

Game 5: Philadelphia Eagles

This Sunday, the Bengals emerge from a bye week to face the Philadelphia Eagles. Since Marvin Lewis has been coach, the Bengals have won only one game in five attempts following a bye week.

The Eagles have one of the most aggressive defensive schemes in the NFL. Pass rush is their specialty and they are known for blitzing almost every down. This puts the pressure squarely on Bengals QB Ryan Fitzgerald. Let's hope this Ivy League graduate is smart enough to recognize the weaknesses in the Eagles defense and quickly deliver the ball to his receivers. If he has trouble quickly finding an open receiver he may be in for a long, difficult day.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bengals will be facing one of the most explosive offensive players in the game. Philadelphia's Brian Westbrook is both an excellent runner and receiver. He has the potential to score anytime he touches the ball.

The BNB bus would like to remind tailgaters that, Sunday, non-perishable food items will be collected at the stadium gates for the Free Store Food Bank. Please bring a canned good or cash to help those in need.

This Week's Topic of Discussion: Carson's Elbow

The question of the week is this: If you were Bengals management, how would you handle the Carson Palmer situation? Some media outlets have speculated that the injury may require Tommy John surgery. So far, team officials have been tight-lipped about Carson's prognosis and when he may return. With virtually no chance of the team reaching the play-offs, would you go ahead and put the injured QB on the shelf for the rest of the season, or would you let him continue to rest and try to play get back on the field in 2008? This question has been debated on Cincinnati sports talk shows over the last few days, and opinions vary. The experts of the BNB have their take on this subject and are looking forward to sharing them with you. You only need to show up to Lot E this weekend to hear their expert opinion.



Sign of the Times

As frustration mounts with a losing season, billboards are popping up in greater Cincinnati asking the Bengals to hire a General Manager. The billboards are the work of WhoDeyRevolution.com, a website created for frustrated fans who, "demand comprehensive reform to the managerial decisions and approach of Cincinnati Bengals ownership, management, staff and players". The group is hoping to keep the billboards up for the remainder of the season and are accepting donations through a link on their website.



Game Time Forecast: Break Out the Cold Weather Gear!!!



From WLWT Meteorologist Derek Beasley

Forecast for November 16, 2008 (Subject to Change)

SUNDAY: Cloudy and breezy. A chance of early flurries. **HIGH: 38**

Stay Classy Eagle Fans

Every NFL stadium has its share of trouble makers but no where is acting like a jerk more celebrated than in Philadelphia. The tradition began in 1968 when a restless Philadelphia crowd booed and tossed snowballs at Santa Clause. Since that day, Philadelphia sports fans have embraced their image as the most obnoxious fans in the league and wear the title like a badge of honor.

Over the years, the rowdy behavior of Eagles fans has gotten worse. On one occasion, the Philly crowd [cheered](#) as Michael Irvin of the hated Cowboys was taken off the field on a stretcher. On another occasion, prominent attorney, [Edward G. Rendell](#), allegedly orchestrated a snowball assault on Cowboys Head Coach, Jimmie Johnson. Rendell became a cult hero and went on to be elected mayor of Philadelphia. Fan behavior was so out of control in Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium that a holding cell was constructed in the basement, and a judge was on hand to dole out punishments during the game.

If you happen to be seated near someone in an Eagle jersey this Sunday, you may want to go ahead and set up 381-Jerk in your cell phone speed dial.



Tailgater Spotlight

Name: Elaine Reusing

Resides: On weekends - North Bend, Ohio
Monday - Friday - San Francisco - the city by the Bay

Section: Section 228 Row 20

Favorite Player (Past or Present): Cris Collinsworth

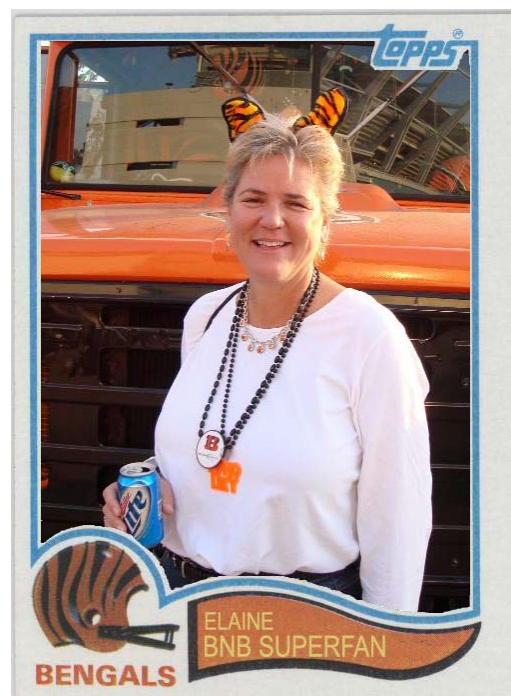
Favorite Tailgating Food: Sarge's Jambalaya

Game Day Beverage of Choice: Miller Light

Most Hated Rival: Pittsburgh

How would you celebrate if the Bengals won the Super Bowl? I'd wait till June and have a HUGE party by the pool!!

Anything else you want the world to know about you? My dream vacation would be renting a villa in Italy for a few weeks and tour, eat and drink the wine as much as possible!!



Predictions

Philadelphia is favored by 9 points. Here is what the BNB team has to say:



Buck
Bengals:17
Eagles:31



Nick
Bengals:14
Eagles:29



Bill
Bengals:13
Eagles:27