

MEDIA INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE

July 20, 2009



Media Contacts:

HNS Sports Group
Tom Sprouse (614) 889-6791
tsprouse@hnsports.com

Nationwide
Mike Switzer (614) 249-4092
switzem1@nationwide.com

The Ohio State University
Dan Wallenberg (614) 292-4095
wallenberg.1@osu.edu

Nationwide Tour
Jeff Adams (904) 273-3397
jadams@pgatourhq.com

Legends of The Ohio State University together with current and past stars of the NFL, NHL, NBA and Major League Baseball have committed to play in the Safelite AutoGlass Celebrity Pro-Am

Columbus, Ohio – July 20, 2009 – Tournament officials announced today the field of celebrity participants for the 2009 Safelite AutoGlass Celebrity Pro-Am. A total of 24 local and nationally renowned stars of sports and entertainment will team up with two amateurs and one Nationwide Tour professional at The Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course on Monday, July 27 at 1:00 P.M.

- **Jared Boll** - Made his NHL debut with the Columbus Blue Jackets during the 2007-2008 season. As a right winger he registered five goals and five assists for ten points in 75 games during the 2008/2009 season.
- **Jim Breech** - After playing one year with the Oakland Raiders, Breech had a successful 12-year career as the placekicker for the Cincinnati Bengals. He is the all-time leading scorer in Cincinnati Bengals history.
- **Jim Brown** - Is the 2009 Honorary Chairman for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational. He lettered in basketball and golf at The Ohio State University as a student athlete. In 1973 Brown became the head golf coach for the Ohio State men's golf team and retired at the conclusion of the 2008/2009 season after 36 years at the helm. He led the team to 32 NCAA appearances, 12 Top-10 NCAA finishes (including the 1979 National Championship) and a league record 17 Big Ten Championships.
- **Keith Byars** - First-team All-American and Big Ten Conference MVP tailback at The Ohio State University from 1982 to 1985. He played 14 NFL seasons as a fullback and tight end for the Philadelphia Eagles, Miami Dolphins, New England Patriots and New York Jets.
- **John Cooper** - Second winningest coach in Ohio State history. The Buckeye's head football coach from 1988-2000 was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2008. He is currently a college football television analyst for ESPN.

(more)

- **Bill Davidge** - Played ice hockey for The Ohio State University, graduating with honors in 1976. Davidge enjoyed a 13-year coaching career with the Miami (Ohio) University hockey team. 2009/2010 will mark his 10th season providing color analysis for the Columbus Blue Jackets and this year he will be in the television broadcast booth.
- **Derek Dorsett** - made his NHL debut with the Columbus Blue Jackets during the 2008/2009 season registering four goals and one assist for five points in 52 games.
- **Anthony Gonzalez** - Three-year letterman as a wide receiver at The Ohio State University from 2004 to 2006. Gonzalez was drafted in the first round of the NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts where he is now entering his third season as a wide receiver.
- **Archie Griffin** - was a three-time first-team All-American for Ohio State from 1973-1975 and college football's only two-time Heisman Trophy winner. He is the All-Time Career Rushing leader at Ohio State with 5,589 yards on 924 attempts. As a four-year starter Griffin helped lead the Buckeyes to four straight Big Ten titles and is the only player to ever start in four-consecutive Rose Bowls. Griffin is the current President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association.
- **Raymont Harris** - A four-year letterman (1990-93) and two year starter at The Ohio State University, Harris finished as the Buckeyes' eighth-ranked rusher of all-time with 2,649 yards on 574 carries (4.6 avg.) and 27 touchdowns. Harris is one of only 10 Buckeyes to record a 200 yard rushing game for Ohio State with a 235 yard performance in 1993 in the Holiday Bowl against Brigham Young. He was drafted in the 4th round of the NFL Draft in 1994 by the Chicago Bears.
- **John Hicks** - All-American offensive lineman and Lombardi and Outland trophy winner at The Ohio State University from 1969-1973. Hicks was a first round NFL draft pick and NFC Rookie of the Year for the New York Giants.
- **Scott Howson** - named the second General Manager in Columbus Blue Jackets history on June 15, 2007 and oversees all aspects of the club's hockey operations. Howson led the Blue Jackets to the team's first playoff berth in franchise history in the 2008/2009 season.
- **Clark Kellogg** averaged 14.9 points and 10.1 rebounds, scored a total of 1,285 points, pulled down 872 rebounds in 86 games and earned All-Big Ten Conference and Most Valuable Player honors as a member of the Ohio State Basketball team from 1980-1982. He led the Buckeyes in both scoring and rebounding as a sophomore and junior before passing up his senior season in favor of the NBA where he was drafted by the Indiana Pacers. He currently works as the lead basketball analyst for CBS Sports television.
- **Craig Krenzel** - Ohio State quarterback from 1999-2003. Led the Buckeyes to a 14-0 record and National Championship in 2002 and is now a radio broadcaster for the team.
- **Jeff Logan** - Running back at The Ohio State University from 1974 to 1977. Logan earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in 1976 and 1977 to go with co-captain honors in 1977. He

(more)

was also named an Academic All-American in 1977 before being drafted to the NFL by the Indianapolis Colts in 1978.

- **Kent Mercker** - enjoyed a 17-year career in Major League Baseball pitching for nine different teams, including the Cincinnati Reds. Mercker was a part of two no-hitters in his playing days, both with the Atlanta Braves.
- **David Mlicki** - Upper Arlington, Ohio native who enjoyed a 13-year pitching career in professional baseball. Mlicki spent 10 years in the major leagues playing for the Cleveland Indians, New York Mets, Los Angeles Dodgers, Detroit Tigers, and Houston Astros.
- **Scoonie Penn** - Former Ohio State basketball point guard who led the basketball Buckeyes to the NCAA Final Four in 1999 and was named a third-team All-American in 1999 and 2000.
- **Hermie Sadler** - Professional race car driver and broadcast analyst for NASCAR. Sadler was the 1993 NASCAR Nationwide Series Rookie of the Year and has two career wins on the Nationwide Series. Since 2001 the Hermie and Elliott Sadler Foundation has donated more than \$200,000 to different charitable organizations for the advancement of autism research.
- **Tom Skladany** - Three-time All-American punter and kicker at The Ohio State University and the first kicking specialist to receive a football scholarship to OSU. Skladany holds the Buckeye record for the longest field goal at 59 yards. He was a two-time All-Pro with the NFL's Detroit Lions.
- **Ron Stokes** - Ohio State basketball star from 1981-1985. He was voted Most Valuable Player as a senior and co-captained the squad during his junior and senior year. Stokes is now entering his 8th year as the color analyst for Ohio State men's basketball.
- **Troy Taylor** - Four-year starter for the Ohio State University men's basketball team from 1982 to 1985. Taylor is ranked #15 on the all-time scoring list and holds the record for most steals in a game (8).
- **Ellen Tressel** - Is the wife of Ohio State head football coach, Jim Tressel. She established the Jim and Ellen Tressel Scholarship Fund to supplement the scholarship costs of an undergraduate member of the football team and is an avid spokesperson for the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Hospital and The Tressel Family Fund for Cancer Prevention Research.
- **William White** - Former Ohio State University safety that received All-Big Ten honors as a senior. White enjoyed an 11-year career in the NFL with the Detroit Lions, Kansas City Chiefs and Atlanta Falcons. He played in Super Bowl XXXIII as a member of the Atlanta Falcons.

The 2009 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational will be played July 27 - August 2 at The

Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course, rated as the top collegiate golf course in the country by Golf Digest. The tournament integrates the top professionals on the Nationwide Tour with the top players from the collegiate ranks to create a unique field of 144 of the best up and coming players in the United States.

The third annual Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational will feature a purse of \$775,000, the third largest on the Nationwide Tour. The Golf Channel will broadcast 9½ hours of coverage from Thursday's opening round to the trophy presentation on Sunday. Two Pro-Am's will take place during the week, the Safelite AutoGlass Celebrity Pro-Am on Monday, featuring Ohio State University and community celebrities, and the official Tournament Pro-Am presented by The Wall Street Journal played on Wednesday, July 29, 2009. The Tournament will be operated by HNS Sports Group, a full service event management company headquartered in Dublin, Ohio.

For questions concerning ticket prices and availability, how to become a volunteer, and general Tournament information please call (614) 764-GOLF or visit www.nchigolf.com.

2009 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational Schedule of Events

Monday, July 27	Safelite AutoGlass Celebrity Pro-Am <i>Scarlet Course</i> Practice Rounds	1:00pm Shotgun All Day
Tuesday, July 28	Practice Rounds Amateur Instructional Challenge <i>Columbus Country Club</i>	All Day 8:00am
Wednesday, July 29	Official Pro-Am Tournament (Scarlet course) <i>presented by The Wall Street Journal</i> Practice Rounds	Morning Tee Times from 7:00am Afternoon Tee Times from 12:15am All Day
Thursday, July 30	First Round Official Tournament Competition First Shot to Fight Cancer	First Tee Time 7:00am 6:50am
Friday, July 31	Second Round Official Tournament Competition Junior Golf Clinic, OSU Golf Club	5:00pm
Saturday, August 1	Third Round Official Tournament Competition Jeni's Ice Creams Day (<i>free ice cream</i>)	12:00pm-5:00pm
Sunday, August 2	Fourth Round Official Tournament Competition <i>Awards Ceremony Following Play of Final Round</i>	

**All times subject to change*

(more)

2009 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational Television Schedule

Date	Network	Times	Show Description
Thursday, July 30	Golf Channel	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	First Round Coverage
Friday, July 31	Golf Channel	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Second Round Coverage
Saturday, August 1	Golf Channel	6:30 - 9:30 P.M.	Third Round Coverage
Sunday, August 2	Golf Channel	7:00 - 9:30 P.M.	Final Round Coverage

ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL INVITATIONAL

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational is owned and operated by Champions of the Community, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation. The event is the only tournament on the Nationwide Tour to operate as an "invitational", providing a unique platform in which the best players on the Nationwide Tour will be joined by a select number of the country's top collegian/amateur golfers in a limited field of 144 players. Featuring a purse of \$775,000 the tournament is conducted to showcase the best golf on the Nationwide Tour on one of the most challenging venues in the world for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit charitable organizations in central Ohio. For more information, call 614-764-GOLF or visit our website at www.nchigolf.com.

ABOUT NATIONWIDE

Nationwide, based in Columbus, Ohio, is one of the largest and strongest diversified insurance and financial services organizations in the U.S. and is rated A+ by A.M. Best. The company provides a full range of personalized insurance and financial services, including auto insurance, motorcycle, boat, homeowners, life insurance, farm, commercial insurance, administrative services, annuities, mortgages, mutual funds, pensions, long-term savings plans and health and productivity services. For more information, visit www.nationwide.com.

Nationwide, the Nationwide Framemark and On Your Side are service marks of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.

ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE TOUR

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Nationwide Tour identifies those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. As the official proving ground of the PGA TOUR, two out of three PGA TOUR members are Nationwide Tour alumni. As of July 12, 2009, Tour alumni have won 250 PGA TOUR titles, including 12 majors and three PLAYERS Championships. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards and total prize money of \$18.5 million will be at stake over the course of 29 events in 2009. The PGA TOUR, through the efforts of its three tours and their tournaments, sponsors, players and volunteers, supports over 2,000 local charities and has surpassed \$1.3 billion in charitable giving. To learn more about the PGA TOUR and Nationwide Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit www.PGATOUR.COM.

ABOUT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

The Ohio State University Department of Athletics is completely self supporting and receives no university monies, tax dollars or student fees. The Department of Athletics sponsors 36 fully funded varsity teams – 17 for women, 16 for men and three that are co-educational – and is committed to providing the very finest in academic and athletics support in an effort to provide its more than 1,000 student-athletes with a quality, life-changing experience at Ohio State.