



Evolution

Every Season, Every Team Its Own.

Fall camp left us with many questions that needed answering. Four games into the season and we have some answers. Concerns around replacing four of five starting offensive linemen from a year

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ago have been replaced by the knowledge they have only surrendered one sack. Jonah Hodges has returned with a vengeance after being out much of last year with two TDs of 60 plus yards and 740 all-purpose yards. The toughest thing to remember is that every season and every team is different from those that came before. However, the evolution of the

team over the course of a season is a fascinating process to be involved in. Last season provided many surprises. Essentially our third QB coming out of camp would *take* the starting position. The team would be known for playing tight battles won in the final minutes, if not seconds (i.e. Marist, Campbell, & Butler). It is only at the end of a season when you truly know what kind of team you have. During the season you see flashes of what may be, of what could be. There is one constant regardless of the season. "There are expectations of this program," says Coach Lindsey. "We don't expect to just show up. We don't expect to keep it close. We don't expect to lose. We expect to win!"

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Coach's Note

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It's hard to believe the first month of the season has already come and gone. We went to Cal Poly and saw some really good things from our team. Encouraging things. We are continuing to develop and we have been fortunate to begin with two PFL victories. But we have a long way to go to reach our goal.

I constantly remind the team to focus on what we do. How we do it. And not to worry about what they, our opponents, are doing.

I frequently tell the team, it's about us. It's about U-S-D. I want you to know you are very much a part of the US I refer to.

See you at The Beach.

Go Toreros!

-Dale Lindsey

Field Pass: Dayton Week

Reassert Our Will

Walking down to the practice field at the beginning of our bye week the team found the PFL Championship trophy sitting by itself at midfield. Coach Lindsey explained its appearance at practice, "You

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see that trophy? This is what you're playing for... There's only one goal here. Now, one of these can be yours if you focus and allow yourselves to play UP to your ability. If you do that... you can be champions."

In rivalry games you never expect anything to be easy. But you never anticipate the special teams trifecta of a blocked FG over turned by a roughing the kicker penalty, a fumbled snap of a punt returned for a TD followed by a blocked extra point being thrown for a 2-point conversion and a 15-point swing.

The specter of last season's 1-point loss was on campus, if not in the stadium. Facing the adversity Coach Lindsey has discussed with the team since the first day of camp the message up and down the sideline was 'reassert our will.' We had built a 14-point lead, we had given it away and we

could do it again. It was time to focus and play up to our ability. Big plays by big players and we were up twelve. A sack, an interception, a knee and redemption was ours. The great thing about winning is you get to celebrate for eight hours. Then you wake up and its Butler week.



"The Beach" Torero Stadium

NEXT HOME GAME:
vs Valpo 10/22 at 1pm.



Seven Time PFL Champions

2005 2006 2007 2011 2012 2014 2015



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38-16 34-22*
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44-10
W



TODAY*
1PM



10/15
1230PM



10/22*
1PM



10/29
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11/5*
4PM



11/12*
1PM



11/19
12PM

*Asterisk indicates home game.