

Football Fever

Tickets now on sale
for 2007 season

Tickets for the 2007 TROY Trojans football season, including a visit to Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium by the Oklahoma State Cowboys of the Big 12 Conference, are now on sale.

The Sept. 14, nationally televised (ESPN2) matchup with the Cowboys marks the second time the Trojans will welcome a Big 12 Conference team to TROY. The Missouri Tigers paid the Trojans a visit in 2004, bringing with them a No. 17 national ranking. TROY prevailed 24-14 in front of a Thursday night national television audience.

Troy University Director of Athletics Steve Dennis says that bringing quality, “big-name” competition to TROY is great for the fans but also speaks to the growth of the program.

“Having teams like Oklahoma State on campus brings Troy University national attention,” Dennis said. “We feel we have a first-rate facility and a wonderful University to spotlight to a national audience. As we continue to move forward, games such as this one help to put us on the map nationally. It is great for our fans, and we hope that the Trojan nation will come out and show its support for our program.”

In addition to the game against Oklahoma State, the Trojans will play four other home games this fall – Louisiana-Monroe (Sept. 29), North Texas (Oct. 20 – Homecoming), Middle Tennessee (Nov. 20) and Florida Atlantic (Dec. 1).

Reserved seat tickets for the games against Oklahoma State and the homecoming tilt against North Texas are \$24 each. Reserved seats for the Trojans’ other three home games are \$20 each. General admission tickets for all five games are \$15 each.

Season ticket packages are available for as little as \$50 for general admission up to \$100, plus seat license fee, for reserved seating.

In addition to tickets for the Trojans’ home schedule, tickets for Troy’s seven road games are also available through the TROY Ticket Office. Tickets for TROY road games, particularly for the game on Sept. 8 at Florida, are available only through the TROY priority system.

Check the Ticket Office page at www.troytrojans.com for more information on all tickets for the 2007 season or call 877-878-9467.



Andrew Davis

Trojan Warrior program offers new opportunities to support athletics

The Troy University Department of Athletics is working on adding members to the “team behind the teams” through its new Trojan Warrior program.

The newly implemented program provides opportunities for Trojan alumni, fans and friends to play a vital role in the growth and success of TROY athletics, according to Alicia Bookout, director of development and annual giving for TROY athletics.

“Becoming a part of the Trojan Warriors program is really like becoming a part of the ‘team behind the teams’,” Bookout said. “The success of our student-athletes and our athletic programs depend on the support of our season-ticket holders and donors. The Trojan Warriors program provides those who support TROY athletics with the opportunity to become an integral part of an active and meaningful support system that educates, houses, trains and coaches student-athletes.”

The program is made up of five levels of giving – Trojan Warrior (beginning at \$100), Black (be-

ginning at \$600), Silver (beginning at \$1,200), Cardinal (beginning at \$2,500) and All-American (beginning at \$5,000). Once contributions exceed \$75,000, the donor becomes a member of the Trojan Sword Society.



In addition to the opportunity to support TROY athletics, Trojan Warriors receive benefits based on their level of tax-deductible contribution and accumulate points that help determine ranking for season ticket placement, as well as purchase of post-season tickets.

“Over the last several years, our Athletics Department has witnessed unprecedented growth and success,” said Steve Dennis, director of athletics.

“With the help of numerous people, TROY athletics has seen countless on-the-field achievements, as well as academic accomplishments. The financial support of the TROY nation is vital to our continued growth and success.”

To learn more about the program, click on the Trojan Warrior link on www.troytrojans.com or contact Alicia Bookout at 334-670-3683.

Mayworth wins national title

Going into the final round of the College National Finals Rodeo, Troy University’s Ben Mayworth sat in second place in the tie-down calf roping competition.



Mayworth

Mayworth, a sophomore from Sebring, FL, was the only Trojan of the eight to make the trip to the Casper, WY, Events Center for the 59th championship rodeo with a chance at a title, but he had to watch as cowboy after cowboy failed to post a time in the championship round.

By the time his turn to compete came up, Mayworth not only had to worry about posting a time, but bettering the performance of Montana West-

ern’s Kyle VanBiezen, whose final round time of 8.5 seconds had vaulted him from 10th to first with an aggregate time of 42.1 seconds.

Mayworth was up to the challenge, posting a run of 10.8 seconds to move past VanBiezen into first place, with only Tennessee-Martin’s Boyd Quinley left to ride. Quinley, who had been the event leader all week, appeared to have captured the title with a time of 11.3 seconds in his run, but that score was nullified when his calf kicked loose, giving Mayworth the national title.

With Mayworth’s performance in the finals, the TROY men moved into a final position of 14th with 270 total points at the finals.

The Trojan rodeo team began competing in fall 2002 in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association’s Ozark region.

Weidlich named Academic All-America

Troy University senior baseball standout Kevin Weidlich became the first Trojan student-athlete since the move to Division I to earn first-team academic All-America honors when he was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America® Team.



Weidlich

A native of Plano, Texas, Weidlich is the third student-athlete in TROY history to earn first team Academic All-America honors. He joins Joey Singleton (1990-91) and David Banks (1984-85), both former Trojans baseball players, to be honored on the Academic All-America team.