



From the Cyclone

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CYCLONE GRIDIRON CLUB

Pop-Tarts Bowl Champs!

11 Wins Tops All-Time Total

A message from the President - Jay Chapman

What a year! Record-breaking wins and a Pop-Tarts Bowl victory. Last-minute victories and post-season awards. The 2024 season was an all-around success. Thanks to all of you, we were able to break our own record, with our largest donation in support of ISU Football - \$450,000!

As we turn the page to 2025 and look ahead to the upcoming Football season, I hope you can take a minute to renew your Gridiron Club membership. Your support of Matt Campbell and his staff and players is crucial to the long-term success of the program. We also have a lot of fun activities planned for 2025 starting, with our Basketball Game Watch event in February. Check out the details below and thank you in advance for your support!

Go Cyclones!
Jay

BIG XII Standings

FINAL

Team	Big 12 Record	Overall Record
Arizona State	7-2	11-3
Iowa State	7-2	11-3
BYU	7-2	11-2
Colorado	7-2	9-4
Baylor	6-3	8-5
TCU	6-3	9-4
Texas Tech	6-3	8-5
Kansas State	5-4	9-4
West Virginia	5-4	6-7
Kansas	4-5	5-7
Cincinnati	3-6	5-7
Houston	3-6	4-8
Utah	2-7	5-7
Arizona	2-7	4-8
UCF	2-7	4-8
Oklahoma State	0-9	3-9

We Want You!

Interested in helping support Cyclone Football by being a CGC Directors?

We are a working board and always looking for good volunteers to help us support Cyclone Football. Email us at info@cyclonegridironclub.com if interested in being a part of our team!



Quotable Quotes

“Hard to find TEAMS still in college football, but we’ve still got one in Ames, Iowa”

-- Iowa State Head Coach Matt Campbell

“There’s only one...I’m gonna go with Cinnamon Roll.” -- ISU QB and Pop Tarts Bowl MVP Rocco Becht on his flavor of Pop Tart to go down. Photo courtesy @CycloneFB

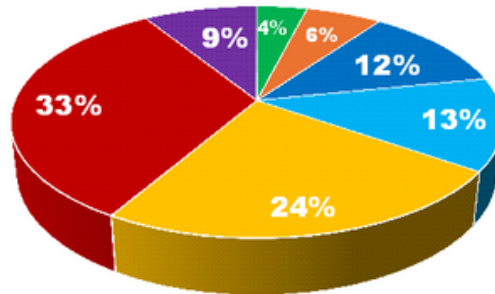
2025 FB Schedule

Tell your fellow Cyclone fans to help support Cyclone football by becoming a member of the Cyclone Gridiron Club (CGC).

The CGC is the official support organization recognized by Iowa State University Athletics. All contributions are **tax-deductible** and go directly to the Iowa State football program. Standard membership is only \$100. [Join today!](#)

The mission is to contribute to the advancement of Cyclone football in a method consistent with the parameters set by the NCAA, the Big 12 Conference, and Iowa State University. Use of Cyclone Gridiron Club Funds is shown below.

Opponent	Date	Location
Kansas State	Aug 23	Dublin, Ireland
South Dakota	Aug 30	Ames, IA
Iowa	Sep 6	Ames, IA
Arkansas State	Sep 13	Jonesboro, AK
BYU	TBD	Ames, IA
Kansas	TBD	Ames, IA
Arizona	TBD	Ames, IA
Arizona State	TBD	Ames, IA
Cincinnati	TBD	Cincinnati, OH
Colorado	TBD	Boulder, CO
Oklahoma State	TBD	Stillwater, OK
TCU	TBD	Fort Worth, TX
Big 12 Championship	TBD	Arlington, TX



- Player / Professional Development
- Bowl Awards
- Coaches Offices / Equipment
- Facilities & Equipment
- Strength & Conditioning
- Strategic Project Reserve
- All Other



2025 Will Be Busy!

A lot of CGC action upcoming

The Cyclone Gridiron Club plans to be active again this season. Check out some of our planned activities for 2025:

- February Member Game Watch
- Mike Lacey Gridiron Golf Classic & Summer Social
- Online Auctions
- Home Pre-Game Gathering
- Away Game Receptions
- Away Game Travel
- CGC Big Raffle
- Bowl Game Reception

Stay tuned to cyclonegridironclub.com/events for all the current info!

Where Are They Now...?

Coach Majors mentors Cyclone QB

John Warder became a Cyclone in 1965. It was not what you would call a typical road to finding excellence on the football field, but it was one that worked for the senior coming out of Palatine High School in Illinois.

Even though Warder only started eight games as a high school senior, he was able to catch the attention of college scouts when he scored five touchdowns in one game. He selected three colleges to visit, Northwestern, Indiana, and Iowa State. Iowa State was his final decision and in 1965 he became the starting running quarterback on the freshman team.

Warder's senior year at Iowa State was, according to him, when everything changed for the better. That is when the legendary Johnny Majors became the new ISU head coach. Spending an entire summer working to become one of ISU's break out quarterbacks and being mentored was a dream come true. "Majors told me that he needed a runner for the triple option offense and felt that I would be great at that, but that I would need to spend the summer in Ames so that they could get me ready for the job," said Warder.



John Warder

By Lynn Marr Moore

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Where are they now? - John Warder

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"I was getting married to my now wife, Sharri Sutton in May, so we spent our summer in Ames." Starting and ending his career as a Cyclone is something that Warder is proud of.

In a recent interview I asked Warder if there was a football player that he would pick to babysit his children. Not hesitating a minute, he answered Brock Purdy." I would pick Brock Purdy. It was not hard to like Brock. He not only performed as well at ISU, but he was a class person and values his faith much like I did when I played for the Cyclones," said Warder.

Warder is a busy husband, father, and grandfather, living in Minnesota. He responded to the question of who he would shine his light on and described his work as a businessperson. "I am focusing on leaders to teach, coach and train them to be more effective leaders with their people under them. I try to be that person to give them the skills based on what I have learned over the years."

Warder explained that what he loved most about ISU football was the comraderies with the guys on the team. Sharing some insight with first year athletes, Warder said that no matter what position they play, to take a learning posture and be patient with all the newness of being at the Division 1 level.

Warder and his wife enjoy riding their bikes and they often ride 25 to 50 miles. When not out on the trails, he enjoys spending time with this children and grandchildren.

"I am at the grandparent stage now," he explains. "And it is fun to see the next generation embrace sports. We have eight grandchildren from seven years old to 24 years old." Reading leadership and personal development books fit into his career for the past 30 years as a principal coach and trainer of his business John Warder Training. He is also a certified professional coach and trainer, a certified Gallup Strength Coach and a CoreClarity trained facilitator.

While playing football at Iowa State, John was not only the quarterback, but also a captain and MVP. Among other life lessons Warder acquired at ISU included being introduced to his hero.

"My hero is the Lord Jesus Christ. I was introduced to Jesus as my personal savior and Lord when I was a first-year student," he concluded.

"Some of the greatest leadership I've watched in my entire life" -- ISU coach Matt Campbell when asked how the 2024 Cyclones were able to win 11 games.

Let's hear from you!

Are you a former Cyclone Football Player?

Did you don the Cardinal & Gold on the gridiron for the Cyclones? Do you want to let Cyclone football fans know what you have been up to? If so, just let us know by emailing us at info@cyclonegridironclub.com and we'll see if we can't get your story out to our membership.



Cyreland 2025 - What you Need to Know

Passports: Make sure that they are up to date and will not expire before the August date of departure. Renew online today so you can follow the Cyclones to Ireland with a valid passport.

Cyclone Club member game tickets will be available January 24, 2025 with general public tickets available February 1.

Once in Dublin, take the bus to where you want to go or bring walking shoes. Be sure to plan to attend the Cyclone pep rally and other events - more info coming soon!



Planning to travel outside of Ireland? New ETA requirements are needed when traveling to the UK. Check out the details here.



AUGUST 23, 2025 | AVIVA STADIUM | DUBLIN, IRELAND

From My Desk

By Lynn Marr-Moore, Gridiron Board Member, Newsletter Writer

Wow! Just Wow! What an amazing season we have had. Football at it is finest. At times though I wondered how many fans were experiencing the result of the Cardiac Cyclones. The result of hours and hours of practice and training and some rehab along the way was just the beginning. Is it okay to enjoy the results of all those hours, not just by the athletes but the entire coaching staff?

Matt Campbell has said that team football is what ISU is all about. Each game has a different rhythm, but the result is playing great team football. He has also said that a failure should never be a wasted experience. His theory of humility makes a good athlete rings so true. Watching him coach our ISU athletes is his joy in coaching. That sums it up – we have the best teachers in our coaching staff and that does not go unrecognized.

Each year Coach has told me that he is not going anywhere. I have always believed what he has said, and our university has rewarded him by extending his contract for another 8 years. We have the best people from the top down. I love the fact that Coach runs his own race. That is a theory that my own dad told me as I grew up and I have told my sons. Run your Own Race!!!

The Cyclone Gridiron Club continues to allow Coach Campbell to run his own race. We donated \$475,000 to support the football program in 2024. It takes all of us and we have fun raising that money. Come join us. Join the Club. Join in on our events.

Get ready for the ride! Go Cyclones!!!

WATCH PARTY

STATE GRIDIRON CLUB

AND ALL-MEMBER MEETING

MBB VS HOUSTON
WBB VS BAYLOR

FEB 22 2025
11 AM

**AUCTIONS
RAFFLES
LUNCH
CASH BAR**

SUKUP END ZONE CLUB

FEATURING CYCLONE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

PHOTOBOOTH INCLUDING THE POP TARTS BOWL TROPHY

Register Here!

Thank you for reading!