

CU football announces Gameday events

Thursday, August 23, 2012

Cumberland University announced its 2012 Gameday events for football season this week, which includes two pregame live music events in the tailgating area, a Kids Zone for all contests with inflatables, face painting and tattoos, and three contests in which fans are asked to wear CU colors – white, black and cardinal.

Before the home opener on September 8 against the University of the Cumberlands, CU President Harvill Eaton will honor a group of guests who helped with the lease on the new football facility at Nokes-Lasater Field, including Cumberland University Board of Trust members and the Wilson County School District and the Wilson County School Board.

Fans are asked to wear white for the contest and the first 500 CU students will receive free t-shirts. Tailgating and live music from the band Kicks takes place from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and the Bulldog men's tennis and women's golf teams will be honored at halftime for their conference championships last season.

US Community Credit Union is sponsoring the September 15 contest against Belhaven University and will serve free hot dogs before the game in the tailgating area. Move Across Wilson will sponsor halftime activities on the field and help publicize the game. Move Across Wilson is a 10-week program that encourages individuals and families to participate in any kind of physical activity for a minimum of 30-minutes-a-day, five-days-a week, for their health. The program is an initiative of the Wilson County Health Council.

Fans are encouraged to wear Cardinal for the Homecoming game on October 6 versus Union College. Live music from the band Michael Vance Trio and free food provided by area churches will be available in the tailgating area. The 2012 Sports Hall of Fame inductees – Chuck MacFarlane, Rick Reeves, Renae Williams and Doug Binkley – will be recognized during the first half and Alumni Award winners will be announced in the second half. The Homecoming Court will be presented at halftime along with the crowning of the King and Queen.

The Bulldogs' October 20 contest against Campbellsville University kicks off at 6 p.m. and fans are encouraged to wear black. Cumberland will take part in a canned food drive before the game benefitting Joseph's Storehouse in Lebanon.

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The final home game of the season on November 3 against Bluefield College gives fans an opportunity to help needy children. Patrons who bring an unwrapped toy will receive half off admission. Cumberland will honor its senior football players before the game and prospective students will be on campus for Preview Day, which also takes place on Sept. 15 and Oct. 6 during the fall.

The Cumberland Nursing program will man a safety and first aid tent for all home games and will also take part in the Move Across Wilson program on Sept. 15 with Health Awareness. CU Student Life will hold a student raffle and cornhole tournaments at all five home games and five CU students will take part in a field goal kicking contest during halftime of the home opener, with the winner receiving a \$200 voucher to the University Bookstore. Anthony Balloon Kid will be on hand in the Kids Zone on Sept. 15 and Oct. 6.