time-outs per half.

Movement of the ball and scoring

Four (4) downs are allowed to advance the ball ten (10) yards for a first down, or to score. Six (6) points for a touchdown. One (1) point for a conversion by place kick after a touchdown, two (2) points for a conversion by drop kick and two (2) points for successful run or pass after a touchdown. Three (3) points for a field goal by placement or four (4) points for a field goal by drop kick. Two (2) points for a safety.

The kicking

Kickoffs are from the goal line. Kickers may use a one-inch tee. Punting is illegal. On fourth down, a team may go for a first down, touchdown or field goal.

The receiving team may field any kickoff or missed field goal that rebounds off the net. Any kickoff untouched which its out of bounds will be placed at the 20-yard line or the place where it went out of bounds, whichever is more advantageous to the receiving team.

Passing

Passing rules in Arena Football are the same as outdoor NCAA Football in which receivers must have one foot inbounds. A unique exception involves the rebound nets. A forward pass that rebounds off of the endzone net is a live ball and is in play until it touches the playing surface.

Overtime Rules

Overtime periods are 15 minutes during the regular season and the playoffs. Each team gets one possession to score. If, after each team has had one possession and one team is ahead, that team wins. If the teams are tied after each has had a possession, the next team to score wins.





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"To serve our community with pride and passion as a quality example of individual and team excellence on the field, in the office, at the arena and within the community by consistently exceeding our customer's expectations by demonstrating the highest character, appreciation and respect for our game, customers, teammates and partners as a cost-effective and visionary organization providing a total entertainment experience."

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In furtherance of our Mission Statement we, the players, coaches, official, staff, and owners of the Arena Football League are thankful to the Fans that we serve, appreciate their support and dedicate ourselves collectively to protecting their rights as the greatest sports entertainment Fans in the world.

We Believe that every Fan is entitled to a wholesome environment for guests and family members, free of violence, profane gestures and language or rude and invasive behavior that could in any way interfere with a first-class entertainment experience.

We believe that every Fan demands that we maintain absolute respect for the game of Arena Football and maintain integrity of the finest of fair competition at all times.

We believe every Fan deserves our very best effort on a consistent basis, on every play on the field, every action in the stands, every call to our office, and every involvement in our community.

We believe that every Fan is entitled to total entertainment experience at an affordable cost for a members of the family from the time they arrive at the arena to the time they depart.

We believe that every Fan should receive the very best in competitive football, entertainment, merchandise, food and beverages for their purchasing power.

We believe that every Fan is entitled to interact with and have access to players and coaches for autographs and conversation in recognition for their support at every game.

We believe the Fans are entitled to fast, accurate, and complete information about our players, coaches, league, game, and performance.

We believe that Fans expect the AFL to be comprised of gentlemen and ladies who are examples and role models for youth, free of physical violence, drugs, alcohol, and gambling abuse.

We believe that Fans expect us to honor our country and to be involved in our communities to make contributions for a better, safer, and more positive place to live.

We believe that Fans should know that we are committed to serve an not to be served, to give and not just take, and to inspire and encourage people to higher levels of personal and professional achievement, growth, maturity, and respect for each other.

ARENAFOOTBALL2 LEAGUE HISTORY

AF2 KICKS OFF, FIREBIRDS CELEBRATE 10 SEASONS WITH ARENA BOWL TRIUMPH

On August 24, 1999, the AFL Board of Directors approved the final four applications for arenafootball2 - the AFL's Triple A - to begin play in April 2000. The original 15 teams consisted mostly midsize cities in the southeast and Midwest, operating in arenas with capacity of 6,000 to 12,000. The 1999 season included the addition of the expansion Destroyers. The Firebirds, celebrating 10 years in Albany, won ArenaBowl XIII over defending champion Predators, 59-48. For the second consecutive season ABC televised the title game to more than two million fans. Albany's Eddie Brown won a record third Offensive Player of the Year award, while Arizona's Hunkie Cooper garnered his first Ironman of the Year trophy. The year also saw the league eclipse the one million-attendance mark for the fourth straight season. A record of 17 teams competed in 2000, including the Los Angeles Avengers and Carolina Cobras. The Detroit Fury owned in partnership by The Palace Sports & Entertainment group and William Ford Jr. of the Detroit Lions, chose to compete in 2001. The AFL also granted an expansion team to a group backed by Peter and Alan Levin and the late Walter Payton - the Chicago Rush - that would begin play in 2001. Washington Redskins owners Daniel Snyder and Fred Drasner were awarded an expansion team for the DC area that will begin play in the 2003 season. Former NFL veteran QB Ron Jaworski teamed up with former AFL Commissioner Jim Drucker in a group that has been awarded a team to begin no later than 2002 in a city to be determined.

MILLENNIUM SEASON INCLUDES 32 MARKETS PLAYING ARENA FOOTBALL

For the AFL, the 2000 season was, to say the least, yet another moment of history in the making. With new NFL owners signing on, including the Cowboys and Redskins, plans for future All-Star and international exhibition games and increasing resolution to the labor dispute, the AFL continues its climb to the next tier of major professional sports. Nearly 80 regular season records were matched or broken in 2000, including Aaron Garcia's 92 passing touchdowns and Mike Horacek's 46 touchdown receptions for the Barnstormers. Horacek also broke a 13-year-old record for receiving yards, gathering 285 in Iowa's 77-76 win over the Firebirds. The New England Sea Wolves and San Jose SaberCats combined to score 161 points, setting the standard for most combined points in a single game. In that game, rookie Anthony Derricks of the Sea Wolves returned five kicks for touchdowns, a league record. More than two million fans attended regular season Arena Football games in the 32 markets competing in both the AFL and af2, the highest total attendance ever. It was the fifth consecutive year that the AFL surpassed one million fans. In their inaugural season, 15 af2 teams drew nearly one million fans.

af2 LAUNCHES INTO STARDOM WITH INAUGURAL "KICKOFF 2000" GAME

With over a year of planning and organizing, af2 becomes a reality on March 31, 2000 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center as the Tennessee Valley Vipers (Huntsville, AL) take on the home-standing Birmingham Steeldogs in front of a frantic 14,831 fans on opening night. The game, which was televised regionally on Comcast Sports, was a huge success both on and off the field. OL/DL Heath Springer of Tennessee Valley scored the first ever points in af2 history on a safety in the first quarter, which sparked the visiting Tennessee Valley Vipers to victory, 58-19.

af2 PROVES TO BE A "HIT" AT THE TURNSTILES

Through a vigorous 120-game, 18-week schedule, af2 fans across the league turned out in bunches to cheer on their respective teams. The Arkansas Twisters proved to everyone that the game of Arena Football can work in mid-sized communities. The Twisters led af2 in attendance in 2000 with an average of 13,766 fans per game including two games this season with over 16,000 fans. In total, arenafootball2 averaged 7,239 fans per game and over 900,000 fans walked through turnstiles in af2 venues throughout the regular season and playoffs. Besides the NFL, NHL, and NBA, af2 was the only other professional sports league to fill its buildings to over 70% capacity in 2000 (af2 was at 72%).

af2 BECOMES A LEAGUE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ITS PLAYERS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS

The movement of af2 players to other leagues began on April 19, 2000 and finally ended on January 5, 2001 when a total of 70 af2 players were moved up to the CFL, AFL, or NFL throughout the inaugural season. Tulsa Talons' lineman David Camacho started the first wave of player movement when he was signed by the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, showing that the af2 is a "league of opportunity" for its players. Almost 20% of af2 players on rosters for the 2000 season moved up to another league. Two af2 head coaches also got opportunities at the next level as Tulsa Talons' Head Coach Jon Norris signed on to be an Assistant with the AFL's Oklahoma Wranglers and Augusta Stallions' Coach of the Year Mike Neu is now an assistant with the Carolina Cobras. The excitement of af2 caught on to the officials as eleven total officials who were on af2 crews in 2000 were moved up to officiate in the AFL for the 2001 season. The growth of af2 has spawned a new generation of athletes, coaches, and officials.

10 TEAMS ADDED FOR 2002 SEASON, WEST DIVISION OPENS

af2 continues to grow in 2002, as 10 expansion teams are added. Albany, N.Y.; Bakersfield, Calif.; Cape Fear (Fayetteville), N.C.; Fresno, Calif.; Honolulu, Hawaii; Mobile, Ala.; Mohegan (Uncasville) Conn.; New Haven, Conn.; San Diego, Calif. and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pa. will all try to reach ArenaCup III. The expansion class features Pro Football Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas, co-operator of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pioneers, and former NFL quarterback Ken Stabler, co-operator and director of football operations for the Mobile Wizards. The league sticks with the two conference format, but expands to four divisions in each conference, including the new West Division. af2 reaches all-time highs with the 34-team, 18-week, 272-game regular season schedule.

KEY DATES OF 2000

1/14: af2 announces inaugural 2000 Season Schedule, featuring an 18-week, 120-game regular season schedule and four-team playoff format.

3/6: af2 announces 2000 inaugural coaches and referees clinic in Jacksonville, FL. The event was attended by all 15 head coaches and 71 officials.

3/31: 14,831 fans attend the Kickoff 2000 game in Birmingham, AL to watch the Tennessee Valley Vipers defeat the Birmingham Steeldogs 59-18. Former University of Alabama Quarterback Jay Barker and Eli Gold handle the color and play-by-play duties. Game is televised on Comcast Cable, which reaches more than 1 million households throughout the Southwest...First points scored in af2 history were a safety scored by the Tennessee Valley defense.

4/8: Arkansas has a crowd of 16,068, the largest crowd to see an af2 game in the 2000 season...Richmond Speed QB Cody Whipple catches a 32-yard touchdown pass from himself after a deflection off of a defender.

4/12: Lafayette, LA announces they will join the af2, making it the third expansion team for the 2001 season.

4/19: Tulsa OL/DL David Camacho gets signed by the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, making him the first af2 player to make the leap up to the NFL.

4/22: Norfolk Kicker Lee McDonald converts 6 of 7 field goal attempts to give Norfolk a 39-38 win against Charleston in the first ever af2 game that goes to overtime. McDonald's six field goals is an af2 record for most three-point field goals made in a game.

5/5: Charleston Swamp Foxes' Kicker Tom Sellers successfully drop kicks a 25-yard field goal, worth 4 points. He becomes the first kicker since the AFL's St. Louis' Tom Wheelihan did so in 1996.

5/6: Tulsa QB Craig Strickland scores nine touchdowns in a game (six passing, three rushing).

5/16: Tennessee Valley OL/DL Curtis Jeter signs with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the CFL, becoming the first af2 player to sign with the CFL.

5/26: Quad City defeats host Greensboro 103-3. Quad City's 103 points is the most points ever scored in an Arena Football game and Greensboro's 3 points set the league record for fewest points in a game for the 2000 season.

6/3: Jacksonville Tomcats' Kicker Jim Tarle connects on a 58-yard Field Goal (af2 record).

6/16: Jacksonville Tomcats' WR/DB Terrance Flagler returns a kickoff of 57 yards for a touchdown (longest return possible in Arena Football before rule change allowing returning to have one foot outside the back of the endzone). Flagler was the first player in league history to have equaled this mark.

7/11: Ft. Myers, FL announces team name will be the Florida Firecats and will begin play in the 2001 season.

7/24: Memphis announces that they will join the af2 for the 2001 season and will play at the new Desoto Center over the border in Mississippi.

7/29: Quad City finishes regular season with a 16-0 record becoming the first af2 undefeated team.

8/1: af2 announces its final regular season attendance of 868,696 for 120 games.

8/11: Quad City defeats Tennessee Valley 68-59 in the ArenaCup 2000 championship game.

10/20: The Indoor Football League is sold to Arena Football League.

10/30: af2 Board of Directors approve the adoption of six new teams: Baton Rouge, La.; Columbus, GA; Lincoln, Neb.; Peoria, Ill.; Rochester, N.Y.; and Wichita, Kan.

12/14: The NFL begins to oversee and manage Arena Football League and af2 game officials.

KEY DATES OF 2001

1/25: AFL/af2 and Ford agree to a partnership through the 2002 season.

1/27: Arena Football League/af2 consultant Jack Youngblood heads to Canton for introduction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

2/23: af2 announces that 11 officials earn a promotion to the AFL.

3/7: Big Play signs on as first supplier of "Arena Authentics" official headwear for both AFL and af2.

3/29: With a 41-0 victory over the Peoria Pirates in the Kickoff 2001 match up, the Quad City Steamwheelers record the first shutout in league history.

4/2: Bakersfield announces that it will have a team for the 2002 season in the West Division.

4/7: Lincoln Lightning WR/DB Heath Staples sets af2 record for most tackles in a game with 17.

4/11: af2 announces that 32 players from 2000 season make final rosters for 2001 AFL season.

4/13: Quad City OS Craig Cole becomes only player with two missed field goal returns for a touchdown in a game against Memphis.

4/19: The Norfolk Nighthawks sign former NFL QB Mike Buck as their head coach.

4/21: Roy Johnson sets af2 record for longest rush from scrimmage with a 49-yarder.

5/4: The Quad City Steamwheelers defeat Bossier City to bring their all time record to an unprecedented 24-0. The 24-game win streak is the longest win streak in professional football history and ties for second-longest undefeated streak in pro football history.

5/12: Quad City loses its first game ever 49-47 to Tulsa. Quad City's 24-1 undefeated streak ties for second longest in pro football history. He added 150 more points by the end of the season, bringing his career mark to 438.

5/19: Throwing for 225 yards in Week 8 against Peoria, Tulsa QB Craig Strickland sets the all time league record for total offense with 4,458 total yards. He finished the season with 4,035, bringing his two-year career total to 6,918.

5/24: Baton Rouge QB Herb Tyler breaks former record for most rushing touchdowns in a season (15). He finished the season with 19.

6/8: With three kickoff returns for touchdowns, Louisville WR/DB Brain McDonald sets the season record and ties the league record for most kickoff returns for a touchdown in a game.

6/11: af2 announces that a new page on the af2 Web site will be dedicated to the ArenaCup 2001.

6/15: Mobile, AL announces that it will be part of the 2002 expansion class.

6/22: With his 2.0 sacks in Week 13, Tallahassee OL/DL Ernest Certain set the single-season record for sacks. He finished the season with 20.0.

6/25: New Haven and Uncasville, Connecticut announce approval to have an af2 team for the 2002 season.

6/29: With a 223 yards receiving and seven receiving touchdowns, Birmingham OS Wayne Thomas sets league record for most receiving touchdowns in a game and most points scored in a game with 42.

6/30: Macon FB/LB Carlo Joseph sets 2001 record and ties the all-time record with 17 rushing attempts in a game.

7/7: Two Memphis players--FB/LB Quentin Cradle and FB/LB Jeremy Scruggs--break the single-season rushing record (312) in the same game. At the time, Cradle had 317 yards and Scruggs has 314. They finished the season with 402 and 333, respectively... Louisville WR/DB Brian McDonald sets the league record for kickoff return yards in a game with 240.

7/13: At Pensacola's home game against Rochester, 12-year-old Brain Martin becomes the one millionth fan for the 2001 season. The af2 become the first current professional football league to reach the 1 million mark in just its second season.

7/14: Charleston WR/DB Kenyatta Spruill rushes for 96 yards and Baton Rouge's Leonard Holmes rushes for 93 yards as both break the former af2 record for most rushing yards in a game (79)...Richmond DS Tyrone Laster becomes the first and only player in af2 history to return 2 interceptions for touchdowns in a game. One of the returns (57 yards) is an af2 record for longest interception return.

7/21: Tennessee Valley QB Matt Sauk sets league record for most passing attempts (60) and completions (38) in Vipers' 56-55 season-finale win against Arkansas.

7/24: af2 announces the addition of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton to the expansion class of 2002. The team was granted to the operating team of Greg Smith, President of Smith Sports International, LTD and Johnny Unitas, a Pennsylvania native, and Pro Football Hall of Famer.

8/1: Former Alabama and NFL quarterback Ken Stabler was introduced as part of the operator group and director of football operations for the Mobile Wizards...af2 announces that Fresno will field a team in 2002. The team is to be operated by the Arena Football League's Los Angeles Avengers owner and chief executive officer Casey Wasserman.

8/10: The Quad City Steamwheelers slip past the Richmond Speed 55-51 to become two-time ArenaCup champions. Neither team recorded back-to-back scores, as there were 16 lead changes, including WR/LB Scott Hvistendahl's 3-yard championship-winning touchdown catch from QB Jay McDonagh with 10 seconds left to play.

9/4: Two former arenafootball2 players--Reggie Swinton and Jim Tarle--made the final 53-player roster cuts in the NFL for the Dallas Cowboys and Jacksonville Jaguars, respectively. A third player, Justin Skaggs, made the Washington Redskins' practice squad.

9/6: af2 announces that Honolulu, Hawaii is the latest addition to the 2002 expansion class. Former NFL quarterback Guy Benjamin is named the team's first head coach.

10/17: af2 announces that the city of Fayetteville, North Carolina will have a team for the 2002 season. At a press conference, operator Roddy Jones (owner of AFL's Carolina Cobras) announces the team will be known as the Cape Fear Wildcats.

10/24: San Diego, California is approved to have a team for the 2002 season.

11/20: arenafootball2 announces a licensing agreement with TeamWork Online to provide integrated job board and application tracking system software to post jobs on the Internet for the league and member teams. The new "Jobs Board" launches on the league's official Web site.

12/21: af2 announces that the two-time defending ArenaCup champion Quad City Steamwheelers would be ineligible for the 2002 postseason due to various violations of internal league policy. The team also received a fine and was placed on probation for two years.

1/6: Former Arkansas Twisters player Reggie Swinton finishes his first NFL season. Playing in all 16 games, Swinton returned 56 kickoffs for 1,327 yards (5th in NFL) and took back 31 punts for 414 yards (5th in NFL) including one for TD. He averaged 23.7 yards per kickoff return (5th in NFL, minimum 50 returns) and 13.4 yards per punt return (3rd in NFL, minimum 25 returns). Swinton also caught seven passes for 117 yards and one TD.

2/1: Louisville Fire star Brian McDonald signs with the Philadelphia Eagles. McDonald is the single season record holder for all-purpose yards in af2. His statistics with the Louisville Fire for 2001 include 83 receptions, 1058 yards, 16 touchdowns 13 missed field goal returns for 325 yards with 3 touchdowns, and also 90 kick returns for 1879 yards, resulting in 7 touchdowns, which is a total of 26 for the season... AFL and the US Army form a partnership. The partnership, negotiated by Relay Sports and Event Marketing, is designed to assist in the recruiting and promotion efforts of the Army. It also provides special ticket and hospitality opportunities at Arena Football games for Army recruits throughout the season and during "U.S. Army Nights," which will revolve around the Army's 227th birthday. The agreement, covering all U.S.-based AFL teams, has been approved for a term of four years, but will be renewed annually as per government regulations. The deal also includes six af2 markets in the first year.

2/4: AFL holds Pacific Rim Training Camp in Honolulu, Hawaii. Nearly 200 participants from Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga, and Fiji participate in the week-long camp.

2/28: af2 holds second annual coaches/officials/trainers/operators clinic in Jacksonville, Fla.

3/24/03 - af2 SETS 2003 PLAYOFF FORMAT

Division winners eligible for first round bye

CHICAGO – The 2003 af2 playoffs will feature 12 teams and span four weeks with the American Conference champion meeting the National Conference champion in the 2003 ArenaCup on the weekend of August 22, the league office announced today.

Six teams (three division winners and three wildcards) from each the American and National Conferences qualify for the postseason. The wildcards are determined by overall record.

Within each conference the two division champions with the best overall records have a bye in the first round. The remaining division champion hosts the lowest seeded wildcard team, while the other two wildcard teams play each other at the venue of the team with the better overall record.

In the second round, the two division winners that had a bye in the first round host the winners of the first round games. The division winner with the best overall record hosts the lowest seeded winner from round one, while the other division winner hosts the other first round winner.

Winners of second round games meet for the Conference Championships, with the team having the better overall record as the host. The American Conference champion meets the National Conference champion in the 2003 ArenaCup. The participating team with the better overall record hosts the championship game.

About af2 Kicking off its fourth season this weekend, af2 serves as a grassroots, developmental indoor football league for players, coaches and officials with teams in small- to mid-size markets throughout the United States. af2 operates under the same Mission Statement and Fans' Bill of Rights as the AFL, which is currently in its 17th season and first with NBC. NBC is providing the AFL with unprecedented exposure by televising up to 70 games, including all playoff contests and ArenaBowl XVII on June 22.



A NATIONAL TELEVISION AUDIENCE WITNESSES ARENACUP 2000 ON TNN

The stage was set as the undefeated Quad City Steamwheelers looked to finish off a historic first season in ArenaCup 2000 against the hungry Tennessee Valley Vipers. In front of a sellout crowd of 9,201 fans at The Mark in Moline, IL and a national television audience on TNN, the two teams played the most exciting game of 2000. Back and forth they went until Quad City finally pulled ahead for a 68-59 victory and a record-setting 19-0 unblemished mark and Championship. Over 300,000 fans tuned in to the TNN broadcast by Eli Gold, Mark May, and Jill Arrington, to provide the perfect end to a historic season. Players, who played for the love of the game and to keep their dream alive, coaches, officials, and especially the fans worked together to make af2's first season an overriding success.

13 EXPANSION TEAMS ADDED FOR THE 2001 SEASON

There is no rest for the weary in af2 as 13 new expansion teams are added for the 2001 season. Baton Rouge, La.; Bossier City, La.; Columbus, Ga.; Ft. Myers, Fla.; Lincoln, Neb.; Louisville, Ky.; Lafayette, La.; Memphis, Tenn.; Macon, Ga.; Des Moines, Iowa; Peoria, Ill.; Rochester, N.Y.; and Wichita, Kan. will all try to lay claim to the ArenaCup trophy. The list includes five owners of AFL teams and eight new teams. The league announces a new two Conference and 4 divisional alignment. Each division will be made up of 7 teams. The 2001 schedule will include a record 224-game, 17-week schedule with ArenaCup II again televised on TNN.

ONE MILLIONTH FAN, STEAMWHEELERS REPEAT, SWINTON FINDS SUCCESS IN THE NFL

At Pensacola's home game against Rochester on July 13, 12-year-old Brain Martin becomes af2's one millionth fan. The af2 became the first current professional football league to reach the 1 million mark in just its second season. On August 10, 2001 the Quad City Steamwheelers slipped past the Richmond Speed 55-51 to become two-time ArenaCup champions. Neither team recorded back-to-back scores, as there were 16 lead changes, including WR/LB Scott Hvistendahl's 3-yard championship-winning touchdown catch from QB Jay McDonagh with 10 seconds left to play. After lighting-up the af2 in 2001, former Arkansas Twister Reggie Swinton finishes his first NFL season. Playing in all 16 games, Swinton returned 56 kickoffs for 1,327 yards (5th in NFL) and took back 31 punts for 414 yards (5th in NFL) including one for TD. He averaged 23.7 yards per kickoff return (5th in NFL, minimum 50 returns) and 13.4 yards per punt return (3rd in NFL, minimum 25 returns). Swinton also caught seven passes for 117 yards and one TD.



FIRECATS MEDIA INFORMATION

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Firecats Official Web Site: www.floridafirecats.com



Credential Requests

Access for accredited working media to Florida Firecats af2 games will require proper credentials. Individual game credentials may be obtained by calling the Firecats Media Relations Dept. at least 48 hours prior to kick-off. Season credential requests should be made at least one week prior to the opening game. Requests will be granted on a space available basis. Credentials must be displayed at all times. Credentials may be picked up at the TECO Arena at Arena Control. Requests may also be sent via FAX (941) 390-2286. The Firecats reserve the right to change the credential policy at any time.

Press Entrance

Members of the media should enter TECO Arena through the south end Arena Control entrance in order to pick up their credentials. Media who have season credentials should also enter the building through this entrance.

Parking

The Firecats and TECO Arena has space for working media. A season parking pass-list or a game-by-game pass-list is available by contracting the Firecats' Media Dept. no less than 48 hours prior to game time.

Media Room

The Firecats Media Room is located on the north side of the TECO Arena. It can be reached by entering at the Media Entrance and walking around the lower level to the main lobby entrance. Enter into practice rinks, media room will be on the left.

The room will be open one and one-half hours prior to kickoff. A catered buffet will be provided to credentialed members of the media.

Game Services

Complete statistics will be provided for media in the media room. Game notes, team lineups and rosters will be made available prior to the game. Quarter flash stats, halftime stats, final stats and results with post-game quotes will also be provided. All post-game stats email/fax requests should be directed to Scott Roberts prior to kick-off or during the half-time.

Press Box

Assigned seating is available in the press box located on the south side of TECO. Seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-seat basis. Media are asked to call in advance to reserve a seating assignment. Press box is solely reserved for working media purposes.

Locker Room Access

The locker room will remain closed to the media before all home games. The locker room will be open ten minutes after the conclusion of each game, as mandated by af2 regulations. Any pre-game interviews must be coordinated and arranged with the Firecats Public Relations Director Scott Roberts. Specific player requests will be on a first-come, first interview basis, pending players agreement.

Practice

All regular season practices will be open to the media, unless notified by Scott Roberts. Players will be available for interviews immediately prior to practice. Interviews should be arranged with the Public Relations Dept.

TECO Arena Information



Capacity

7,128

Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)

As an added convenience for guests of the TECO Arena, there is one Sun Trust ATM located in the Recreational Department.

Banners and Signs

Banners are not permitted into TECO Arena. However, signs are permitted providing they are in good taste, as deemed by building management.

Children's Admission

Children, who have celebrated their second birthday, must have a valid admission ticket for entry. Children under two years of age will be granted complimentary admission but must sit on the lap of their parent or guardian.

Containers

We request that all guests keep in mind that no outside food or beverages, coolers, bottles or cans may be brought into TECO Arena.

Fan Conduct

TECO Arena intends to provide a safe, comfortable and fan-friendly atmosphere for all our guests. Consequently, building management will not tolerate disruptive or unruly behavior.

The following rules have been established for acceptable fan behavior.

Guests wearing obscene or indecent clothing will not be permitted to enter.

Guest interfering with the ability of others to enjoy the event will be ejected.

Guests using foul or abusive language or gestures will be ejected.

Guests appearing intoxicated will be ejected and turned over to the Lee County Sheriffs Department.

Guests interfering with the progress of an event will be ejected from the building and subject to possible arrest.

To enforce these policies, security is located throughout the building during all events. Guests violating any of these rules will not be welcome at TECO Arena. Those who observe other guests violating these policies should report the incident to the nearest building representative.

Guests should also be aware that during football games a football could be propelled into the spectator area with enough force to cause serious injury. Stay alert at all times while you are watching the game. Including after the stoppage of play. If you are injured, ask the nearest usher for help and direction to First Aid.

First Aid Station

First Aid Station offers medical assistance and is located on the main concourse under Sections 102 and 103.

Food/ Beverages

Food or beverages of any kind (alcoholic beverages included) are not permitted to be brought into TECO Arena. Concession stands located throughout the building sell various types of food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Florida law prohibits the sale of alcohol to all persons under

Guest Services

The Guest Services desk is located on the main concourse under section 104 to answer any questions about the facility, upcoming events, available services or any comments or suggestions you might have. The service center operates from the time the doors open to the conclusion of the event.

Lost & Found

Lost and found may be claimed at the Guest Services desk located on the main concourse under section 104 or call 941.948.7825 to arrange for pick-up of any items. Items left over 30 days will be donated to charity.

Pay Phones

Phones are located underneath sections 107, next to the box office, outside Breakaway Sports Pub and in the recreational area.

Re-Entry

Guests who enter TECO Arena may not leave the building and re-enter. A full, uniform ticket must be resented to enter the building.

Smoking Policy

In compliance with the Florida Clean Air Act, smoking is not permitted anywhere in TECO Arena. The designed smoking area is located outside the building at section 110.

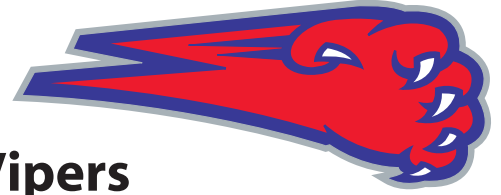
Firecats Dance Team



Sunny, Michelle, April, Kimberly, Ashley
Lucinda, Ebony, Hollie and Kate



Florida Firecats Schedule For the 2002 Season



March 29 Bye

April 5 Tennessee Valley Vipers

April 12 Charleston Swamp Foxes

April 19 Greensboro Prowlers

April 26 @ Memphis Xplorers

May 3 Birmingham Steeldogs

May 10 @ Charleston Swamp Foxes

May 17 Columbus Wardogs

May 24 Bye

May 31 Cape Fear Wildcats

June 7 Memphis Xplorers

June 14 @ Macon Knights

June 21 @ Greensboro Prowlers

June 28 Macon Knights

July 5 @ Cape Fear Wildcats

July 12 @ Tennessee Valley Vipers

July 19 @ Birmingham Steeldogs

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