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INTERNATIONAL BOWL ATTRACTS PAIR OF TOP RUNNING BACKS

Connecticut's Donald Brown, Buffalo's James Starks Featured

Toronto, Ontario – The 2009 International Bowl will feature a showdown of two of the top running backs in the NCAA this season – **Donald Brown** of the University of Connecticut and **James Starks** of the University at Buffalo – when the two schools meet on January 3rd at *Rogers Centre* in Toronto.

The pair have each received numerous individual accolades and broken several school records en route to stellar seasons in 2008. Either one have the capability match or break the International Bowl rushing record of 280 yards set by former Rutgers Scarlet Knight Ray Rice in last year's game.

Donald Brown Leads The Nation In Rushing

Brown has received several All-America selections, including first-time honours from The Sporting News and Big East Offensive Player of the Year, after he led the nation with 1,822 yards and 17 touchdowns during the regular season. He also was a unanimous All-Big East first-team selection.

The Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey native is the first Huskies football player to be named to an All-America team since Connecticut was elevated to the Football Bowl Subdivision (former Division I-A) in 2002.

He has been atop the national leader board in rushing yards (151.8 yards per game) for the majority of the year, having run for at least 100 yards in 10 games while surpassing the 200-yard mark twice, including a career high total of 214 yards in UConn's 12-9 victory over Temple on September 6th.

Starks On The Mark With Record-Breaking Season

Starks had another record-setting season in his stellar career and garnered a first-team All-MAC selection for his effort. This marked the third time Starks had been named to the All-MAC team. He was a second team selection each of the first two seasons at Buffalo.

The junior running back set a school record for rushing in a single season with 1,306 yards in only 11 games. He ranks second in the MAC and eighth in the nation in rushing yards per game (122.6) and had 15 rushing touchdowns on the year.

The Niagara Falls, New York native rushed for at least 100 yards on six occasions during the season, including a season-high total of 185 yards in the Bulls' 32-19 victory at Ohio on October 28th. He was also an effective receiver, finishing third on the team with 41 receptions for 340 yards and one touchdown.

A Look At Their Collegiate Careers

34 Donald Brown RB 5.10 210 Jr. Atlantic Highlands, NJ/Red Bank Catholic

Year	Team	Carries	YDS	Rushing			REC	YDS	Receiving		
				AVG	LG	TD			AVG	LG	TD
2006	Connecticut	161	896	5.6	65	7	13	66	5.1	13	2
2007	Connecticut	170	821	4.8	70	8	14	85	6.1	14	0
2008	Connecticut	338	1822	5.4	63	17	21	125	6.0	27	0
Totals		669	3539	5.3	70	32	48	276	5.8	27	2

Games Played: 12 with Connecticut in 2006, 12 with Connecticut in 2007, 12 with Connecticut in 2008. **NCAA Total GP - 36**

19 James Starks RB 6.02 211 Jr. Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls

Year	Team	Carries	YDS	Rushing			REC	YDS	Receiving		
				AVG	LG	TD			AVG	LG	TD
2006	Buffalo	175	704	4.0	54	6	34	226	6.6	30	0
2007	Buffalo	251	1103	4.4	92	12	41	311	7.6	74	2
2008	Buffalo	259	1308	5.1	66	15	41	340	8.3	65	1
Totals		685	3115	4.5	92	33	116	877	7.6	74	3

Games Played: 12 with Buffalo in 2006, 12 with Buffalo in 2007, 11 with Buffalo in 2008. **NCAA Total GP - 35**

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.

For further information, including media credential requests, please visit the official International Bowl website at www.internationalbowl.org.

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