



Mount Union Football

RAIDERS Newsletter



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9 Time Division III Football National Champions
1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006

SUMMER 2008

BALLARD PART OF 2008 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS

Former Mount Union quarterback Jim Ballard (91-93) has been inducted into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame as a part of the class of 2008.

Joining Ballard in the class of 2008 are: Ronald McKinnon, Linebacker from the University of North Alabama (1992-95), John Randle, Defensive End from Texas A&M University - Kingsville (1988-89), Brad Rowland, Running Back from McMurry College (1947-50), Coach W.C. Gorden of Jackson State University (1976-91), and Coach Doug Porter of Mississippi Valley State University (1961-65), Howard University (1974-78), & Fort Valley State University (1979-96).

NFF Webpage Biography

JIM BALLARD
MOUNT UNION COLLEGE (Ohio)
Quarterback (1991-93)

After transferring from Wilmington College (Ohio), Jim Ballard broke numerous school, conference and NCAA records en route to leading Mount Union to its first-ever Division III National Championship in 1993.

A two-time First Team All-America pick in 1992 and '93, Ballard broke 17 Division III records and threw for over 12,000 yards and over 150 touchdowns. The two-time recipient of the Mike Gregory Award, which is given to the Ohio Athletic Conference's top offensive back, he was a two-time All-Conference selection and suffered only one OAC loss during his prolific career. Ballard won the inaugural Melberger Award as Division III's Player of the Year and owned every Mount Union passing record by career's end.

The Ohio native played in the NFL, Canadian Football League and the Arena Football League during his 10-year professional career and led the Scottish Claymores to an NFL Europe World Bowl title in 1996.

Inducted into the Scottish Claymores Hall of Fame in 2001, Ballard currently serves as the commissioner of the Continental Indoor Football League in North Canton, Ohio.

Criteria for the NFF HOF: 1) Player must have received 1st Team All American honors, 2) Players become eligible ten years after his final year of intercollegiate football, 3) Must have proven himself a worthy citizen since playing football and be involved in his community, 4) Player must have played their last year of intercollegiate football within the last 50 years, and 5) Coaches become eligible 3 years after retirement or immediately following retirement provided he is at least 70 years of age

STILL SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR M CLUB GOLF SCRAMBLE!!

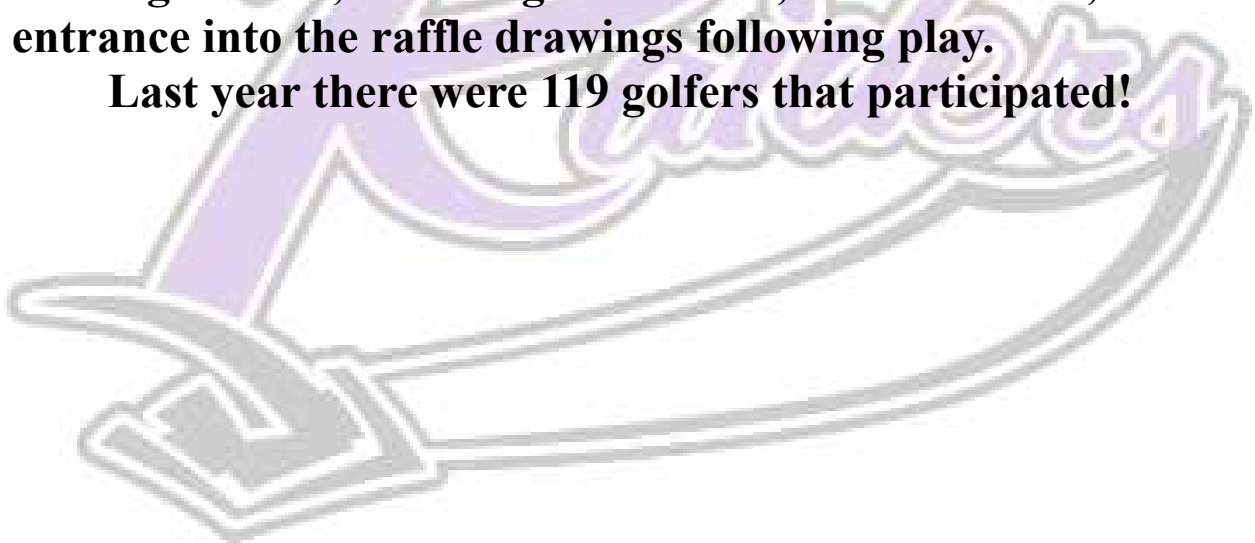
There is still time to register for the Golf Scramble!
Call **330-823-2030** or email **alumni@muc.edu** to enter!



The annual M Club Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, July 26th at Tannenhauf Golf Club in Alliance. A shot gun start is scheduled for 1 p.m.

The cost is 120\$ per person which includes golf, a NIKE golf shirt, a hot dog at the turn, a steak dinner, and entrance into the raffle drawings following play.

Last year there were 119 golfers that participated!



FLEET OF COACHES UPDATE

- **George Momirovic ('00-03)** Has been hired as the Assistant Video Coordinator for the Cleveland Browns.
- **Mike Miller ('99-03)** is the new Head Football Coach at Cuyahoga Falls High School.
- **Jeff Sharkey** is the new Head Football Coach at East Palestine High School.
- **Troy Starr** is back in the high school ranks after a year as the Director of Football Operations at the University of Florida. He is now the Head Football Coach at Helix High School in San Diego, CA.
- **Mike Baker ('98)** is now an assistant coach at Smithville High School.
- **Marc Lantos ('98)** is now the Offensive Coordinator at Bedford High School.
- **Aaron Bubonics ('03)** is now the Defensive Coordinator at Maple Heights High School.
- **Matt Yappel ('01)** is now coaching at North Royalton High School.

Bring Vegas to Your Game Room
Mount Union Style!



Former Purple Raider Rod Johnson (90-91) is selling custom poker/gaming tables. The tables seat 10-11 and are made from heavy oak. Each spot at the table has a stainless steel holder. The center of the table is made from felt from Las Vegas and feature the words “Mount Union Purple Raiders” around a Raiders helmet. Each table costs \$1600. Contact Rod by email at Youdeserveit@yahoo.com if you’re interested.

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