

# GRIDIRON NOTES

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## Special Points of Interest in this Issue:

- Falcon Bowl Pick Challenge ready for year 2.
- Falcon Football wish list.
- "By The Numbers" a look at who's doing what this off-season.

## FALCON BOWL PICK CHALLENGE READY TO ROLL

Along with this newsletter, players will find the second annual Falcon Football Bowl Pick Challenge. Fill out your picks and win yourself some bragging rights. Last year's champion - Carter Thompson - is looking to repeat, will a new winner be crowned? Will it be you? Sheets need to be turned in to Coach Mosier by Friday December 16th at 3:00 pm.

This year participants will pick 20 bowl games. Each game is assigned a point value, with early bowls counting for 1 point, New Year's Day bowl games 3, BCS games 5 and the National Championship game 7. Each participants overall record will also be tracked during the competition.

Best of Luck

## Off-Season I-on-I Meetings

Many meetings have been accomplished and things are going quite well with those that have been held. Some have gotten pushed back or missed, but we'll get them re-scheduled.

These meetings are an opportunity to talk about your feelings about the program, view evaluations that were filled out by your position coaches and talk about goals you have for next season.



## Happy Holidays

The Falcon Football Program would like to wish you and your family the best this holiday season. Enjoy this time with family and friends as you recharge and prepare for the final two terms of this school year. Eat lots of goodies, give plenty of gifts and watch all kinds of football!

## WHO'S DOING WHAT THE OFF-SEASON?

At our off-season meeting the Monday after the Burlington game we talked about off-season expectations. Two of those were: participate in another sport and/or get in the weight

room. So how are we doing? The Falcons have 26 players involved in a winter sport - 12 in basketball, 12 in wrestling, and 2 swimming. That number equals 25 percent of the potential

104 who have indicated that they will play football in the fall of 2012.

Weight room attendance has been better compared to last year and the effort so far



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**OFF-SEASON NUMBERS GAME**

has been solid each session.

A look at the weight room numbers will tell us, however, that we still need to see more football players in the weight room.

Of the 63 potential varsity players, 10 are out for another sport, leav-

ing 53 who we should be seeing in the weight room. We've averaged 21 Varsity players lifting each session since Nov. 7 when we started our off-season lifting program. That means that 40% are in the weight room on a consistent basis.

The proof is in

the pudding, as they say, and the bottom line is we need more participation! What have you done to help these numbers?



**Falcon Wise Men**

Congratulations to the following players for achieving MAC All-Academic Honors!

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Shawn Simmons   | JP Menard     |
| Skylar Moore    | Sebastian Roe |
| Brady Mangles   | Laken Fluegel |
| Kenny Thompson  | Josh Wendell  |
| Joe Briel       | Dylan Wiley   |
| Tyler Lightner  | Seth Stoube   |
| Daniel Belz     | Jordan Koos   |
| Matt Heeren     | Brett Mengler |
| Khamani McQueen |               |
| Carter Thompson |               |

**2012 Schedule**

- Aug. 24 @ Pleasant Valley**
- Aug. 31 vs. Burlington**
- Sept. 6 vs. Bettendorf**
- Sept. 13 @ Assumption**
- Sept. 21 vs. North (HC)**
- Sept. 28 @ North Scott**
- Oct. 5 vs. Clinton**
- Oct. 12 vs. Central**
- Oct. 20 @ Muscatine**
- Oct. 25 First Round Playoffs**

**NEVER TOO EARLY...**

The schedule found on the left shows you how next season is going to go.

Now, at the end of our season there was some discussion about district football for class 4A resulting in a new schedule for the Falcons. Well, as you can see from the schedule, the state has decided to keep things the way they are, for now. Don't be surprised if this topic is revisited in years to come.

Again this season we will play some JV games - hopefully 4, but those have not been scheduled at this point. We are looking to play UT, DeWitt, Rock Island, and a 4th team yet to be determined.

Stay tuned for more information on our prescribed path of mayhem!

**"It is a rough road that leads to heights of greatness"**

**- Seneca**



**FALCON FOOTBALL WISH LIST**

There are many things the Falcon Football program is looking at purchasing this off-season. We will be able to make many of these things become a reality thanks to your fundraising efforts with the discount cards!

Already ordered and on the way:

- Portable Kicking Net
- Easy Hold holder for our place kicker

The two items just mentioned will arrive and be used all winter in the basement for punters and place-kickers!

- New practice pants for the varsity.
- More girdles
- More practice belts

The following items we hope to order soon:

- a blaster: piece of equip-

ment players run through helping develop great ball security.

- Goal boards for the locker room.
- Headsets
- Replacement practice jerseys.

Also - be prepared for a new and improved film room next season!!! Its going to be awesome!

