



From the Cydline

The Newsletter of the Cyclone Gridiron Club

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Listen Up...

Hello Cyclone Gridiron Club! Welcome to "From the Cydline" our quarterly newsletter for you, the ISU Football superfan! We hope to be able to share with you some interesting Cyclone Football information with each issue and keep you in the loop on CGC-related happenings.

Of course, the biggest thing happening right now is that our membership renewal season is in full swing! We have landed on a new membership platform that will put more tools in your hands for managing your account, including monthly and quarterly payment options, and a CGC membership card you

can download to your phone's wallet. If you have not already received it, be on the lookout for a renewal reminder email.

As the Gridiron Club begins our twentieth full year of incorporation, we are looking forward to fulfilling our mission to provide incremental financial support exclusively to the Iowa State University football program, while providing CGC members access to unique benefits, opportunities and events.

Thank you in advance for your support!
GO CYCLONES!

Ask a Question

If you are not familiar with the Cyclone Gridiron Club, I can imagine you have many questions. Without asking questions, here are a few answers to what our members need to know:

- The Cyclone Gridiron Club is the official support organization recognized by the Iowa State University Department of Athletics.
- All contributions are tax-deductible as allowable by law and go directly to support Iowa State football players, coaches, and staff..
- CGC has raised more than \$4.5 million since its inception for non-budgeted football program expenses.

If you have other questions that we can answer, please reach out to us with an email to info@cyclonegridironclub.com and we will get you an answer.

Spring has Sprung!

The Iowa State Cyclone Football Spring Game was a sure sign that spring had arrived for Cyclone Nation.

This year marks the Cyclone's 9th season under Coach Matt Campbell and the Spring Game gave him an opportunity to see how new recruits and a couple of new coaches can help to direct our Cyclones into another great season.

While many of the starters sat out the game to avoid injuries etc., Coach Campbell and staff got to check out various combinations of people on the field and see who may be able to step up and take the field when we kick off against North Dakota on August 31st.

GO CYCLONES!

Get to Know These New Cyclones

The recruiters and coaches have worked hard visiting potential new Cyclones. They work long hours, travel many miles, meet so many fresh faces and spend long days away from their families, their dedication to the ISU program is a never-ending job and they do it well. Here is the most current list of who to look for:

- **Connor Moberly, quarter back from Southeast Polk.**
- **Keaton Roskop, tight end from Linn-Mar**
- **Garret Rutledge, offensive tackle from Lewis Central**
- **Beau Goodwin, linebacker from Kingsley-Pierson**
- **Cooper Alexander, tight end from Washington, Oklahoma**
- **Jace Gilbert, defensive line from Arrowhead, Wisconsin**
- **Cael Brezina, linebacker from Downers Grove North, Illinois**
- **Dontrell Holt, interior offensive line from Joplin, Missouri**
- **Wade Helton and Brent Helton, a pair of twins who play on the offensive line from Centennial in Corona California.**
- **Marcus Neal, safety from Raytown South in Missouri.**
- **Khijohnn Cummings-Coleman ATH (multi-talented position player) from Coon Rapids, Minnesota.**
- **Dylan Lee, running back from Williams Field, Gilbert, Arizona**
- **Quentin Taylor, safety from Lake Minneola, Florida**
- **Brett Eskildsen, wide receiver from Centennial, Texas**
- **AJ Burton, offensive tackle from Cherry Creek, Colorado**
- **Mason Miller, linebacker from Pine Creek, Colorado**
- **Carson Van Dinter, safety from Kaukauna, Wisconsin**
- **Danny Inglis, ATH, from Canfield, Ohio**
- **Dominic Overby, wide receiver from West Jordan, Utah**
- **Alijah Carnell, defensive line from Bishop Gorman, Nevada**

Cyclone Football 2024 Schedule

Back in the Jack – Home Games

August 31 – North Dakota
 September 21 – Arkansas State
 October 5 – Baylor
 October 19 – UCF
 November 2 – Texas Tech
 November 16 – Cincinnati
 November 30 – Kansas State

In the Sky with Cy – Away games

September 7 – Iowa
 September 28 – Houston
 October 12 – West Virginia
 November 9 – Kansas (GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium)
 November 23 – Utah

Travel with the Cyclone Gridiron Club to:

Houston; West Virginia, Kansas, and Utah.
 Watch for exciting news about travel with the CGC. We always have a fun time!!! More information to come soon.

Please note that our Gridiron Club travel packages will ***not*** include game tickets, so now is the time to go to cyclones.com and order your away game tickets.

Cyreland 2025

The Cyclones have been chosen to play in the 2025 Aer Lingus College Football Classic in Dublin Ireland at Aviva Stadium. While the Cyclone Gridiron Club will NOT be offering travel packages to this exCyting event, we do plan to offer a member activity of some sort. Please be on the lookout for details as we get closer to the date.

Summer Social July 18th

The Gridiron Club will be hosting our annual Summer Social after the Mike Lacey Cyclone Gridiron Golf Classic on Thursday, July 18th at Talons Golf in Ankeny. This year's event will be another fun Gridiron Club activity giving fans an opportunity to connect with ISU coaches and football players. The social hour is once again sponsored by **Top Level Suites**, and dinner will be provided by **Iowa Outlaws BBQ** sponsored by **Absolute Group**. The evening's featured speaker will be Iowa State Head Football Coach Matt Campbell. The evening will also include raffles along with unique Cyclone-

themed silent and live auction items. Check out the details and register now at cyclonegridironclub.com/events. There are still a few golf spots open, so sign up now!



It Takes a Village - or In This Case it Takes a Cyclone Nation

(Editor's Note: In April I sat down with Ryan McGuire, Senior Associate Athlete Director here at Iowa State, to get some clarity and understanding regarding the NIL, the We Will, the Cyclone Gridiron Club and how we all work together to help and enhance our ISU football program.

"In June 2021 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) set out a landmark policy change that would allow college athletes to profit from their Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) rights," commented McGuire.

For many years, the NIL concept prohibited college athletes from making a profit from their identities and this included any potential earnings. The NCAA began feeling the pressure to change restrictions. The changes that they announced included the following:

Student athletes were allowed to capitalize on their personal brands through endorsements, sponsorships, social media and more.

Thus, the beginning of the NIL. So how did ISU athletics become involved? In short, the We Will Collective was born. We Will is the avenue here at ISU to help student athletes navigate through the system.

The We Will aspires to retain athletes that share passion for the Cyclones and encourage them to be community-minded.

In 2023 the Cyclone Gridiron Club chose to support the We Will through the football program to support our football student athletes.

"Through this cooperation of Cyclone Football, the We Will Collective and the Cyclone Gridiron Club, we can support the NIL and be part of the standards with this new industry," commented McGuire.

ISU football student-athletes can secure marketing deals, capitalizing on their success and through these relationships can include endorsement deals, social media partnerships with the student athlete receiving significant rewards.

The Cyclone Gridiron Club funds go directly to support the Iowa State University football program. From support for the game-changing Stark Performance Center or the gameday **CoachComm** system, or even the support of the We Will Collective, the CGC has impacted the program and its players and staff in a variety of ways.

From the Desk of Lynn Marr-Moore

Welcome to my desk.

Cyclone Power. Cyclone Power. Cyclone Power. I guess you could say that is what the Cyclone Gridiron Club is. Although I am relatively new to the Board of Directors, I have learned what the power is in this position. We are a welcoming power. We are all fierce fans. We love to spread the word about what we do. And, we do have a fun time.

I want people to read “From the Cydline” and feel that they have learned something new about the Club and can easily stay connected about what is going on with us and we are always open to suggestions. We have amazing hard-working individuals on the Board of Directors, and I want to introduce them to you:

- President Jay Chapman
 - Vice President Todd Ashby
 - Vice President Lee Griffin
 - Treasurer Jennifer Garrels
 - Secretary Tom Baas
- Board Members: JD Bewley; Tom Boeding; Sarah Dolphin; David Farnum; William Heimbuch; Terry Main; Mark Mores; Carter Albrecht; Ann Bassett; Jim Beckwith; Charley Bogwill; Pat Rowan; Dave Soth; Deanne Stuart; Tim Stuart; Carrie Clausen; Phil Gose; Lynn Marr-Moore; Steve May; Tom Nicholson; Katie White; Mike Marr
- Ex-Officio Board Members: Ryan McGuire and Greg Brabenec

You too, can become one of “us” join in the planning, implementing and of course the end results of meeting new people, have a fun time on a bus trip or in the Sky with Cy to away games. Just reach out to us. Attend a function i.e., Spring Game or Golf Outing. I will be waiting to hear from you here in Cyclone Nation.

Did You Know?

Dwight Nichols – was the first ISU football player to place among the top ten vote-getters in the Heisman Trophy balloting. He finished eighth in the voting.

Nichols was an All-American captain for the Cyclones famed “Dirty Thirty” team in 1959. The team consisted of thirty players. He was a halfback when he was part of the team. He has a list of awards a mile long. He finished his collegiate career with 2,232 rushing yards and 3,949 yards of offense.

In 2009 he was inducted into the Iowa State Hall of Fame. Nichols was a veteran of the Korean War. He also was instrumental in helping to fund the Lied Recreation Athletic Center and having the wrestling facilities named after Dr. Harold Nichols, head coach of the Cyclones for 32 years. The two men were not related but was told that Dwight admired Dr. Nichols and wanted to do this in his memory.

Thank you and GO CYCLONES!