



Central Cardinal Club Newsletter

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September Meeting



Men's Tennis Head Coach Rex Ecarma

September's meeting speaker is **Men's Tennis Head Coach Rex Ecarma**. **Ecarma** serves as the director of the national award winning Bass-Rudd Tennis Center. Recently, **Ecarma** assisted in the development of the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center's outdoor court expansion, scoreboard and stadium seating. In 1990, he became one of the youngest head coaches in Division I men's tennis in the country at the age of 23. Under **Ecarma's** tutelage, the school has attained its highest national ranking at No. 12 in the ITA computer rankings, while spending several weeks among the nation's top 25. **Ecarma**, the 2000 Kentucky Tennis Association Coach of the Year, also received the honor in 1998 after he led the Cardinals to an 18-8 season and the program's first NCAA tournament appearance. **Ecarma** has been on the NCAA Tournament Regional Selections Committee four times. He was selected as the 2005 Chairman of the Conference USA coaches, a position which he also held in 2003 and 1997. He is currently serving on the Midwest Regional ranking committee. As a result of all of this coaching and playing achievements - as well as his involvement in the local tennis community - **Ecarma** was inducted into the Kentucky Tennis Hall of Fame in February 2007. Before embarking on his successful coaching career, **Ecarma** was a standout player for U of L. He followed in the footsteps of his older brother Reggie who was a letter winner for the Cards from 1980-82. **Coach Ecarma** is currently ranked second in the school's career doubles wins list with 92. As a junior, **Ecarma** compiled 58 total singles and doubles wins, placing him second in all-time combined wins in a single season. During his time as a player, he also posted 17 wins over players from top 25 teams. A Louisville native, **Ecarma** earned his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Louisville where he was the 1987 recipient of the coveted Ed Kallay Award which honors the top student-athlete in the University. He earned a Master's Degree in Entrepreneurial Management from Regent University in 1995. In 1996 he married **Melissa Guess**. They have three children: Alexis, Donovan and Landon. **Please come to the University Club to meet and hear Coach Ecarma as he speaks to our club. Go Cards!**

Dinner Reservations Information

Email or call Steve or Janie McNeil for reservations for the **SEPT 13** meeting at the University Club. Reservations **MUST** be made by **SEPT 7**. RSVP by calling or emailing Steve or Janie McNeill at smcneill@insightbb.com or at 448-7676 no later than **SEPT 7**.

**2011-2012 Central
Cardinal Club
Meeting Schedule
2nd Tuesday of the
month
Dinner- 6:00 pm
Meeting-7:00 pm**

~~8/9/11 PNC Club~~
9/13/11 University Club
10/11/11 Univ Club
**11/15/11 -
Holiday Boutique -
PNC Club**
Dec-no meeting
1/10/12 Univ Club
2/14/12 Univ Club
3/13/12 Univ Club
4/10/12 Univ Club
5/8/12 Univ Club

Meeting Schedule Note

My apologies for the wrong dates in the last newsletter for our scheduled meetings. Thanks to Gil, I now have a new calendar to go by.
Gary



August Meeting Recap



Our kick-off meeting for 2011-12 was held at the PNC Club of Papa John's Cardinal Stadium with defensive Line Coach and Head Recruiter Clint Hurtt as our speaker. If you will recall, Coach Hurtt was recognized after last season as the top football recruiter in the nation for his outstanding efforts in bring high caliber athletes to the UofL football program. Coach Hurtt told us that this year's team has good talent, is young but has a professional attitude mentally. The offensive line has a lot of youth but the defensive line is talented. The defensive line has to battle for positions. Hurtt obviously likes to talk about the defensive unit but says they are coming along. He likes to take talent out of the equation and "put the foot down to win". He said the recruiting is going well and we have put some really good players into the NFL. Major local cities nearby are going to be emphasized for recruiting. The most recent rule change that will affect all teams is the "no celebration" rule. Players are being coached to avoid this. This rule could not only penalize a team but also take points off the board.

Many thanks to Coach Hurtt for coming to our meeting and speaking to us at this busy time of the season. We look forward to filling Cardinal Stadium for every game this season.

Go Cards!



Volleyball at the KFC Yum! Center!

September 23 – St. John's November 2 - Tenn
September 25 - UConn November 5 - Syracuse
October 23 - Pitt November 6 – Marquette

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!



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President's Message...

What a great turn out we had for our first meeting of the year. We had right at 100 members for the night. And I feel that Coach Hurtt did a great job giving us an insight to the coming season. Don't forget to support all of the Cardinal teams. Let's please all chip and do our part in helping with the Holiday Boutique and Style Show. Right now the ladies need gift cards. Please donate one gift card this month from a local restaurant and then another one in October. That will really help out. Don't forget we will be back the University Club on September 13 and men's tennis coach Rex Ecarma will be our guest speaker. Get out and support our Cardinal athletes. GO CARDS!!!

Steve King, 2011-12 President CCC

If you have any questions about club business, please contact one of our 2011-12 board members:

*President- **Steven King**
VP/ President-Elect- **Ray Stout**
Treasurer- **David Rausch**
Recording Secretary- **Debbie Zipperle**
Past President- **Don Hopwood**
Communications- **Gary Baker**
Membership- **Willa Schaeffer**
TLC- **Barbara Lavier**
Social Director- **Gil Sturtzel***



Congratulations to Coach Ken Lolla and his Men's Soccer Team for being ranked NCAA #1 Preseason! Catch them in action in Cardinal Park!
Go Cards!!

Central Cardinal Club

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Cardinal Athletic Fund
Louisville, KY 40292
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Zach Brooks
zach.brooks@louisville.edu
Phone: 502-852-7079

TLC

If you know of any member who needs a card or call from our membership, please contact **Barbara Lavier**, TLC chairperson.
bnorthlavier@insightbb.com
or 502-897-3010

Email Problems?

If you know of someone or if you are having issues with receiving your newsletter please let Gary or Willa know at the next meeting in order to get an accurate email address for you.

Upcoming Action:

Football

9-1	Murray State (PJS)	6:00pm
9-9	FIU (PJS)	7:00pm
9-17	@ UK (ESPNU)	7:00pm
10-1	Marshall (PJS)	3:30pm
10-8	@ NC	
10-15	@ Cinn (Paul Brown)	
10-21	Rutgers (PJS)	8:00pm
10-29	Syracuse (PJS)	
11-5	@ W Va	
11-12	Pittsburgh (PJS)	
11-19	@ Conn	
11-25	@ USF	

Soccer (M) (home)

8-27	UCLA	7:00pm
9-9	IUPUI	7:00pm
9-11	Central Ark	2:00pm
9-17	Butler	7:00pm
10-1	Connecticut	7:00pm
10-8	Syracuse	7:00pm
10-12	Cincinnati	7:00pm
10-19	USF	7:00pm
10-22	Rutgers	7:00pm
11/2-11/13	Big East Tournament	

Soccer (W) (home)

8-28	Illinois	1:00pm
9-2	Baylor	1:30pm
9-4	Central Mich	2:30pm
9-18	Depaul	1:00pm
9-30	Marquette	7:00pm

Field Hockey (home)

8-26	California	6:00pm
8-28	Michigan St	6:00pm
9-9	Missouri St	3:00pm
9-11	Appalachian St	2:00pm
9-25	New Hampshire	2:00pm

Volleyball (home)

9-2	Ole Miss	7:00pm
9-3	Eastern Illinois	10:30am
	Wichita St	7:00pm
9-23	St. John's Yum	7:00pm
9-25	Connecticut Yum	2:00pm
10-14	Cincinnati	7:00pm
10-22	West Va	2:00pm
10-23	Pittsburgh Yum	12:30pm
11-2	Tennessee Yum	7:00pm
11-5	Syracuse Yum	2:00pm
11-6	Marquette Yum	2:00pm

2011 CCC Holiday Boutique Reminder

ASAP, please ask your favorite restaurant, your beautician, etc. for a gift card or donation. We need all of your help in making the 2011 Boutique the success it was in 2010. Please make plans to bring your donations to our meetings for Linda Patton, Barbara Lavier, or Debbie Zipperle. Tax donation letters are available for the donors.

The new website is up now with the CAF office operating it. Our link is now active. Look for the September newsletter there.

The address is:

<http://cardinalathleticfund.com/>

Click on "**Links**" then "**Central Cardinal Club**"

Winner of the two football season tickets and a parking pass for 2011 is:

Misty Roberts of Louisville

Raffle winning ticket was drawn at the Football Kick-Off Luncheon and sold by CCC member Barbara Middleton. Thanks to all who participated. Thanks to the CAF for donating the package.

Congratulations Misty!!

CAF News

We wish to welcome **Zach Brooks** as our new CAF representative. Zach has been working in the UofL CAF office as Director of Development and is taking over for Justin Recktenwald. Justin has moved to Illinois State University to work with Gary Freidman. "I am disappointed that I will not be able to help the CCC this upcoming year as I was looking forward to building relationships with you all. It was an extremely difficult decision for me to make with Louisville being my hometown and UofL being the team I've cheered for since I can remember. I wish the CCC well.", Justin stated. Zach is very well qualified to represent us in all UofL functions. Zach is the one responsible for getting our website link up and running again. Thank you Zach! We look forward to a great relationship with Zach and the CAF.

Welcome to the CCC Zach Brooks!!

Congratulations to Howie and Stacia Lindsey in the birth of their son. We have been waiting along with the proud parents!

Howard Joseph Lindsey IV
Born on 8-17-11 at 7:44 pm
8lbs, 11oz, 21 inches long





ROAD TRIP!!!!!!

The *Louisville Sports Report* is conducting a trip to the **North Carolina-Louisville** football game Oct. 7-10. The tour host will be Howie Lindsey and will be a lot of fun. The bus will leave Friday morning, **October 7**, and arrive in Asheville, N.C. early enough to tour the Biltmore Estate and spend the night in downtown Asheville at the Sheraton. On Saturday the bus will drive to Chapel Hill for the game, spend the night in Chapel Hill and drive to Louisville and arrive Sunday night, **October 10**. The cost is \$399 per person double occupancy. We need about 16 more folks to fill the bus and sure would love to have some of you go. We have a new bus from Miller Transportation for the trip. If you are interested leave a message on our phone (502-636-4330).

Jack Coffee, Louisville Sports Report

We are running short on “gift card” donations for the CCC Holiday Boutique. If you can ask any vendor, restaurant, etc. for a gift card donation will be much appreciated. And if you wish to purchase one for a donation, that will be much appreciated too.

Thank you from the Holiday Boutique Committee.

Sandy Curl has 1 football season ticket for sale. No donation needed. Crunch Zone, Sec. 117, Row U, Seat 1 or 2, \$258.00, face value. Phone 502-937-2049.

CCC membership dues should be mailed to **David Rausch, 4807 Southern Pkwy, Lou, Ky 40214**

Check out the Upcoming Action section for all fall sports home schedule at the University of Louisville and support all UofL athletes and athletics.

Steve McNeil has an extra room available reserved at the Hampton Inn within walking distance of the NC stadium. No game ticket. Please contact Janie or Steve for more info.



CCC CAF Representative Zach Brooks presenting Football Season Tickets and Parking Pass to Misty Roberts winner of the CCC raffle.
Congratulations Misty!!
Go Cards!





ANOTHER CARDINAL FOOTBALL ROAD TRIP

University of Louisville at University of Cincinnati

**Paul Brown Stadium
Saturday, October 8th, 2011
Time TBA**

Depart from Papa John's Cardinal Stadium aprox 4-5 hrs prior to game time TBA

Transportation – Miller Bus Motorcoach

Game ticket - Sec. 212 (aprox 25 yd line with access to Club Room)

Tailgate food provided by Jim Bo's Barbeque – Drinks provided

Cost per person - \$120.00

Deduct \$70 if you have your own ticket

For more information or reservations, contact Doug Hampton

douggin1@att.net or 502-361-3116



CENTRAL CARDINAL CLUB
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 9th, 2011

<u>Present:</u>	President – Steven King	Membership-Willa Schaeffer
	Vice President-Ray Stout	Hospitality-Steve & Janie McNeil
	Past President-Don Hopwood	TLC-Barbara Lavier
	Secretary-Debbie Zipperle	Boutique-Linda Patton
	Treasurer-David Rausch	Communications- Gary Baker
	Special Projects-Gil Sturtzel	CAF-Zach Brooks

At approximately 6:15, President Steven King asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of two of our members who passed away this summer, Nick Strafacci and Wayne Curl. Steven thanked our members for coming to our new meeting place for our kickoff meeting at the PNC Club, which just happens to be where our CCC Holiday Boutique will be held on November 15th, 2011.

Clint Hurtt was our guest speaker for the evening and he didn't leave us disappointed. Clint is our Defensive Line Coach and Head Recruiter and just happened to be recognized as the "top football" national recruiter of the year in the nation thanks to ESPN.com. Way to go Clint! He had spent the previous 3 seasons at Miami, his alma mater, where he was a three year letterman for the Hurricanes as a defensive lineman. Clint received an injury prior to 2001 which ended his playing career, when he then became a volunteer assistant on the strength and conditioning staff.

He informed our group that today was their 6th practice and that on Thursday they would start 2-a-day. He stated that Victor Anderson, who just happened to graduate in 3 years, has assumed one of the leadership roles. He told us that the "offensive line" would be in transition. Clint told us that Josh Chichester is the best tight end in the country and that he will "Not drop the Football!" Our defensive line has much better depth this year and that he is hoping to use an eight man rotation. Dexter Heyman has also come a long way since last year. He said the development of the mean will continue and that winning National Championships is their number one goal.

Clint said that Coach Strong went after the very best talent available and that it includes coaches with great character. It is an unbelievable staff thanks to Tom Jurich and President Ramsey to allow him to go get the very best! In closing Coach Hurtt said he has a GREAT JOB, a GREAT HEAD COACH and a GREAT LIFE, why would he want to go to Auburn and we all say thank you for staying with us here at the University of Louisville. Clint then opened it up for questions from our members and one of the new rules which he said will be very hard to deal with is the Celebration Ruling.

We collected \$220.00 from 50/50 with Kathleen Wagner taking home \$110.00. Door prizes were won by Jackie Hopwood, Carol Pierce, Vicky Schweinhart, and Bob Grammer.

Ray Stout informed us that our guest speaker for September will be Rex Ecarma, UofL men's tennis coach and in October, Mark Crabtree, our UofL men's Golf Coach.

Tonight we also made the motion to give \$50.00 each to the Peck Hickman Camp Memorial Fund in the memory of Nick Strafacci and Wayne Curl. Jim Watkins made the motion with Bill Hancock, seconding the motion and members approving the motion.

Steven King informed our members of the price increase of our meals at the University Club will be \$15.00 per person. He told everyone that you may still come to the meetings without having to eat the meal.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Zipperle, Secretary

