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2009 Varsity Football Schedule

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# - Homecoming  % - Senior Day

A Message from Coach Faggiano

Dear alumni, parents, and friends,

We kicked off the semester with our 2008 Season Football Banquet at the Harts Hill Inn in Whitesboro, NY. Jason Powles from WKTV Sports was our Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to the generosity of our parents and family members we were able to have a special banquet. Over 200 people honored our seniors and award recipients. We were pleased to announce the first “Big John” Offensive Linemen of the Year Award. The Kaczmarski family generously endowed our football program with a $10,000 gift in kind. We thank them for their support of our program.

Your Pioneers have been hard at work this semester. Their success in the classroom and community has been impressive. In this issue of the Gridiron Report, we are excited to announce our 2009 Varsity and Junior Varsity schedules. We have also introduced the Blue & Orange Club as our annual fundraiser. The 12th Man Tailgate will be highlighted in our Blue & Orange Club.

Spring practice is going well. Defensively, we continue to work on our zone blitzes and zone coverages. We return 9 of 11 starters on defense. Offensively we also return 9 of 11 starters. Offensively, you will see us both under center as well as in the shotgun in 2009. Our special teams continue to improve as well. In 2009, Coach Justin Higgins will serve as our Special Teams Coordinator.

I do hope to see you at one of our upcoming Pioneer events: the Annual Vodka Riggie Dinner, Spring Football Fever, or our first annual Pioneer Football Golf Classic. I hope you have a safe and healthy summer.

Fear the Moose...

Sincerely,

Blaise Faggiano

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Head Football Coach

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**Pioneer Football**

**2009 Recruiting Class**

**Since August 1, 2008...**

300 Student-Athletes visited our campus with their families for:
- Summer Recruitment Days
- Home Football Games
- Official Recruitment Days

**As of April 20, 2009...**

We have had 450 applications and 60 Deposits (Committed Pioneers)
Over 50% of Deposited Student-Athletes have received a merit scholarship for their high school academic record.

_Congratulations to our coaches & players._ Special thanks to Coach Penree who serves as our Recruiting Coordinator.

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**Blue & Orange Club**

In 2008, our families and friends of football were very generous to our program. Both the My Sports Dreams and 12th Man fundraisers were a huge success. In 2009, and the future, we will have one annual fundraiser, the Blue & Orange Club. The club was formed to generate financial support for our football program and athletic department. Gifts to the Blue and Orange Club help to offset the many expenses that occur over a given season.

Your support helps to keep us on the cutting edge of technology and strength and conditioning. The Blue & Orange Club also supports the general athletic fund at the college. The general athletic fund provides senior awards to all Utica College Athletes, and supports events such as the Pioneer Hall of Fame & Senior Awards Dinner. For a brochure go to www.ucpioneers.com.

**Super Fan**

Our leadership council started “Super Fan.” Super Fan demonstrates support for our fellow student-athletes at the college. Here our team is seen supporting our Women’s & Men’s Basketball programs.

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**Pioneers Win “Air Band” Contest**

Air Band is one of the longest standing traditions at Utica College sponsored by the UC Sorority Chi Beta. The lip sink contest raised money for a local abused women’s shelter. Congratulations to Keith Barone, Casey McNulty, Kurt Zimmerman, Bob Montgomery, and Michael Zappetti.

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**Saturday, May 2, 2009**

**“Spring Football Fever”**

**To Benefit Autism Awareness**

- **10:00AM**
  - Gaetano Stadium

- **Free T-Shirts to the First 25 Fans Starting At 10:00AM**

- **Powder Puff Football Tournament to Follow Practice to Benefit Autism Awareness**
  - At 11:30AM

- **BBQ Following Practice $7 for Parents/Recruits**

**Practice Schedule**

10:00am Team Period
10:40am 7 on 7 Period - OL vs. DL 1 on 1
11:10am Competition Period
11:30am Powder Puff Tournament

**2009 Leadership Council**

- Eric Kahl - Spencer, NY
- Kevin Hennion - Dumont, NJ
- Tyler Malagisi - Gloversville, NY
- Josh Mason - Schenectady, NY
- Tracy Branch - Bay Shore, NY
- Marcus Gurdineer - Westtown, NY
- Cody Elliott - Buffalo, NY
- Terrell Cunningham - Rochester, NY
- Mike Clark - Fulton, NY
- Josh Wright - Cortland, NY
- Chris Walrath - Little Falls, NY
- Steve Karboski - Whitesboro, NY

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**Pioneers Give Back**

**Elks Lodge #33 Clean Up**

Congratulations to our players and coaches for participating in the following community service projects in the Mohawk Valley:

- Son’s of Italy Benefit Dinner
- America’s Greatest Heart Run Walk
- Elks Lodge #33 Spring Clean Up
- 2009 Autism Telethon
- Nutcracker Ballet Clean Up - Stanley Theatre League
- North Utica Senior Center After School Program
- Riggie Fest 2009 to benefit the YWCA
- Young Scholars Mentor Program - Utica City School District

**Strength & Conditioning Update**

Your Pioneers have been working hard in the weight room. In just one year of our new strength program they have made tremendous gains. Coach Greg Pyszczynski has done an excellent job as our Strength & Conditioning Coordinator.

**D1 football player averages**

- Bench: 348
- Squat: 448
- Power Clean: 268

**UC Pioneer Averages**

- Bench: 270
- Squat: 400
- Power Clean: 227

**More Impressive Numbers:**

- 15 Pioneers are in the 1000 pound club
- 15 Pioneers are 100 lbs or less from the 1000 pound club
- 20 Pioneers have over a 400 lb squat
- 20 Pioneers are 50 lbs or less from squatting 400 lbs or more
- 20 Pioneers are power cleaning 250 lbs or more
- 15 Pioneers are 50 lbs or less from power cleaning 250 lbs or more.

**Welcome to our new coaches**

- Wide Receivers: Lazarus Morgan (Utica, 2009)
- Secondary (Cornerbacks): Walter Burks
- Offensive Student Assistant: Anthony Rivie (Utica, 2010)
- Offensive Student Assistant: Burnell Branch (Utica, 2010)
- Defensive Student Assistant: William Daley (Utica, ’09)

**2008 Season Awards**

- **Offensive Rookie of the Year**
  - Josh Mason
- **Defensive Rookie of the Year**
  - Marquez Mosely
- **Special Teams Player of the Year**
  - Ben Atwood
- **Offensive Player of the Year**
  - Cody Elliott
- **Defensive Player of the Year**
  - Eric Kahl
- **Defensive Lineman of the Year**
  - Chris Walrath
- **“Big John” Offensive Lineman of the Year**
  - Bob Montgomery
- **Pioneer Award**
  - Josh Wright
- **Captains Awards**
  - Jim Pincher
  - Eric Kahl
  - Michael Zappetti
  - Vinson Jones

**2009 Junior Varsity Football Schedule**

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**Largest JV Schedule in New York State!**

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Save the Dates for upcoming Pioneer Events!

**Spring 2009**

**Benefit Vodka Riggie Dinner for Utica College Football**
**Wednesday, April 29, 2009**
Ubica Elks Lodge #33
Tickets $10, 5:30-7:30pm
1315 Champlin Ave
Utica, NY 13502

**Spring Football Fever**
Gaetano Stadium
**Saturday, May 2, 2009**
Pioneer Family Picnic
2nd Annual Powder Puff Football Games

**Pioneer Football Golf Classic**
**Saturday, June 27, 2009**
Stonebridge Golf Course
New Hartford, NY
Brochure located at www.ucpioneers.com

**Big John Kaczmarski Jr. Memorial Golf Outing**
**Monday, July 13, 2009**
Harvest Hill Golf Club
3052 Transit Rd.
Orchard Park, NY 14127
New Website
www.golf4Johnny.org

**Pioneer Football Apparel**
The 2009 Adidas Order form is in PDF format on our football website at www.ucpioneers.com
For additional information including pictures log on to: www.adidas-team.com

**2009 Fundraising Clothing Order Form**
These items are great for the family. Money raised goes directly to the football program. Available in May on our football website at www.ucpioneers.com

**Support your Pioneers and Join the BLUE & ORANGE Club!**
Brochure located at www.ucpioneers.com

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