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Countdown to the 2009 Season: A Week With Stephen Hunt

Sunday, February 1, 2009

Day 1

Practice

Today was the first day of official practice and as I said in my last entry, everyone was very excited to get underway. The day began early as stretch and catch was scheduled for 8:15 a.m. We started out with a couple of team defense drills and then went into what we call the "lightning drill". The lightning drill is basically the batting practice drill we do before every game throughout the season. After that, we went into our practice game. The game was a bit choppy and as a team we made several mental errors which was disappointing. Other than that, the game was very competitive on the physical side. **Ryan Lockwood** showed why he is one of the best players in America when he blasted a home run over the right field fence in his first at bat. Matt Quevedo and Matt Stull both started for their respective teams and had solid outings for the first time out. We will have a meeting tomorrow to go over some of the mistakes and we should have a more solid practice mentally and physically next time out.

Rest of the Day

After practice I was pretty tired and ready for nap. However, I gained a bit more energy when the opportunity to grab a free lunch with my mom and the Pietzryk family presented itself. After I ate, I headed back to my apartment and took a quick nap before the Super Bowl. After waking up, I headed over to Shawn Sanford's and Teddy Kauffman's to watch the game with some of my teammates and a few members of the softball team. The Sanford house is always a good place to watch a game. It has a nice TV and a big living area which makes it easy to have a good time. After the game we went home and most everyone went bed. However, **Jon Kosco** and I stayed awake to catch a special hour episode of The Office which followed the Super Bowl. After that I hit the bed to rest up for an early weight training class.

Thanks for reading!!!! More next time.....

Saturday, January 31, 2009

Blog

Hey Bulls fans! My name is **Stephen Hunt** (sophomore) from Brandon, Fla., and for the next week I will be writing a daily blog in the hopes of giving the fans some insight into the lives of not only myself, but also my teammates on and off the field.

First off, I want to start by saying that it was very exciting to have the Pittsburgh Steelers on campus this past week. It was unbelievable to see how big those guys really are up close. With that being said, my teammate Sean Buckley was unimpressed. The 6 foot, 3 inch rail thin first baseman who commonly refers to himself as "the Spartan" jokingly talks about the ridiculous idea that his body is somewhat comparable to those of Big Ben and Hienz Ward.

School

So far this semester is moving along pretty smoothly in the classroom. I am taking sign language, introduction to communications, weight training and history of technology. All of my classes are at eight in the morning so that has been a bit of a challenge for me, but so far I have managed to wake up and make it there on time. That being said, one thing has just been eating away at me on the academic side. I can't seem to get over the fact that **Jonathon Kosco** beat me out for the Nesquik student-athlete of the week. I mean, let's be honest, biochemistry is not that hard of a major. Anybody can rock out a 3.9 while taking classes such as anatomy and chemistry. I wish **Kosco** could spend a week trying to pass weight training and sign language. That's all I have to say about that!

Off the Field

These days, my life and the lives of my teammates off the field is pretty quiet. To be honest, most of the time we just hang out at our apartment and rest up for the next day's grind. After a day of class, weights, practice and conditioning, most of us just like to relax and watch TV or do homework (actually all of us usually watch TV except for Koscsó). Every once in awhile I head next door where **Kevin Quackenbush**, Todd Brazeal, Zach Pietrzyk and **Jon Koscsó** live. Now and then I will walk in only to get pelted by the semi-automatic Nerf guns that those clowns have stationed around the apartment. As far as my apartment goes, I live with sophomore Doug Wagner and freshman Alex "Big Al" Mendez, and also a 34-year-old Ph.D. student from Libya named Azadeen.

On the Field

Tomorrow starts the first official day of practices and everybody is very excited to get underway. With the season so close, most guys are ready to be done with conditioning and non-mandatory practices. The team is really working well together. Sam Mende and Peter Brotons are really starting to jell up the middle and will be a lot of fun to watch. Lazer and the rest of the pitching staff worked very hard over the break on arm strength and conditioning, and I think we will have the best pitching staff in the BIG EAST this season.

ALUMNI NOTE: Stephen Hunt is a member of the Class of 2007. Additional Jesuit alumni mentioned above and highlighted in blue include **Jonathon Koscsó '07**, **Ryan Lockwood '06** and **Kevin Quackenbush '07**.