



# STORM GAME NOTES



**11X INDOOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 11X**

## WEEK 7 VS MASSACHUSETTS PIRATES

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### 2024 STORM SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
March 22	@ Quad City Steamwheelers	(L, 38-32 OT)
March 29	@ Massachusetts Pirates	(L, 49-41)
April 14	Tulsa Oilers	(L, 56-40)
April 19	@ Green Bay Blizzard	(L, 48-35)
April 27	Massachusetts Pirates (Fargo, ND)	7:05 PM CT
May 3	Green Bay Blizzard	7:05 PM CT
May 10	Quad City Steamwheelers	7:05 PM CT
May 18	@ Jacksonville Sharks	7:05 PM CT
June 1	Iowa Barnstormers	7:05 PM CT
June 8	Vegas Knight Hawks	7:05 PM CT
June 15	@ Tulsa Oilers	7:05 PM CT
June 22	@ Frisco Fighters	7:05 PM CT
June 29	Jacksonville Sharks	7:05 PM CT
July 6	@ Quad City Steamwheelers	7:05 PM CT
July 13	@ Iowa Barnstormers	7:05 PM CT
July 20	Green Bay Blizzard	7:05 PM CT
July 27	IFL Playoffs Week 1	TBD
August 3	IFL Playoffs Week 2	TBD
August 10	IFL National Championship	TBD

### THE MATCHUP: WEEK 7 VS MASSACHUSETTS PIRATES

#### SIoux FALLS STORM

2023 RECORD / CONF. RECORD.....11-7 / 9-5  
 HEAD COACH.....ANDRE FIELDS  
 RECORD WITH SIoux FALLS STORM (YEARS)..... 0-4 (1)  
 CAREER RECORD..... SAME  
 LAST GAME..... 4/19/24 @ Green Bay Blizzard (L, 48-35)

#### MASSACHUSETTS PIRATES

2023 RECORD / CONF. RECORD.....9-7 / 7-4  
 HEAD COACH..... CORY ROBERSON  
 RECORD WITH PIRATES (YEARS)..... 4-1 (1)  
 CAREER RECORD (YEARS) ..... SAME  
 LAST GAME.....4/12/24 vs QC STEAMWHEELERS (L, 54-43)

### LAST TIME THEY MET: STORM FALL TO PIRATES IN 49-41 SHOOTOUT

The Sioux Falls Storm hit the road for a second consecutive week, facing another challenging Eastern Conference opponent in the Massachusetts Pirates. Both teams exchanged blows with big offensive plays, but the Pirates walked away from this shootout with a 49-41 home win over the Storm.

Sioux Falls quarterback Billy Hall led the offensive attack, throwing three touchdown passes and running in three more scores on the ground. He finished the night 11-for-17 in the pass attack for 179 yards and added 10 carries for 36 yards.

Second year running back Xavier Jackson finished the night with 58 total yards of offense and two receiving touchdowns. Wide Receiver Kentrez Bell also played well in the loss. Bell finished the night as the team's leading receiver, hauling in three catches for 70 yards and a score.

Massachusetts Quarterback Alejandro Bennifield outduelled Hall on Friday night, throwing for 173 yards and five touchdowns. Bennifield was incredibly accurate, going 15-for-16 in pass attempts, including three passes of 30 yards or more.

Four different Massachusetts receivers scored a touchdown on Friday night. Isaac Zico was the leading receiver, finishing with four catches for 60 yards and a score. Thomas Owens had three catches for 46 yards and two touchdowns.

Pirates Running Back Jimmie Robinson had three touchdowns on the night, including an eight yard receiving score.

### 2024 TEAM COMPARISON

SIoux FALLS STORM		MASS. PIRATES
37.0	SCORING AVG PER GAME	43.2
91.0	RUSHING AVG YDS PER GAME	98.2
112.8	PASSING AVG YDS PER GAME	125.6
203.8	AVG. OFF. YDS PER GAME	223.8
29	3RD DOWN CONVERSION	40
9	4TH DOWN CONVERSION	13
9	TOTAL PASSING TD'S	16
11	TOTAL RUSHING TD'S	13
10.74	AVG YARDS PER CATCH	10.30
3.8	AVG YARDS PER RUSH	4.2
42-309	PENALTIES / YARDS	35-361
11-4	FUMBLES-LOST	6-2
2	OFFENSIVE PASS INT	3
29	RUSHING 1ST DOWNS	37
26	PASSING 1ST DOWNS	34
0-5	FGM - FGA	2-5

**SCOUTING THE MASSACHUSETTS PIRATES**

The Massachusetts Pirates finished the 2023 Indoor Football League season with a 9-7 record, finishing as the 3 seed in the Eastern Conference. The Pirates were 7-4 against Eastern Conference opponents last season, and finished with a 7-0 home record. The Pirates went 2-7 in road matchups.

Massachusetts is off to another hot start (4-1), led by 2nd year quarterback Alejandro Bennifield, who currently ranks 3rd in the IFL in pass completions. Bennifield has gone 58-for-91 in the pass attack while throwing for 644 yards (2nd in IFL) and 15 passing touchdowns (2nd in IFL).

The Pirates have a dangerous wide receiver group with Isaac Zico leading the charge with 17 receptions (tied 4th IFL), 232 yards (tied 4th IFL), and 5 touchdowns (tied 6th IFL). Teo Redding is also having a good start to his 2024 season, hauling in 16 receptions and 171 yards while grabbing 4 touchdowns.

Calvin Bundage leads the Pirates defensively, ranking 7th in the IFL in total tackles with 24 in five games played. Bundage is also 2nd in the IFL in sacks with 2.5 so far this season.

Former Sioux Falls Storm ballhack Eugene Ford is tied for the league lead with 4 interceptions in 5 games played. Ford had 9 interceptions in his rookie season with the Sioux Falls Storm.

**SCOUTING THE SIOUX FALLS STORM**

The Sioux Falls Storm finished the 2023 Indoor Football League season with a 11-7 record and an Eastern Conference Championship title..

The Storm offense ranked 4th in the IFL last season in touchdowns (121) and 7th in points per game (46.4).

QB Lorenzo Brown Jr. was the top offensive threat, finishing 3rd in the IFL in rushing touchdowns (33) and tied for 4th in passing touchdowns (48).

Former Las Vegas Knight Hawks backup Billy Hall has taken over as the organization's starting QB this season and is off to a solid start. Hall currently ranks 6th in the IFL in rushing with 152 yards on the ground. His 5 rushing touchdowns are tied for 5th in the IFL this season.

Hall is 27-for-44 in the pass attack, throwing for 330 yards and 5 touchdowns.

The Storm re-signed Lorenzo Brown Jr. last week. He is expected to serve in a backup roll the season behind Hall.

The Storm reloaded at the Wide Receiver position with the addition of ALL-IFL receiver Kentrez Bell, who led the IFL with 1,092 receiving yards. Carlos Thompson Jr. also returns to the Storm offense after one season in San Diego with the Strike Force.

**A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN**

The Sioux Falls Storm Indoor Football Team announced on August 11th, 2023 that Andre Fields will become the third Head Coach in the history of the organization.

Fields will replace longtime Head Coach and General Manager Kurtiss Riggs, who steps down as the winningest head coach in the history of the game. Riggs holds a 268-67 overall record (.800 winning percentage) in 20 seasons, and a 37-7 postseason record (.841 winning percentage) that included 11 Indoor Football Championships.

Fields was inducted in the Storm Hall of Fame in 2021 and just completed his 10th season overall as a member of the Storm coaching staff. Fields served as Defensive Coordinator and Assistant Head Coach during the 2023 Eastern Conference Championship season.

Fields previously served as the Defensive Coordinator for the Storm during the 2010-2011 seasons and was a member of the coaching staff for five Storm Championship teams, working primarily with the defensive backs.

Fields won four Indoor Football championships with the Storm as a player and was a key member of the unit that won 40 consecutive games, including back-to-back undefeated campaigns during the 2006 & 2007 seasons.

**2023 SIOUX FALLS STORM RECORD WHEN...**

WHEN SCORING FIRST .....	6-0
WHEN OPPONENT SCORES FIRST .....	5-7
WHEN SCORING LAST.....	7-3
WHEN OPPONENT SCORES LAST .....	4-4
WHEN LEADING AFTER FIRST QUARTER.....	8-0
WHEN TRAILING AFTER FIRST QUARTER.....	3-6
WHEN TIED AFTER FIRST QUARTER.....	0-1
WHEN LEADING AT HALFTIME .....	7-1
WHEN TRAILING AT HALFTIME.....	4-6
WHEN TIED AT HALFTIME.....	0-0
WHEN LEADING AFTER THIRD QUARTER.....	7-1
WHEN TRAILING AFTER THIRD QUARTER .....	3-6
WHEN TIED AFTER THIRD QUARTER.....	1-0
RECORD AT THE DENNY SANFORD PREMIER CENTER.....	6-2
RECORD ON THE ROAD.....	5-4
RECORD IN NEUTRAL SITE GAMES .....	0-1
RECORD ON FRIDAY.....	3-1
RECORD ON SATURDAY.....	7-5
RECORD ON SUNDAY.....	1-1
1:05 PM KICKOFF.....	0-1
5:05 PM KICKOFF.....	1-1
6:05 PM KICKOFF.....	1-0
7:05 PM KICKOFF.....	9-4
8:05 PM KICKOFF.....	0-1
WHEN POSTING MORE RUSHING YARDS.....	6-3
WHEN POSTING FEWER RUSHING YARDS.....	5-4
WHEN POSTING MORE PASSING YARDS.....	4-1
WHEN POSTING FEWER PASSING YARDS.....	7-6
WHEN POSTING MORE TOTAL YARDS .....	5-2
WHEN POSTING FEWER TOTAL YARDS .....	6-5

**THE LEGEND OF QB LORENZO BROWN JR.**

Quarterback Lorenzo Brown Jr. cemented himself as one of the greatest players in the organization's history. The University of Sioux Falls alum won United Bowl Championships in 2015, 2016, and 2019 with the Sioux Falls Storm.

The future Hall of Fame QB returned for one final season in 2023 and helped guide the Storm to another Championship Game appearance.

The Storm would lose to the Bay Area Panthers in the IFL National Championship, but Lorenzo went out with a bang.

Brown Jr. ran for a season-high 120 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns. Brown Jr. also added two passing TD's in the loss.

Lorenzo's 120 rushing yards are the most by a Storm player in a post season game in franchise history.

**LORENZO BROWN JR. ALL-TIME RECORDS IN STORM HISTORY**

2nd All-Time in Pass attempts – 1,736 (Terrance Bryant – 2,268)  
 2nd All-Time in Pass completions – 1,067 (Terrance Bryant – 1,491)  
 2nd All-Time in Pass yards – 13,287 (Terrance Bryant – 15,011)  
 2nd All-Time in Pass TD – 268 (Terrance Bryant – 280)

1st All-Time in Rush attempts – 1,036  
 1st All-Time in Rush yards – 4,118  
 1st All-Time in Rush TD – 154  
 2nd All-Time in All-Purpose Yards – 5,579

**LORENZO BROWN JR. POSTSEASON RECORDS IN STORM HISTORY**

Most rushing yards in a postseason game – 120 yards (8/5/23 vs Bay Area)  
 1st All-Time in Postseason Rush TD - 32  
 1st All-Time in Postseason Pass TD – 44  
 1st All-Time in Postseason Rush attempts – 195  
 1st All-Time in Postseason Rush yards – 716

**STORM HOST 1ST PLAYOFF GAME SINCE 2019**

The Sioux Falls Storm returned to the IFL postseason in 2023 after missing the playoffs with an 8-8 finish during the 2022 campaign.

The Storm's 1st round home win over the Massachusetts Pirates (42-39) was the first home playoff game for Sioux Falls since the 2019 season.

The Storm defeated the Tucson Sugar Skulls 50-57 (6/23/19) inside the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center before road wins against the Iowa Barnstormers and Arizona Rattlers on the way to the franchise's 11th National Championship.

Sioux Falls' last playoff appearance came during the 2021 season, suffering a 69-42 1st round road loss to the #1 Arizona Rattlers (8/29/21).

**KING CLAUDE RETURNS TO STORM NATION**

Two-time IFL Champion and All-IFL Defensive Lineman Claude Davis returns to the Sioux Falls Storm for the upcoming Indoor Football League season.

Davis won the IFL championship two times with the Storm, winning titles during the 2016 and 2019 seasons.

Davis last played for the Sioux Falls Storm during the 2019 season, spending five total seasons with the organization during the 2015-2019 campaigns.

Including the playoffs, Davis has racked up 213.5 total tackles (163 solo) with the Sioux Falls Storm.

He currently sits in the top 10 all-time in franchise history in career tackles for loss (6th place- 59), sacks (8th place- 25), forced fumbles (8th place- 5), and blocked kicks (5th place- 6).

Davis needs 36 total tackles this season to move into the top 10 all-time in Sioux Falls Storm history.

During his first year with the Storm (2015), Davis recorded 16 tackles for loss, 9th most all-time in Storm single season history. He backed that up with 15.5 tackles for loss the following season, giving him 31.5 TFL over a two-year run.

In the history of Storm Indoor Football, only Nate Fluit (39.5 TFL, 2003-04) had more tackles for loss over a two-year period.

Davis started the 2023 season with the Sioux City Bandits in the NAL before catching on with the IFL's Duke City Gladiators.

He appeared in five games for Duke City, recording 5.5 sacks and 15 total tackles. His 7.5 tackles for loss were second most on the team last season, trailing Jimmy Thomas, who finished with 10.5 TFL over a 14 game stretch.

**COACH FIELDS NAMES 2024 TEAM CAPTAINS**

Sioux Falls Storm Head Coach Andre Fields announced Team Captains for the Sioux Falls Storm ahead of their Week 1 road matchup with the Quad City Steamwheelers.

Storm running back Xavier Jackson is the only returning player from last years Eastern Conference Championship team to be named a team captain this season.

Veteran defensive lineman and two-time IFL Champion, Claude Davis brings leadership and experience to the Storm locker room for the 2024 season.

Joining Davis as team captain will be former Quad City Steamwheelers defensive back Kendrick Gladney Jr.

Former Vegas Knight Hawks quarterback Bill Hall has also been named a team captain for the 2024 Sioux Falls Storm roster.

**"LAST CHANCE U" STAR RETURNS TO SIOUX FALLS**

Former "Last Chance U" star Carlos Thompson returns to the Sioux Falls Storm after a one-year stint with the San Diego Strike Force.

Last season, Thompson appeared in 15 games for the San Diego Strike Force, finishing 3rd on the team in yards (661) and receptions (50). He also finished 2nd on the team in TD (16).

Thompson joins former Strikeforce teammate, Kentrez Bell on the Storm roster this season. The dynamic duo combined to haul in 132 catches and over 1,700 yards and 40 touchdowns last season in San Diego.

Thompson recorded 690 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns with the Sioux Falls Storm during the 2022 IFL season.

He also carried the ball 14 times for 58 yards and three scores. Thompson showcased his versatile skill-set on defense racking up 30 total tackles (20 solo) and two pass breakups. He also posted 20 kick returns for 246 yards and a touchdowns on special teams.

**FORMER STEAMWHEELER SIGNS WITH SIOUX FALLS**

Former Quad City Steamwheelers defensive back Kendrick Gladney Jr. has signed on with the Sioux Falls Storm for the 2024 Indoor Football League season.

Gladney Jr. joins the Storm after an impressive 2023 season in Quad City.

Gladney appeared in 15 games for the Steamwheelers, finishing with 53 tackles (35 solo) and snagged 3 interceptions.

He also finished the season second on the team with 12 recorded pass breakups, solidifying his reputation as a formidable force in the secondary.

**FORMER USD COYOTE JOINS STORM SECONDARY**

Former University of South Dakota Coyote Elijah Reed has signed a contract with the organization for the 2024 Indoor Football League Season.

Reed appeared in 47 games at USD, earning team captain honors during his Junior and Senior seasons.

Reed split time between corner and safety, recording 258 total tackles to go along with four (4) interceptions and five (5) forced fumbles over parts of five seasons at the collegiate level.

The Aurora, CO native finished in the top-4 at USD in tackles from 2019-2021 and led the Coyotes with a season-high 12 tackles against North Dakota State in the season finale of his senior season.

Reed also finished his final season at USD ranked seventh (7th) nationally with four forced fumbles.

Prior to joining the Sioux Falls Storm, Reed earned a mini-camp offer from the New York Jets in the Spring of 2022. Reed also spent time with the XFL's Arlington Renegades during the 2023 season.

Sioux Falls Storm Head Coach Andre Fields and Storm Linebackers Coach Mark Blackburn both played their college football at USD and are both in the Sioux Falls Storm Hall of Fame.

**LAST STORM WIN JULY 29TH, 2023**

For the first time in franchise history, the Sioux Falls Storm find themselves at a winless 0-4 start, a stark departure from their storied legacy of success.

The last time the Storm faced such adversity was in 2004, opening the season with an 0-2 start before eventually rebounding to an 11-3 record, albeit falling short in the United Bowl championship against the Lexington Horsemen.

The Storm's last win came July 29th, 2023, against the Frisco Fighters in the IFL's Eastern Conference Championship, the weight of their 273-day winless streak looms heavy. This streak extends back to their defeat at the hands of the Bay Area Panthers in the IFL National Championship Game, marking an overall five-game losing skid.

Throughout their 24-year tenure, the Storm have faced and overcome adversity before. Notably, in the 2005 season, they endured a four-game losing streak from June 11th to July 2nd before clinching victory in United Bowl 1 against the Sioux City Bandits (40-38).

The longest losing streak in franchise history remains the six-game slump during the 2001 season. After starting the season with a promising 4-0 record, the Storm lost six straight from May 5th to June 9th before ultimately losing to the Wyoming Cavalry in the semifinals.

**UNDRAEZ LILLY MAKES SEASON DEBUT**

Sioux Falls Storm defensive lineman Undraez Lilly will make his 2024 season debut tonight in Fargo, ND against the Massachusetts Pirates.

Lilly started the season on the PUP List while recovering from a shoulder injury.

The injury actually occurred during the 2023 season, forcing Lilly to wear a protective wrap around the injured arm. Lilly played through the injury, finishing with 39 total tackles, including 12.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks.

The Montevallo, Alabama native has appeared in 32 games for the Storm over the past two seasons, totaling 15 sacks and 88 total tackles (54 solo). Lilly appeared in three IFL playoff games last season for the Storm recording 6 tackles (4 solo) including a sack in the Eastern Conference Championship game against the Frisco Fighters.

During his time with the Storm, Lilly has consistently showcased his ability to disrupt opposing offenses and earning accolades for his performance. His tenacity and passion for the game exemplify the values of the Storm organization, making him an ideal fit for the team.

Lilly was a member of the IFL's All-Rookie Team in 2022 while also earning All-IFL Second Team honors. Lilly's 9.5 sacks during his rookie season were tied for a league high. He enters the 2024 season ranked 9th on the Storm's career sack list with current teammate Claude Davis sitting ahead of him in 8th place with 25 career sacks.

**AMIN BLACK OFF TO HOT START IN 2024**

Rookie linebacker Amin Black has been a force for the Storm defense so far this season. The Former Villinova Wildcat earned the starting linebacker role after an impressive training camp.

Black has appeared in three games so far this season for the Sioux Fall Storm, racking up 24 tackles including four tackles for loss.

Black did not play in last weeks road loss to the Green Bay Blizzard, but is expected to return to the lineup this week in a neutral site game against the Massachusetts Pirates in Fargo, ND on Saturday, April 27th.

**BILLY HALL MAKING THE MOST OF OPPORTUNITY**

Quarterback Bill Hall joined the Sioux Falls Storm Roster this season after after spending most of the 2023 campaign as the backup for the Las Vegas Knight Hawks.

Hall won the QB battle out of training camp and has continued to impress early in the season and currently ranks in the top 10 in a number of IFL offensive categories.

Entering the April 27th game against Massachusetts, Hall ranks 9th in pass completions (42), 8th in passing yards (489), third in rushing attempts (49) and rushing yards (231).

Hall also ranks 10th in the IFL in passing TD's (9) and ranks 9th in the IFL in rushing TD's (6).

**PENALTIES PILE UP EARLY IN THE SEASON**

The Sioux Falls Storm enter tonight's game in Fargo, ND leading the the IFL in total penalties.

The Storm's 42 penalties in four games are the most by any team this season.

The Storm also enter tonight's game ranking 4th in penalty yards (309). The Tulsa Oilers (318), The San Antonio Gunslingers (337), and the Massachusetts Pirates (361) all have more penalty yards this season.

Last season the Storm played in 18 games including the IFL National Championship and had the 2nd fewest penalties in the IFL (88) and the third fewest penalty yards (638).

**CATCHING UP WITH KENTREZ BELL**

Kentrez Bell has been the most reliable receiver for the Sioux Falls Storm this season. Over the first four games, Bell has hauled in 14 catches for 201 yards and three touchdowns.

Bell leads the team in both receptions and receiving yards, and is currently tied for the team lead in receiving touchdowns with running back Xavier Jackson (3).

Bell was the IFL's leading receiver during the 2023 season. The Kansas City, MO native was the only IFL wideout to eclipse 1,000 receiving yards during the regular season and finished the year with 24 touchdowns.

Bell also finished the season with a league-best 72.8 receiving yards per game.

The Kansas City, MO native recorded at least one touchdown in 13 of 15 games last season with the San Diego Strikeforce and posted seven games with multiple touchdowns scored.

Bell is currently in his fourth IFL season, previously playing two years with the Iowa Barnstormers (2021-2022).

**CAM HARRELL HAS ARRIVED**

Rookie defensive back Cam Harrell has been a pleasant surprise for the Storm so far this season. He made a name for himself during the Storm's season opening road game against the Quad City Steamwheelers. Harrell intercepted a pass on the goal line and took it the length of the field for a pick-six. It was the first touchdown of the season for the Storm.

Harrell is currently 5th on the team in total tackles (18) and has recently gotten involved in the kick return game and now leads the team with 8 kick returns for 159 yards, including the longest return of the season at 47 yards.

**ANDRE FIELDS - HEAD COACH & DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR**

**ANDRE FIELDS** enters his first season as the Head Coach of the Sioux Falls Storm.

The 2024 season will be Fields' 11th season overall on the coaching staff.

Fields will continue to focus on Defensive Backs and Defensive Coordinator duties along with Head Coaching responsibilities.

Coach Fields has been part of 5 Championship teams with the Sioux Falls Storm as a coach and has worked with numerous players who have gone on to earn All-IFL and Special Teams Player of the Year honors.

Andre played 8 seasons of Professional Indoor Football, 7 of those with the Sioux Falls Storm (2003-2009) where he holds the record of 108 consecutive starts.

During the 2004 & 2005 seasons, Fields was voted First team All-League at Cornerback. He won 4 championships with Sioux Falls and was a starter for the Storm squad that won 40 consecutive games, which included back-to-back undefeated seasons in 2006 & 2007.

In 2021 Andre Fields was inducted into the Sioux Falls Storm Hall of Fame.

Fields is a Chicago native and a 1999 graduate of the University of South Dakota. He was a 4yr starter on the Coyote football team at Cornerback. In 1995 he was voted Freshman of the year by the team. During his time as a Coyote he played both Corner and Safety, earning All-Conference honors at Cornerback his Senior Year.

Off the field Coach Dre works in Sales and is active in the community as a youth football coach. In his free time he is attending his kids sporting events. Andre and his wife Liz, have 3 kids: Storm Cheerleader Shaleah, and 2 boys, Damaris and Amari.

**CORY JOHNSEN - SPECIAL TEAMS / DEFENSIVE LINE COACH**

**CORY JOHNSEN** will be entering his 18th season (10 as a player, 8 coaching) with the Sioux Falls Storm.

Johnsen boasts 10 years of indoor playing experience. The Aberdeen, SD native came to the Sioux Falls Storm in 2006 and served as the Nose Tackle for 10 seasons, winning 8 Championships, and was part of the Storm's 40-0 run from 2006-2008. Prior to playing for the Storm, he attended St. Cloud State University, a Division-2 member in the North Central Conference. Cory saw substantial playing time as a redshirt freshman, started three seasons for the team. He was Second Team All-NCC his Junior year, and Pre-Season 1st team All-NCC his senior year.

During Cory's 10 year career with the Storm, he has numerous All-League honors. He is the Storm's All-Time Sack leader, and holds the team record for most total wins as a player. Johnson is also tied for second in team history in career TFL's (Tackles For Loss), tied for team lead in Career Forced Fumbles, ranks fourth in Career Blocked Kicks, and holds a Career Win-Loss record of 151-16. Cory was a 2017 IFL Hall of Fame inductee and 2021 Sioux Falls Storm Hall of Fame inductee.

Cory, his wife Nikki, and children Marley and Baker currently reside in Sioux Falls. Cory is the Director of Operations and Digital Marketing for Michels Communications Corporation.

**MARK BLACKBURN - LINEBACKERS COACH**

**MARK BLACKBURN** returns to the Sioux Falls Storm Coaching staff for the 2024 season and will serve as Linebackers coach for the Storm defense..

The Los Angeles, California native played seven season for the Sioux Falls Storm from 2003-2010 and holds the teams career record in tackles (715.5). Blackburn finished his hall-of-fame career ranking 5th all-time in team history in sacks (28.5), tied for 3rd all-time in team history in interceptions (17), and is 3rd all-time in team history in pass breakups. The University of South Dakota alum was instrumental in Storm's first championship run, playing LB in the organization's first four championship wins. Mark had his legendary number 14 retired and was inducted in the IFL Hall of Fame in 2016.

Blackburn is a 5-Time IFL All-League selection, a 4-time Indoor Football Champion and a United Bowl MVP.

Mark is blessed to have a wife Nicole and their two beautiful children, Jadaya 12 and Isaiah 11.

**PEYTON RIGGS - OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / RECRUITING COACH**

**PEYTON RIGGS** returns for his second season as offensive coordinator of the Sioux Falls Storm.

Last season Riggs helped guide the Storm to the IFL National Championship Game in Las Vegas. The Storm Offense finished 7th in the IFL last season, averaging 46.4 points per game. The Storm scored 121 touchdowns during the 2023 season, ranking 4th in the IFL. The Storm's 63 rushing touchdowns were third most in the league.

Riggs spent the 2022-2023 football seasons working with the University of Washington football team serving as an Offensive Recruiting Analyst and Scout.

**TERRANCE BRYANT - QUARTERBACKS COACH**

**Terrance Bryant** returns to the Sioux Falls Storm for the first time since the 2019 season after spending 11 years on the staff from 2009-11 and again from 2013-19.

The Indoor Football League (IFL) Hall of Famer will serve as the Quarterbacks Coach in his return to Sioux Falls.

Bryant's illustrious 7-year career with the Sioux Falls Storm as a player began in the winter of 2005. During his career, Bryant led the Storm to five United Bowl Championships (2005-2008, 2013). He was named United Bowl MVP twice (2006, 2013).

Bryant was also an All-League Selection in the UIF during the 2006, 2007, and 2008 seasons and was named League MVP in 2006. For his career, Bryant passed for 15,011 yards and 280 touchdowns.

**PAUL KIEZER - OFFENSIVE LINE**

**PAUL KIEZER** returns for his 17th season of Sioux Falls Storm Football. The Hull, IA native was an offensive lineman for the Storm during the 2007 and 2008 seasons, winning United Bowl championships in both seasons.

Keizer has assisted with offensive line and strength and conditioning for the Sioux Falls Storm since 2009

He graduated and played football collegiately at South Dakota State University.

Paul's and his wife April have two boys, Jamison and Griffin.

**KRISTIAN PORTER - RUNNING BACKS COACH**

**KRISTIAN PORTER** is entering his third season with the Storm coaching staff.

He is a native of Hawarden, Iowa and attended West Sioux High School. Porter was a running back at the University of Sioux Falls and ranks 9th all-time in program history with 2,081 yards and was a key contributor during the 2008-11 seasons where they went 34-1 and went undefeated in back-to-back championship seasons.

Kristian is a regulatory compliance officer at CEGA Innovations.

**BEN GANNON - ATHLETIC TRAINER**

**BEN GANNON** returns for his second season with the Sioux Falls Storm after two seasons as the University of Sioux Falls Head Football/Cheer Athletic Trainer. Prior to USF, Gannon served as the Head Athletic Trainer for Sioux Falls Canaries Baseball, where he worked with professional and Olympic baseball players.

A native of Richmond, CA, graduating from Richmond High School in Richmond, CA, in 2014, Ben earned a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training from Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU) in Mitchell, SD, in 2018. In 2020 he attained a MA in Educational Policy and Administration from DWU. While at DWU, Ben played on the offensive line for the football team.

Ben is a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC), a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT), licensed in South Dakota (LAT), and a member of the National Athletic Training Association. He currently serves with the South Dakota National Guard.

**KIM STORY - EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

**KIM STORY** enters her first season as the Equipment Manager for the Sioux Falls Storm.

Kim holds an associates degree in Marketing from STI and has her paramedics license from Avera School of Emergency Medicine. She is also a part-time substitute teacher in the Sioux Falls School District.

Story is married to her husband, Seth. They have three kids, Evalynn (14), Erindella (10), and William (7).

**LANE KROPUENSKE - VIDEO MANAGER**

**LANE KROPUENSKE** enters his seventh season with the Sioux Falls Storm.

Lane grew up in Viborg, South Dakota and is currently attending the University of Sioux Falls. Lane is currently studying Sports Management while getting his minor in coaching.

**SIoux FALLS STORM OFFICIAL ROSTER**

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	PRO EXPERIENCE
1	Carlos Thompson Jr.	WR	5-10	185	Texas Tech	Houston, TX	San Diego Strike Force
2	Undraez Lilly	DL	6-1	240	West Alabama	Montevallo, AL	Sioux Falls Storm
3	Billy Hall	QB	6-3	205	Reinhardt	Oneida, TN	Vegas Knight Hawks
4	Xavier (ZAY) Jackson	RB	5-11	190	Central Missouri	St. Louis, MO	Sioux Falls Storm
6	Donnie Corley Jr.	WR	6-1	185	Texas Southern	Detroit, MI	Sioux Falls Storm
8	Lorenzo Brown Jr.	QB	6-0	185	U. of Sioux Falls	Bristol, CT	SF Storm   AZ Rattlers
11	Dean Sarris	K	6-0	170	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Canton, OH	
12	LaRonji Vason-McCoy	DB	5-11	185	West Georgia	Montgomery, AL	Sioux Falls Storm
13	Kentrez Bell	WR	6-3	185	Oklahoma State	Kansas City, MO	San Diego Strike Force
15	Claude Davis	DL	6-4	271	U of South Florida	Lakeland, FL	Duke City Gladiators
16	Isaiah Blackmon	DL	6-4	260	Belhaven	Tuscaloosa, AL	Sioux Falls Storm
18	Jalen James	LB	6-0	245	Benedictine	Cleveland, OH	Sioux Falls Storm
19	Draysean Hudson	WR	6-1	200	Western Illinois	Berkeley, CA	Sioux Falls Storm
20	Manase Time	DB	6-0	205	Hawaii/Idaho St.	Long Beach, CA	Potsdam Royals
22	Bryson Denley	RB	5-10	190	Bowling Green	Cibolo, TX	Sioux Falls Storm
23	Kendricks Gladney Jr.	DB	6-0	205	Coastal Carolina	PG County, MD	Quad Cit Steamwheelers
24	Elijah Reed	DB	6-3	210	South Dakota	Aurora, CO	Arlington Renegades (XFL)
26	Cam Harrell	DB	5-10	185	Iowa / Southern Miss.	Kankakee, IL	
41	KeShawn Williams	RB	5-8	200	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, AR	
44	Dajon Emory	DL	6-2	265	Arkansas State	Bridgeview, DE	Green Bay Blizzard
56	Amin Black	LB	5-10	225	Villanova	Philadelphia, PA	
65	McClean Djouha	OL	6-8	338	Indiana University (PA)	North Potomac, MD	
70	Ty Cobb	OL	6-2	295	Bemidji State	Mounds View, MN	
73	Javion Caldwell	OL	6-6	315	Grandview University	Chicago, IL	Baltimore Ravens
78	Daizion Carroll	OL	6-2	305	North Texas	Waco, TX	
80	Cedrick Williams	DB	6-0	205	Texas Southern	College Station, TX	
88	Lorenzo Thompson	WR	6-3	200	Hampton	Baltimore, MD	Saltillo Dinos
92	Logan Swanson	DL	6-3	311	Augustana	Mankato, MN	Sioux Falls Storm
--	Tyrell Thompson	DL	6-4	290	Tarleton State	Copperas Cove, TX	Green Bay Blizzard

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**OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / RECRUITING** - PEYTON RIGGS  
**DEFENSIVE LINE / SPECIAL TEAMS** - CORY JOHNSEN  
**LINEBACKERS** - MARK BLACKBURN  
**QUARTERBACKS** - TERRANCE BRYANT  
**OFFENSIVE LINE** - PAUL KIEZER  
**RUNNING BACKS** - KRISTIN PORTER

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**MCCLEAN DJOUHA**..... MICK CLEAN DOO HAA  
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**DEAN SARRIS**..... SARR - IZ

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**SHORT TERM IR** - RB KESHAWN WILLIAMS  
**SHORT TERM IR** - DL ISAIAH BLACKMON  
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