

RPI RENSSELAER FOOTBALL



June 2009

Dear RPI Football Alumni & Friends;

Another school year has ended, as we held this year's graduation on Saturday, May 16. We had a great group of seniors this past year and they will be sorely missed. They went to post season all four years; won three ECAC championships, one Liberty League title and one berth in the National tournament.

We have a pretty good group of players returning who have worked extremely hard in the off season with Kyle Sottung, our new strength coach and Anthony Ortolano, our very fine head athletic trainer. We know everyone will be gunning for us; however that is not a bad position to be in.

I think that our staff did a very good job recruiting this past year. We have commitments from 49 recruits. Some of them were very good high school players.

We have a great staff who are not only excellent recruiters, but take an interest in each of our players helping them academically with bi-weekly reports and the monitoring of our study halls. I think that the members of our staff really care about the players. They want to see them develop as the total student-athlete, who when they graduate, will become outstanding alumni of RPI. I want our players to go out and make a difference. Sure I want them to be successful financially, but as you well know money isn't everything.

Our staff on offense is Pat DelMonaco, offensive coordinator who also heads up our recruiting (6 years), John Maletta, running back coach (11 years), John Barber, quarterback coach (3 years), Chris Sapp, receivers (3 years), Anthony Casale '04, former player (1 year), and Wayne Halayko who is starting his 2nd tour of duty here (4 years). On offense we need to replace Dan Cole '04, one of the all time greats at quarterback. He coached with us for 5 years; however his work schedule no longer enables him to continue coaching.

On defense, we lost our defensive coordinator Chad Martinovich, who has been with us for 5 years and has done an outstanding job. He has become the new Head Coach at MIT and we wish him the very best. Will Headen '89, former player at RPI return for his 20th year as linebacker coach. Kevin King '00 returns for his 5th season also coach of the linebacker's and Blaise Zambrano who has been with us 2 years and has coached the secondary.

We have a couple of spots to fill, but I can tell you it's a great staff. They are all hard working, loyal, and unselfish; all of the things you look for in people to help run a program.

A week ago we had our 12th annual golf tournament. It was a great success as we had our largest turnout ever. The foursome of Carl, Mike, Jeff DeFilippi '97 and Brent Hanson '06 were the winners at 12 under par. Are you wondering how my foursome did? Well, we just got edged out by some 15 strokes. Next year's tournament is set for Saturday, May 15th at Frear Park Golf Course. I know there is no perfect date or place, but I think it's important to have the tournament in Troy, NY, home of RPI. If you can make it, I think that you would have a great time - I know I do.

As I am sure you all know by now, big things this fall with the new football stadium complex. Our first two dates are at home will be against Endicott College on September 12 and Utica College on September 19. The grand opening, Homecoming events are scheduled for Saturday, October 3 vs. Rochester. The school is putting together a great program for the weekend. I hope that many of you can pencil that weekend into your calendar.

I know many of you are facing severe economic times and I also know that tough times don't last, tough people do. We will get through this. As long as you and your family have your health, that's all that matters. I hope to see many of you this fall. I hope that we can continue to put forth a football program that you can be proud of.

Sincerely,

Joe King
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UPCOMING EVENTS

PRE-SEASON OUTLOOK

August 1, 2009

Get all the pre-season details at
www.rpiathletics.com

SCRIMMAGE AND FOOTBALL PICNIC

August 29, 2009

All alumni, parents, and friends are invited. The picnic will be held on campus following the RPI vs. HVCC scrimmage, which begins at 11 a.m. at ECAV. To register, contact Pat DelMonaco at (518) 276-6188 or delmop@rpi.edu.

SEASON & HOME OPENER

September 12, 2009

The 2009 season begins when RPI meets Endicott on the new field. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

ECAV RIBBON CUTTING AND REUNION & HOMECOMING

October 3, 2009

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for the ribbon cutting; tours; a FanFest, featuring food, music & games; and a football game against Rochester. For details, visit www.alumni.rpi.edu/reunion.

SENIOR RECOGNITION

November 14, 2009

Prior to the game against Kings Point, join us to thank the seniors for 4 years of dedication to RPI Football.

YEAR-END BANQUET

January 31, 2010

All alumni are encouraged to attend the banquet, to be held at noon at the Franklin Plaza in Troy. For details, contact Mark Clark '89 at mclark89@aol.com or (518) 631-0424.

AUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 15, 2010

Join us at Frear Park for this annual tradition. For details and to sign up, contact Pat DelMonaco at (518) 276-6188 or delmop@rpi.edu.

RPI FOOTBALL RAFFLE

Enter for your chance to win \$10,000 in our RPI Football Raffle. Tickets will be on sale for \$100 each through the fall and winter. The drawing will be held at the Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament.

There are a limited number of tickets available, so contact Mark Clark '89 at mclark89@aol.com to purchase yours today!

We need your help and your involvement...

RECRUIT

If you see a player that you think can help our program, please let us know about him. Contact Coach King at kingj@rpi.edu or (518) 276-2556, or Coach DeMonaco at (518) 276-6188 or delmop@rpi.edu

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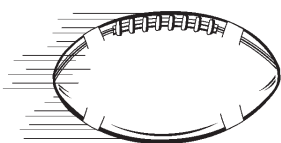
We would love to see you at the games, annual picnic, banquet, and golf tournament. This support is immeasurable! Check out the column on the front page for the dates of upcoming events and visit www.rpiathletics.com for all up-to-the-minute information.

DONATE

Your donations keep our football program alive and strong. You are a part of our football history; consider being a part of our future and help make our dream a reality. To find out more about how you can help, contact Mark Clark '89 at mclark89@aol.com or (518) 631-0424 or visit www.rpi.edu/campaign/athletics.html. **We truly appreciate, and put to good use, every dollar we receive.**

UPDATE

Update your address with us so that we may keep you updated on what is happening with the RPI Football Program. Go to the RPI Athletics Web site at www.rpiathletics.com. Under Men's Sports, click on **Football** and then click on **Alumni Questionnaire** on the right.



2009 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
September 12	Endicott	ECAV	1:00 p.m.
September 19	Utica	ECAV	1:00 p.m.
September 26	* WPI (<i>Transit Trophy Game</i>)	Worcester, MA	2:00 p.m.
October 3	* Rochester (<i>Homecoming</i>)	ECAV	1:00 p.m.
October 17	* Susquehanna	Selinsgrove, PA	1:00 p.m.
October 24	* St. Lawrence	ECAV	1:00 p.m.
October 31	* Union (<i>Dutchman Shoes Trophy Game</i>)	Schenectady, NY	Noon
November 7	* Hobart	Geneva, NY	Noon
November 14	* Kings Point	ECAV	1:00 p.m.

* - Liberty League Game

All home games shown LIVE via the Internet at www.b2livetv.com/

All home games broadcast LIVE on WRPI, 91.5 FM or on the Internet at www.wrpi.org

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