

## 2008 Home Opener



The BNB Bengal bus is ready to kick off the 2008 regular season this Sunday. The BNB boys have been providing the World's Greatest Tailgate Party since 2003. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The 2008 edition of the BNB Bengal bus is sporting a few new features and the same old sassy crew that you have come to know and love. Bill, Buck, and Nick have been counting down the days until the regular season home opener since last December. It's going to be like Christmas morning for them as they work on their goal to systematically break every rule set forth in NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's new code of fan conduct.

As always the bus departs 4 hours before kick-off. Be on time, have your game face on and make sure to bring \$5 for split the pot...See you there!



## Kool Aid or Haterade?



This Sunday the 2008 version of the Cincinnati Bengals will take the field at PBS for the first regular season home game of the year. The team is off to a slow start after dropping the opener at Baltimore. So what is your level of optimism for a 2008 playoff run?



Are you drinking the Marvin "Kool Aid" and believing that the 2008 Bengals will turn it around, or are you sippin' on the Marvin "Haterade" believing that the team is headed for disaster. Fans will be debating these topics throughout the season. Be sure to stop by Lot E on game days to share your opinions with the all-pro armchair quarterbacks of the BNB bus.

## Borgman Captured Fan Sentiment

After a long career with the Cincinnati Enquirer, Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Jim Borgman will no longer be creating editorial comics on a daily basis. Borgman was one of 60 Enquirer employees to accept a severance package in a down sizing move.

For more than 25 years, Borgman has captured the highs and lows of being a Bengals fan with his editorial cartoons. His giant tiger cartoon from the 1988 Superbowl season was printed on t-shirts and sweatshirts as fans rode a wave of euphoria. His more recent panels depicting player's brushes with the law have provided fans with a chuckle in frustrating times.

Borgman will now focus on his nationally syndicated comic strip.



## *Gone But Not Forgotten...*

We lost a tailgating legend this off-season. Arthur Stineman passed away on April 6, 2008. We will never forget our good buddy Art. The BNB and Short Busser crew dedicate this 2008 tailgating season to our dear departed friend!

### Is Mike Brown A Spy?

This Sunday, every NFL player will wear a special patch in honor of NFLPA president Gene Upshaw. Upshaw unexpectedly died on August 20, 2008. It's probably a safe bet that announcers Don Criqui and Dan Fouts will mention Upshaw several times during the telecast of the game. The real question is will anyone mention what Gene Upshaw had to say about Bengals owner Mike Brown back in 1999? The juicy accusation appeared in a New York Times article in January 10, 1999. Here is what Upshaw had to say.

*"I think a lot of facilities have surveillance equipment throughout the complex and in the locker room," Upshaw said. "I believe this and I've been told this by some teams. But the equipment is there for security, not so much for surveillance. I don't think most players are aware of it and I know it's like Linda Tripp, but if a player follows the rules, he has nothing to worry about.*

*"When I'm in Denver, in a meeting with the players at the Broncos' facility, you see certain things in the room and know they're not lights. I know management is listening. When I'm in Cincinnati, I know Owner Mike Brown is listening. I don't want to say how I know, but I know. But when it comes to this issue of cameras around the players, it's not a big deal to me, because they are there for the security of our players, and obviously the safety of the players is a primary concern for me."*

*Upshaw added, "I'd rather err on the side of caution, than have some nut come into the locker room and do something."*

*The Broncos and Bengals denied ever eavesdropping on Upshaw during union meetings with players.*

Could it be that Mike Brown is a spy and the only person who could ever prove it was Gene Upshaw?...Come on down to Lot E this Sunday to swap conspiracy theories with the BNB gang.

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### Predictions

Cincinnati is favored by 1 point. Here is what the BNB team has to say:



**Buck**  
Bengals:24  
Titans:21



**Nick**  
Bengals:27  
Titans:20



**Bill**  
Bengals:24  
Titans:34