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BARRETT BACK IN TORONTO PLAYING AT ROGERS CENTRE REKINDLES MEMORIES FOR BUFFALO ASSISTANT COACH

Toronto, Ontario – Danny Barrett feels like he's back home preparing for a game at Rogers Centre.

Barrett, the quarterbacks/assistant head coach of the University at Buffalo, who play the University of Connecticut Huskies in the 2009 International Bowl, has many memories of Rogers Centre, formerly known as the SkyDome. Barrett had a 24-year career in the Canadian Football League as a player and later a coach, including seven as head coach with the Saskatchewan Roughriders, and has many memories.

"It feels like old times for myself," Barrett said. "I played quite a few snaps on this field in this venue. I remember when it first opened up in 1989. I was with Toronto and eventually got traded to Calgary two weeks after the first exhibition game. It's a good feeling to be able to come back to a place once considered home for yourself and your family."

Barrett said playing in UB's first Bowl game so close to its own home makes this a special feeling.

"When the announcement came that we had an opportunity to play here in the International Bowl it was exciting for our players and for our fans and our students," he added. "They've been outstanding in their support. Everywhere you go in Buffalo people are talking that they're going to be here for the game. We're expecting to have a great crowd here in support of ourselves and I think it's a great place to come and play a football game. It's indoors, it's always great and they'll find the hospitality here in Toronto is outstanding. The players are already talking about enjoying themselves and they've only been here 24 hours."

Barrett also commented on Friday's International Bowl kickoff luncheon, which will be a salute to the '58 Bulls team, which rejected an opportunity to play in the Tangerine Bowl that year because blacks and whites were not allowed to play on the same field due to schoolboard regulations in Orlando, Florida. The keynote speaker for the luncheon will be the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

"You just look at the scope of things this year with our team coming here for the Bowl game, and the folks that are going to be involved Friday at the luncheon," he said. "This is a significant moment and it speaks volumes for our program and the direction in which we're headed."

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL BOWL:

The International Bowl is the only NCAA Division I football game played outside the U.S. The third annual International Bowl will be played on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at Rogers Centre with a noon kick-off.

The game will be broadcast on The Score in Canada and ESPN2 in the US. The game will also be heard live on the Fan 590.

Tickets are now on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets, online at Ticketmaster.ca or by calling 416-872-5000.

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