



ARKANSAS TWISTERS NEWS & NOTES

Central Valley Coyotes (10-6)

vs. Arkansas Twisters (11-5)

ArenaCup Playoffs Round 1 – **Sunday, August 3, 5:00pm**

Allstate Field at Alltel Arena (6820) – North Little Rock, AR

QUICK FACTS:

ARKANSAS TWISTERS (11-5)

Vs. CENTRAL VALLEY COYOTES (10-6)

Date: Sunday, August 3

Kickoff: 5:00pm

Site: Alltel Arena

Radio: KABZ 103.7 The BUZZ

Pre-Game show starts @ 6:45pm
(Jake Hatley, Ray Tucker)

Internet: www.1037thebuzz.com; <http://nifty-tv.com/af2/>

Ticket Prices: \$28, \$23, \$17, \$12, \$11

Ticketmaster:

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/1B0040E99DC52CE6?artistid=806916&majorcatid=10004&minorcatid=8>

Ticket Phone: 501-975-KICK

Series Record: Series is Tied 2-2 (includes games played against original Bakersfield Franchise before relocating to Central Valley)

Coaches:

Twisters – Chris Siegfried 11-5, 1st Year (68-31 Overall)

Coyotes – Fred Biletnikoff, Jr. 10-6, 5th Year (43-31 Overall)

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PRACTICE, INTERVIEW & TRAVEL SCHEDULE:

PRACTICE: Tuesday – Thursday;

Alltel Arena, 11am-1pm

Last Meeting: 4/23/05 Central Valley won 71-41

Playoff History: Central Valley relocated from Bakersfield following the '04 season. The Twisters met the franchise in the first ever playoff game at Alltel Arena in '03, winning the game 36-28.

2008 ARKANSAS TWISTERS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Record
4-5	@ Oklahoma City	L	42-57	0-1
4-11	TULSA	L	60-64	0-2
4-19	@ Corpus Christi	W	39-27	1-2
4-26	AMARILLO	W	54-46	2-2
5-3	@ Texas	L	30-37	2-3
5-10	OKLAHOMA CITY	W	68-25	3-3
5-17	@ Lubbock	L	57-64	3-4
5-24	@ Bossier	W	69-55	4-4
5-31	CORPUS CHRISTI	W	51-44	5-4
6-7	@ Amarillo	W	48-26	6-4
6-14	LUBBOCK	W	61-25	7-4
6-21	@ Tri-Cities	W	51-28	8-4
6-28	IOWA	W	55-46	9-4
7-12	@ Tulsa	W	66-54	10-4
7-19	BOSSIER	L	69-80	10-5
7-26	TEXAS	W	78-26	11-5

THE IFs:

If **Arkansas** defeats Texas, it would...

- Be the Twisters first playoff win since '06.
- Let the Twisters advance to the 2nd round of the playoffs
- Be the first win against Central Valley since its move from Bakersfield.





TWISTERS HEAD COACH: CHRIS SIEGFRIED

Siegfried spent the 2007 season as the offensive coordinator for the Kansas City Brigade of the Arena Football League. The Brigade became the fourth team in the 21 year history of the AFL to improve seven games from the previous season. Kansas City made the playoffs for the first time in its history and receiver Charles Frederick earned AFL Co-Rookie of the Year.

Siegfried is one of the top coaches in the history of arenafootball2 with a career record of 57-26, earning top coaching honors in 2006 as the coach of the expansion Spokane Shock, and winning the '06 ArenaCup championship. He left the Shock as the af2 leader in coaching wins and is second all-time with six postseason wins.

The first af2 player to be a head coach in the league tasted success right away when named the head coach of Cape Fear before the 2002 season. Siegfried finished his three year tenure with Cape Fear with a record of 38-16, two division titles, and three playoff appearances. During his coaching tenure with Cape Fear, EJ Burt earned af2 Lineman of the Year when he set the all-time single season sack record with 27.5 sacks in 2002 and former University of Arkansas receiver Matt Bernstein earned af2 Offensive Player of the Year honors in 2004.

The Cape Fear franchise moved to Albany, GA, after the 2004 season and became the South Georgia Wildcats where Siegfried sustained his only losing record in his head coaching career. South Georgia led the af2 in passing offense upon Siegfried's dismissal just 10 games into the season.

Siegfried played college football at Division II Millersville University of Pennsylvania and earned a degree in business administration. He was a three year starter and led the team in kick off return average.

The West Hazleton High School graduate has also appeared on television and in movies. He was a contender on the television show "American Gladiators Orlando Live" and appeared in two movies; "The Waterboy" as a stuntman performing football related stunts and "Radio" as an assistant football coach.

Siegfried is married to wife Tammi and the couple has two children; Kody and Baylee.



LAST WEEK RE-CAP:

Twisters finish regular season with Emotional Win

(North Little Rock, AR) – Vinnie Olson put his arms up in the air after scoring his first rushing touchdown in his career late in the fourth quarter against Texas. The Arkansas Twisters team came out to congratulate their teammate who lost his father just 18 hours before the game.

The Twisters finished off the regular season by defeating Texas 78-26 in front of 6212 fans at Alltel Arena, just a week before hosting the first round of the af2 Playoffs.

Olson's father collapsed and passed away in Little Rock on Friday. His family had arrived to watch Vinnie play. Olson decided to go ahead and play the game with his mother and grandmother in the stands watching. With the game decided, Head Coach Chris Siegfried moved Olson to fullback and the offensive lineman scored from the one yard line. Olson pointed to the sky, and made his way to the bench as his teammates came out to greet him.

Arkansas didn't start the game with the same emotion as it finished. Texas led 3-0 when Twisters quarterback Kyle Rowley threw an interception on the team's opening drive. Texas cashed in the opportunity when Ervin Dickerson caught an 18 yard pass from Steve Wasil and the extra point put Texas up 10-0.

Rowley and the Twisters offense quickly struck for six when Denney caught a 14 yard pass and the extra point pulled Arkansas within 10-7.

The Twisters rolled the dice and recovered an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff. Denney caught another touchdown from Rowley and the extra point gave the Twisters its first lead of the game at 14-10.

Siegfried tried another onside kick, but the Copperheads recovered. Texas quickly scored when Tim Riley caught an eight yard pass from Wasil. The extra point put Texas up 17-14.

Arkansas outscored Texas 63-9 the rest of the way, including 42 unanswered points in the second half.

Kyle Rowley finished the game by completing 23 of 38 passes for 291 yards, eight touchdowns and one interception. He finishes the season with 89 touchdowns for a new Twisters season record. Denney hauled in seven catches for 94 yards and three touchdowns. He finishes the year with 1505 receiving yards, 44 touchdown receptions and 274 points; all Twisters records. Newcomer Nick Allison finished with 5.0 tackles, an interception, and three pass breakups.

Wasil completed 15 of 37 passes for 158 yards, two touchdowns, and three interceptions.

The Twisters open the 2008 ArenaCup Playoff on Sunday, August 3rd at 5pm at Alltel Arena against either Central Valley or Lubbock.

FORWARD MOTION: The Twisters will play the winner of Spokane/Austin in the second round of the playoffs if the Twisters can defeat Central Valley.



TEAM NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College	Ex.
1	Chris	Denney	WR	6' 3"	210	Nebraska-Omaha	R
2	Tracy	Belton	WR	6' 0"	175	Massachusetts	R
3	Kyle	Rowley	QB	6'0	205	Brown	4
4	Neil	Purvis	DL	6' 2"	270	Virginia State	1
6	Donte	Williams	DB	6' 1"	205	Syracuse	1
7	Jamaal	Perry	WR	5' 9"	180	Hofstra	2
11	Reggie	Cooley	LB	6' 2"	250	Arkansas State	6
12	James	Paul	K	6' 2"	200	Central Arkansas	R
14	Jamie	Hattley	DB	5' 11"	185	Charleston Southern	3
15	Lawrence	Richardson	DB	5' 9"	190	Arkansas	R
16	Steven	Bergeski	WR	6' 1"	195	Central Connecticut	
19	Montavious	Pitts	DB	6' 1"	185	Auburn	
20	Hannibal	Thomas	WR	6' 3"	205	Cincinnati	1
21	Anudres	Perkins	FB/LB	6' 2"	250	Coastal Carolina	R
22	Tito	Hannah	DL	6' 3"	260	South Carolina State	2
23	Jon	Schoonover	WR	5' 10"	195	Missouri Western State	2
24	Nick	Allison	DB	6' 0"	185	Eastern Illinois	
32	Jason	Null	FB	6' 3"	265	None	4
33	Brad	Kunz	OL	6' 7"	325	Miami (FL)	R
45	Freddie	Aughtry-Lindsay	FB/LB	6' 1"	250	North Carolina State	1
60	Isaac	Morales	OL	6' 6"	310	Abilene Christian	1
64	Vinnie	Olson	OL	6' 5"	330	Sioux Falls	1
71	Stanley	Primus	OL	6' 4"	340	Temple	1
79	Brandon	Leyritz	OL	6' 3"	325	Washington	1
90	Chris	Tucker	DL	6' 2"	320	South Carolina	R
99	Darius	Robinson	DL	6' 2"	315	Virginia State	R

