



Lehigh South Side Boosters

Our purpose ... To follow, support and encourage Lehigh University athletic endeavors and in doing so to develop bonds of friendship between the university and the public.

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Edition 196

2011 FOOTBALL

Sept 3 @ Monmouth

Sept 10 vs, New Hampshire

Sept 17 @ Princeton

Sept 24 vs. Liberty (H)

October 1 vs Yale (H)

October 8 @ Bucknell

October 15 @ Fordham

October 22 Open

October 29 @ Colgate

Nov 5 vs Holy Cross (H)

Nov 12 vs. Georgetown (H)

Nov 19 vs. Lafayette (H)

UPCOMING LEHIGH BOOSTER EVENTS

Bus Trip to Monmouth Game
Saturday, September 3rd
Only 2 seats remain

Home Tailgate Kickoff
Saturday, September 10th
Vs. New Hampshire
10AM at the Booster Pavilion

Bus Trip to Princeton Game
Saturday, September 17th
We have a waiting list for the second bus—call today!

Home Tailgate
Saturday, September 24th
10AM vs. Liberty

Lehigh-Lafayette Pep Rally
Thursday, November 17th
At SE-WY-CO Fire Co.

Are you ready for some Football ?

Rising senior linebacker Mike Groome and junior wide receiver Ryan Spadola continue to garner numerous individual honors as on Friday, they were both named preseason All-Americans by *The Sports Network*. Groome was named to the Second Team and Spadola to the Third Team. Both have also received preseason All-America recognition from *Phil Steele Magazine* and *Consensus Draft Services* and were both ranked among the top 10 FCS players at their position.

In addition, *Phil Steele Magazine* named Groome and Spadola to its All-Patriot League First Team. Groome earned Second Team All-America honors by that publication while Spadola garnered Fourth Team laurels. Both were also named to the College Football Performance Awards Watch List.

Lehigh garnered 58 points, including eight first place votes in the preseason poll. The Mountain Hawks edged Colgate for the top spot as the Raiders received the remaining six first place votes and totaled 55 points overall. Holy Cross earned 38 points, to edge out Lafayette for third in the poll, with Georgetown and Bucknell rounding out the six-team poll. Fordham was once again not eligible for inclusion in the poll or preseason voting because it will not be able to compete for the Patriot League Championship

in 2011, and its games against League members will not count towards the final standings.

Four from Lehigh football were named to the 2011 Division I FCS Watch List on Thursday, as announced by the College Football Performance Awards (CFPA). Recognized among the top players at their respective positions were Chris Lum (quarterback), Ryan Spadola (wide receiver), Mike Groome (linebacker) and Tanner Rivas (linebacker).

A rising senior captain, Lum enjoyed a stellar 2010 season in his first year of starting duty. He completed 58 percent of his passes for 2,881 yards and 19 touchdowns in leading the Mountain Hawks to a Patriot League Championship and NCAA First Round win at Northern Iowa. He then went on to complete 35 -of-58 passes for 362 yards in the Second Round at eventual National Finalist Delaware

Rivas started all 13 games a year ago, finishing with 71 total tackles which stood fourth on the Mountain Hawks. The rising senior has enjoyed success on and off the field, being named both a Second Team All-Patriot League and Academic All-Patriot League honoree. He also finished second on the squad with 9.5 tackles-for-loss and five sacks.

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Upcoming Booster Activities and Events

Season tickets are on sale now. Season tickets guarantee a ticket for the Lafayette game. Special pricing for South Side Boosters: \$65 each. Regular general admission season tickets are \$85 each.

3-game mini plans are also available for \$57 (chairback) and \$49 (general admission). These also come with Lafayette as one of the three games. Call Rich Haas in the Lehigh ticket office for your special Booster incentives at 610-758-4263.

The kick-off home tailgate on Sept. 10th will once again feature Margaritas to help cool down that hot summer sun. Come early and come thirsty as we

will have a limited supply available. At our next tailgate vs. Liberty we hope to featuring Pierogies and/or fries but don't quite have that confirmed as of this writing. October first vs. Yale is Dollar Beer Day. Then we go on the road for a while but come back to Jello-shots, cabbage and noodles and of course the Chili Cook-off.

Football Luncheons will once again resume on Wednesdays 8/31 at 1:00 at Starters on Rt 378.

Watch the BIG BOARD at home tailgates for updates and info on exact dates for all of these goodies. We'll make it happen You'll make it fun!

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2011 Season Football Trip Info

TRIPS INCLUDE: Bus Transportation, Game Ticket, Tailgate Lunch and Refreshments on the bus and Lodging (Colgate Trip)

MONMOUTH, Long Branch, NJ -- SEP 3 --Cost \$58 p/p. Deposit \$25 p/p with your reservation. Final payment due August 1st. Only 2 seats remain.

PRINCETON -SEP 17 -- Cost \$58 p/p. Deposit \$25 p/p with reservation. Final payment Aug 15. Probably will be a night game. This trip is SOLD OUT but we have created a waiting list for bus two. Call Chip to get your name on the list.

BUCKNELL B- OCT 8 -- Cost \$84 p/p Deposit \$35 p/p with reservation. Final payment due Sept 1. Includes meal at the Country Cupboard Buffet (4:45pm) following the game & free time to shop. Arrive home around 830pm. This trip is SOLD OUT but we have created a waiting list for bus two. Call Chip to get your name on the list.

FORDHAM -- OCT 15- - Cost \$64 p/p. Deposit \$30 p/p. Final payment due Sept. 1. Travel to New York City & Bronx with a return home immediately after the game. Approximately 7:30pm. Hurry, only ten seats remain on bus #2.

COLGATE--Oct 29 & 30 --Cost \$180 p/p dbl occ, \$230 single. Deposit \$60 p/p with final payment due Sep 1. Leave Sat morning 6am (Trans Bridge Upper Lot) to Hamilton, NY. After the game depart for Turning Stone Inn & Casino, Verona, NY. 1 Night Lodging, hospitality room, Dinner Buffett, \$40 Casino Free Play Coupon, shuttles to & from hotel, continental breakfast on Sunday. Leave for home around 11am arrive home around 3pm. Only four more seats for this fantastic overnight trip remain.

CANCELLATION POLICY --- Cancellations 21 days prior to the trip will receive a full refund less any expense the club may experience. If you or the Booster Club finds a replacement you will receive a complete refund. Same policy will apply to multi day trips, however, we (the Boosters) may lose control of the funds after deposits to our providers, bus company, hotel, tickets & etc.

CALL CHIP at 610-837-2829 or 610-739-5653 OR EMAIL: WHOCHIP@ENTER.NET**

Checks made payable to: "Lehigh South Side Boosters"

Mail checks to Lehigh South Side Boosters, attn: Lenny Barkis, 1032 Wood Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Your reservation will not be confirmed until your deposit has been received.

Bits and Pieces of Information you should know!

2011 - 2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's that time of the year again and we all need To get to work and renew your membership for the new season. As you long time members know, we have not increased dues in next to forever but alas this year is the year. The costs for running the tailgates, tent rentals, food and beverage costs and equipment costs have all gone up and we need to make sure we can balance the budget. The increase we are looking at is very slight. Individual memberships will be priced at \$20 each, plus an additional \$10 for additional household members. A husband and wife will pay just \$30. You can do your renewal now simply by

sending a check made payable to "Lehigh South Side Boosters" along with a note on who the memberships are for to the address shown below. **Include a "self addressed-stamped envelope" if you want your card and parking pass mailed to you.** If you have any questions, please give Lenny a call directly at 610-865-9680 and he can explain the new format to you. If you plan to go on any trips, you do need to be a member of the club. Guests are not allowed on any trips. All club members must be 21 or older.

This newsletter is published throughout the calendar year whenever there is something you need to know. Any errors made are done so to make sure you are paying attention. All omissions are just our way of justifying the next newsletter.

Will Rackley Update from Jacksonville, FL



WILL RACKLEY #65
6-3 • 309 LBS. from LEHIGH
BORN 10/11/1989
RIVERDALE, GEORGIA.
3RD Round of the 2011 Draft
(76th overall pick)
Guard/Center

Physical, athletic lineman has ability to play guard and tackle ... Starred in East-West Shrine Game ... Four-year starter ... Began collegiate career at guard before making move to tackle ... First player drafted by the Jaguars from a Patriot League school ... Highest drafted Lehigh player since 1974 and the first player to be drafted since 1995 ... Selected with pick obtained from San Francisco for 3rd and 6th-round picks (80, 182).

COLLEGE: Four-year starter at Lehigh ... Three-time All-Patriot League selection ... Began career as a guard before making move to tackle for final three seasons ... Started 45 of 46 games and ended career with 40 straight starts with 35 at LT and 10 at RG ... Finished career with 85.2 percent grade for blocking consistency, 300 knockdowns and 35 touchdown-resulting blocks ... Part of OL that allowed only 14 sacks in 2010 ... Graduated in May with a degree in product design ...

2010: Started all 13 games at LT and led team to Patriot League Championship ... Served as team captain ... First-team All-America selection by The NFL Draft Report, College Sporting News and Associated Press ... Was first Lehigh player to receive consensus All-America honors since 2004 ... Earned first-team All-Patriot League for third consecutive season ... Led team to 8-3 mark ... Registered 88 knockdowns and 12 touchdown-resulting blocks ... Part of OL that allowed only 14 sacks, the second-fewest in league and 16th in nation ...

2009: Started all 11 games at LT ... Third-team AP All-America selection ... First-team All-Patriot League choice ... Member of

Patriot League Academic Honor Roll ... Had 81 knockdowns with nine touchdown-resulting blocks ... Paved way for an offense that averaged 124.5 rushing yards per game ...

2008: Moved to LT and started all 11 games ... Entered camp at 295 pounds and bulked up after move from G to OT ... First-team All-Patriot League selection ... Part of OL that allowed only 19 QB sacks ... Registered eight touchdown-resulting blocks and 79 knockdowns ... Named team's top offensive lineman ...

2007: Started 11 games at RG as a true freshman ... Was first true freshman to start in 20 seasons at school ... Played at 270 pounds. **HIGH SCHOOL:** Attended Riverdale (Ga.) High School ... Played under head coach Nick Davis ... Was first-team All-Area offensive lineman and second-team All-Area defensive tackle ... Served as team captain ... Tulane was only school to offer college scholarship.

PERSONAL: Single ... Resides in Riverdale, Ga. ... Grew up in Fayetteville, North Carolina where he played RB as a child ... Spent time at IMG Academies in Florida working out prior to NFL Scouting Combine ... Born in Athens, Greece ... Father was in military ... Twitter handle is @WillRackley ... Full name: William Rackley.

Are you ready for some football Continued from page one

As the Lehigh football team opens its second week of preseason camp, the Mountain Hawks learned Monday that they earned a preseason national ranking in the first of two major polls to be released. Lehigh is ranked 13th in The Sports Network/Fathead.com FCS Top 25 announced Monday. The Mountain Hawks won their ninth Patriot League title in 2010 and are the only Patriot League squad to be ranked in the top 25.

Two teams on Lehigh's 2011 home slate are ranked in the top 25. The Mountain Hawks will open their home schedule against preseason No. 10 New Hampshire on September 10. The Wildcats were a NCAA quarterfinalist a year ago and were one of seven teams to earn at least one first place vote in this year's preseason poll. Preseason No. 22 Liberty will also visit Goodman Stadium on September 24.

In Memory of our departed Friends

RAYMOND T GREGOREK - On July 23 we lost a part of the BOOSTER (trustee) family who passed away at a young age of 68. Ray served in our organization for the past 10 years and was a refreshing addition that played many roles but, was always there to assist in our daily functions. We all enjoyed his friendship that seemed to brighten a room whenever he appeared..

Ray joined our organization when his son, Michael arrived at Lehigh while older son Brian was at LAFAYETTE and actually played against each other in Brian's final game. He was so proud of both of them and continued to become a LEHIGH fan while enjoying many of our away trips. Besides his family, Marilyn and daughter Allison, his true love was following PENN STATE football and the long rich tradition at Happy Valley.

On September 10, first home game, New Hampshire, at 11am we will pay respect to RAY with a moment of silence and a toast in his memory. As we remember one of his classic sayings as he finishes that beer "You know what it taste like..... how about another"

Ray you may be gone..... but not forgotten.....Rest in peace.

Harry Grigg who recently joined our organization not knowing we existed (hard to believe) passed away the first week of last month. Harry joined us on all our trips last year and was again signed for all of the 2011 season. Harry's membership was short lived but was a die hard Brown & White supporter who will be missed. His passion continued as he was loyal basketball fan as well. Harry you are up there with all the other "Brown and White" supporters who left us too early.

**Would you or someone you know like to be added to the Southside Booster email list-serve?
Get Booster updates and news and info from around the Lehigh University locker rooms.
Email Dennis Greenzweig at financial-connections@rcn.com to be added to the list!**

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People in the News!



Congratulations to 2011 graduate **ERICA PROSSER** who recently was signed to play professional basketball in Sweden. Good Luck Erica! Also, former Lehigh Women's softball star, **Lisa Sweeney**, is serving as an assistant coach at the University of Pennsylvania. The former standout set many pitching records while at Lehigh. We wish her well, except, when playing against LEHIGH. Lehigh rising junior guard **C.J. McCollum** was ranked atop the list of a recent Bleacher Report article titled "College Basketball's Top 25 Players You Might Not Know, but Should." Entering the 2011-12 season as the nation's leading returning scorer, McCollum continues to receive national attention as one of the top players in Division I basketball. Former Lehigh standout **Matt McBride** and three other minor league prospects were part of a blockbuster trade announced Saturday night that sends them from the Cleveland Indians to the Colorado Rockies for All-Star pitcher Ubaldo Jimenez. The deal is pending a physical. The only position player involved in the trade, McBride will likely be assigned to Double-A Tulsa or Triple-A Colorado Springs. Former Lehigh standout and current Jacksonville offensive lineman **Will Rackley** signed his first NFL contract on Thursday afternoon. He then participated in the Jaguars' evening session later that day. Selected in the third round (75th overall) of

April's draft, Rackley became the eighth Lehigh football player selected since the modern draft began in 1967. Recently graduated guard **Michael Ojo** has signed professionally with the UCP Marjon Plymouth Raiders, as announced by the club on Wednesday. From the British League, the Raiders play in the top league in England. For the second straight year, a Lehigh women's lacrosse player has advanced to the second round of U.S. Senior National Team tryouts. After Lauren Dykstra and MaryLeah DiNisco did so last summer, rising junior midfielder **Julie McBrien** has followed suit this year. Lehigh catcher **Liz Lucas** capped off one of the finest offensive seasons in school history by being named an ECAC All-Star Wednesday afternoon. Lucas led the Mountain Hawks in batting average, doubles, home runs and runs batted in as part of her sensational sophomore campaign as she became Lehigh's first softball ECAC All-Star since 2008. Sophomore **Andrew Krentz** became the fourth Lehigh men's tennis player to be recognized by the league as he was named to the inaugural Academic All-Patriot League team. Krentz was deemed to be one of the top six men's tennis scholar-athletes in the Patriot League, as voted on by the league's sports information directors.

Congratulations to all these fine athletes on their achievements. The Lehigh South Side Boosters are behind you all the way!