



# The Hurricane Report

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## DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we begin another year and look with anticipation on what successes this year will bring, it makes you think back to all of the fantastic accomplishments over the past few years. Without question, TU has laid claim to being the top school in Conference USA - having won a league-best 25 team championships over the last four years. However, that success and achievement by our student-athletes extends into both the classroom and the greater Tulsa community.

In this first issue of *The Hurricane Report* for 2009-2010 you will find information on upcoming GHC events, including the Rock You Like A Hurricane 2009 Tour, a spotlight on volleyball player, Jennifer Eichler, as well as a preview of all of our fall sports teams (so that you are well-versed for the coming season).

Thank you again for your support and here's to another great year of Golden Hurricane Athletics. Borrowing the lyrics from a classic Frank Sinatra song—"The Best is Yet to Come!" Go TU!

Brian Scislo

## GHC TOUCHDOWN TAILGATES

### Saturday, September 26

**TU vs. Sam Houston State (Kick-off - 6 PM)**

**Time:** 4 PM

**Location:** Chapman Commons

**Menu:** BBQ Brisket, Bologna and Sausage, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, and Assorted Cobbler. Lemonade, Iced Tea, Water and Coffee.

**Reservation Deadline:** Reservations must be made by 12 noon on Wednesday, September 23.

**To make reservations, please call (918) 631-GOLD (631-4653) and follow the voice mail prompts.**

## FEATURED GAMES IN SEPTEMBER

**Cross Country - Hurricane Festival - Sat., Sept. 5 @ 8 AM**

**#12 M Soccer vs. #3 Akron - Sun., Sept. 6 @ 7:35 PM**

**Volleyball vs. Arkansas - Tues., Sept. 8 @ 7 PM**

**W Soccer vs. ORU - Wed., Sept. 16 @ 7:35 PM**

**Football vs. Sam Houston State - Sat., Sept. 26 @ 6 PM**  
**2009 Home Opener**

**\*\*\*\*For tickets, call 631-GoTU (631-4688)\*\*\*\***

## OTHER TU ATHLETIC HOME ACTION IN SEPTEMBER

- Coming off back-to-back Conference USA regular season and tournament championships in 2007 and 2008, the #12-ranked **TU Men's Soccer** team opens up the 2009 regular season home slate by hosting Missouri State on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:05 PM; Seattle on Friday, September 4 at 7:35 PM; and Conference USA opponent Florida International on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:05 PM.
- Second-year TU head coach Kyle Cussen and the Golden Hurricane **Women's Soccer** team will be home in the month of September against Arkansas on Thursday, September 3 at 7:35 PM; and Louisiana-Monroe on Sunday, September 6 at 5 PM.
- The Tulsa **Volleyball** team will be in the friendly confines of the Donald W. Reynolds Center on Tuesday, September 8 at 7 PM when they play host to the Arkansas Razorbacks. They will be back in action on Friday and Saturday, September 11-12 as they host the Radisson Tulsa Airport Invitational. They will take the court against Stephen F. Austin on Friday at 7 PM; and on Saturday against Gonzaga 12:30 PM and Texas Tech at 7 PM.

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# FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

## A SPORT-BY-SPORT LOOK AT THE COMING FALL SEASON FOR TU ATHLETICS

### Football

**Golden Hurricane Offense has led the nation in total offense the last two years, while the defense can be the best since 2005.**

Tulsa football has moved into the national scene once again as the Hurricane has been to a Bowl game in five of the last six seasons, became one of just 11 schools to win 10+ games in each of the last two seasons and has been among the nation's most prolific offenses.

The 2009 edition of the Golden Hurricane returns 40 letterwinners, including 17 on offense and 20 on defense. Among the offensive stars, the Hurricane returns a bevy of running backs and receivers. Deciding on one of three talented quarterbacks to lead this team and the meshing of an offensive line that returns just two of five starters will be keys to the success of this team.

The Tulsa defense, returns eight starters, including all three linebackers and four of five defensive backs. Despite returning just one full-time defensive line starter, the front three for the Hurricane could be dominant.

Tulsa's defense is poised to return to being one of the top defensive units in Conference USA.

### Men's Soccer

**The Tulsa men's soccer team just keeps getting better and better, and even after last season's record-breaking year, the Golden Hurricane hopes to reach new heights in 2009 to commemorate the 30th year of soccer in school history.**

"Our goals haven't changed for this season, we want to win a Conference USA regular season championship and advance to the NCAA Tournament,"

Head Coach **Tom McIntosh** said. "We really have our sights set on being in Cary, North Carolina in December, the final site of the 2009 NCAA Tournament."



McIntosh, who is in his 15th season at the helm of the men's soccer team, led TU to the best season in school history in 2008. The 2009 squad will feature seven seniors, four juniors, five sophomores and 11 freshmen, including seven starters.

Although Tulsa returns 79-percent of its scoring force from last year, the Golden Hurricane will have the daunting task of replacing four key starters from last season.



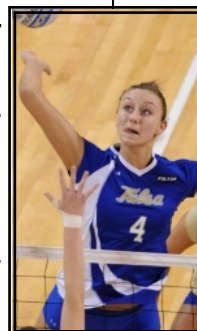
However, Coach McIntosh has a lot of confidence in seniors **Andy Aguilar, Kyle Corrie, Daniel Dittus, Jose Parada, Kilian Poeschk, Joe Salem** and **Thomas Story** to lead this team. "This team has great character" said McIntosh. "They have a love of competition, especially when something is at stake, and they are looking forward to the season ahead."

### Women's Soccer

**Eleven student-athletes will take to the field for their final season with renewed determination to help rebuild the Tulsa women's soccer program before they pass the torch.**

The 2009 squad will feature 11 seniors, two juniors, seven sophomores and 10 freshmen. TU returns 20 letterwinners, including nine starters, and one redshirt freshman and welcomes nine newcomers to the roster.

"This team has its sights set on playing in the Conference USA Championship," said Head Coach **Kyle Cussen**. The 2008



season was a step in that direction as the Golden Hurricane tallied eight wins - nearly tripling the 2007 win mark, and scored six times as many goals.

The Golden Hurricane returns 84-percent of its scoring from last year, but will have to replace two key starters. "We have a very tough schedule ahead," Cussen said. "However, the 11 battle-tested seniors have helped move this program in the right direction."

### Volleyball

**The 2009 TU volleyball team is a young bunch, but Head Coach Ed Allen believes this squad will have great possibilities as it approaches November.**

With six returners - two in each of the senior, junior and sophomore classes - and six incoming freshman, two-thirds of the Golden Hurricane is underclassman. However, with strong leadership and experience from the upperclassman combined with a plethora of incoming talent, Tulsa will once again look to compete for the Conference USA Championship.

"We have a talented group of kids coming in," said **Ed Allen**. "And we have a very experienced group coming back." "We feel like we have a solid core that I think can provide a great foundation for those younger kids."

### Cross Country

The Golden Hurricane men's cross country team is coming off its best season in school history after winning its first C-USA Championship and finishing 13th at the NCAA Championships. Tulsa returns six all-conference performers including 2008 All-American, **John Beattie**.

The women's team returns five letterwinners, including second-team all-C-USA performer **Katie Wright**, from last year's team that placed third at the Conference USA Championships.

# COMPLIANCE



## ORNER

Welcome back for another exciting year of Golden Hurricane Athletics! The University of Tulsa compliance staff is thrilled to introduce the *Compliance Corner* - a monthly column in *The Hurricane Report* that will feature current topics of interest in athletic compliance with the goal of educating our donors about NCAA rules and regulations. We hope that you find this new feature very informative, however if you ever have questions, please call the TU Athletic Compliance Office at (918) 631-2381.

The goal of the Athletic Compliance Office is to ensure that all TU staff members, student-athletes and external constituents (i.e. boosters) are aware of and abiding by all NCAA, Conference USA and TU rules and regulations. As a member of the Golden Hurricane Club, you are considered a "representative of athletics interests," or booster.

Now, let's take a moment to discuss the role athletics compliance plays in relation to an athletics department. Two essential functions for any compliance office are to monitor and educate. When NCAA rule violations are discovered through monitoring efforts, it is necessary to report the violation to Conference USA and the NCAA. Likewise, providing education regarding NCAA rules helps cultivate an environment where all parties involved understand they have a role and responsibility when it comes to NCAA regulations and compliance.

We look forward to working with you and encourage you to **ALWAYS ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!** NCAA rules can be complicated, so if you find yourself in a situation where you have questions, please do not hesitate to

contact us at (918) 631-2381. You can also check us out online at [www.TulsaHurricane.com](http://www.TulsaHurricane.com) and click "Compliance" under the Inside Athletics tab.

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## STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: JENNIFER EICHLER




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**AT A GLANCE...**  
**Class:** Senior - 1L  
**Hometown:** Rapid City, S.D.  
**Height:** 6'0"  
**Position:** Outside Hitter/OPP  
**Major:** Psychology

*This is part of a monthly feature that will spotlight a current TU student-athlete.*

Prior to coming to Tulsa, Jennifer played two years at Western Nebraska Community College where she helped lead the Cougars to the Junior College (NJCAA) national title. Individually, she earned second-team All-America honors as a sophomore.

Eichler was a three-year letterwinner for Stevens (S.D.) High School and as a senior was named to the all-region team. She also lettered in track and field.

Jennifer is the daughter of Darla and Walter Eichler.

TU volleyball senior, **Jennifer Eichler**, kicked-off the 2009 season in grand fashion by leading the Golden Hurricane to the tournament crown at the Bronco Invitational hosted by Boise State. In the process, Eichler was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Last year, in her first season at TU, Eichler started a total of 27 matches for the Golden Hurricane and was named the Conference USA Newcomer of the Year as well as an All-Conference Second Team selection.



**TULSA, Oklahoma** - For the second year in a row, TU is hitting the road this fall for the *Rock You Like A Hurricane 2009 Tour!* The Golden Hurricane Club and the TU Alumni Association invite you to join them for three exciting tailgate parties. This not only provides a great opportunity to socialize with other TU faithful, but gives you a chance to follow the team on the road in what we expect to be another record-breaking season!

For more information or to register, please call the Golden Hurricane Club office at (918) 631-2342 or you can register online at [www.TUAlumni.com](http://www.TUAlumni.com). Game tickets in the TU section can be purchased by calling the Athletic Ticket Office at (918) 631-GoTU (4688).

**Rock You Like A Hurricane  
2009 Tour Stops**

TU @ Tulane - Friday, September 4  
 TU @ Oklahoma - Saturday, September 19  
 TU @ Rice - Saturday, October 3

# 2009 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

## FOOTBALL

09/04 @ Tulane  
 09/12 @ New Mexico  
 09/19 @ Oklahoma  
**09/26 SAM HOUSTON STATE**  
 10/03 @ Rice  
**10/14 BOISE STATE**  
 10/21 @ UTEP  
**10/31 SMU (Homecoming)**  
**11/07 HOUSTON**  
**11/15 EAST CAROLINA**  
 11/21 @ Southern Miss  
**11/27 MEMPHIS**

## MEN'S SOCCER

**09/01 MISSOURI STATE**  
**09/04 SEATTLE**  
**09/06 AKRON**  
 09/11 @ Northern Illinois  
 09/13 vs. Northwestern  
 09/18 vs. Cal State Northridge  
 09/20 vs. Bradley  
 09/26 @ St. Louis  
**09/30 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL**  
**10/03 DENVER**  
 10/07 @ Kentucky  
 10/11 @ South Carolina  
**10/17 UAB**  
**10/21 SMU**  
 10/25 @ Marshall  
**11/01 MEMPHIS**  
 11/07 @ UCF  
 11/13-15 C-USA Championship

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

**08/28 LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE**  
 08/30 @ Oklahoma  
**09/03 ARKANSAS**  
**09/06 LOUISIANA-MONROE**  
 09/11 vs. Kent State  
 09/13 @ New Mexico  
**09/16 ORAL ROBERTS**  
 09/20 vs. Northwestern  
 09/25 @ UTEP  
 09/27 @ Colorado College  
**10/02 HOUSTON**  
**10/04 RICE**  
**10/09 EAST CAROLINA**  
**10/11 MARSHALL**  
 10/16 @ UAB  
 10/18 @ Memphis  
**10/23 SOUTHERN MISS**  
**10/25 UCF**  
 10/29 @ SMU  
 11/4-8 @ C-USA Championship

## CROSS COUNTRY

**09/01 TULSA EARLY BIRD**  
**09/05 HURRICANE FESTIVAL**  
 09/19 @ Missouri State Classic  
 10/02 @ Cowboy Jamboree  
 10/03 @ Notre Dame Invitational  
 10/17 @ Pre-Nationals  
 10/31 @ C-USA Championships  
 11/14 @ NCAA Midwest Regionals  
 11/23 @ NCAA Championship

## VOLLEYBALL

08/28-29 @ Bronco Invitational  
 vs. Cal State Northridge  
 vs. Boise State  
 vs. Northern Arizona  
 09/3-5 @ ORU Classic  
 vs. Oral Roberts  
 vs. Northwestern State  
 vs. Arkansas-Little Rock  
**09/08 ARKANSAS**  
**09/11-12 TULSA INVITATIONAL**  
 vs. **STEPHEN F. AUSTIN**  
 vs. **GONZAGA**  
 vs. **TEXAS TECH**  
 09/18-19 @ Texas-Arlington  
 Invitational  
 vs. TCU  
 vs. Arkansas State  
 vs. Texas Southern  
 09/25 @ Tulane  
 09/27 @ UTEP  
**10/02 MARSHALL**  
**10/03 EAST CAROLINA**  
 10/09 @ Rice  
 10/11 @ Houston  
**10/16 MEMPHIS**  
**10/18 UAB**  
**10/20 ORAL ROBERTS**  
**10/23 HOUSTON**  
**10/25 RICE**  
**10/30 UTEP**  
**11/01 TULANE**  
 11/06 @ UCF  
 11/08 @ Southern Miss  
**11/12 SMU**  
 11/14 @ SMU  
 11/20-22 @ C-USA Championship

All Home Games are in **RED BOLD CAPS**

For game times and schedule updates, please check [www.TulsaHurricane.com](http://www.TulsaHurricane.com)

The University of Tulsa Alumni Association and Golden Hurricane Club announce  
 Official 2009 Football Watch Party location at Fair Meadows Sports Grill in Tulsa

The TU Alumni Association and Golden Hurricane Club invite all alumni and fans to the official Tulsa watch party for all 2009 televised football games at Fair Meadows Sports Grill (4609 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street - behind Big Splash at the Tulsa Fairgrounds).

### Schedule of Watch Parties

Friday, 9/4 • 7 PM • TU @ Tulane

Saturday, 9/12 • 7 PM • TU @ New Mexico

Saturday, 9/19 • 2:30 PM • TU @ OU

Saturday, 10/3 • 7 PM • TU @ Rice

Wednesday, 10/21 • 7 PM • TU @ UTEP