



JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM TO TRAVEL OVERSEAS FOR GLOBAL FOOTBALL TOUR OF FRANCE

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 – Granbury, TX - The John Carroll University football team, led by head coach Regis Scafe, will be traveling to Italy from May 24 to June 1 for a unique cultural experience that combines local sightseeing with a game against local opposition in the Global Football Tour of France.

Yes, this is football – the American version – to be played on a continent that where soccer is commonly known as football, but the gridiron game has a growing presence on the sporting landscape.

While exploring the many historical places of interest that France has to offer, the Blue Streaks will find time to practice as they prepare to face the Belgian All-Stars on Saturday, May 29 in the city of Amiens, France, located between Paris and the Belgian border.

The visit is organized by Texas-based Global Football, which provides the opportunity for young amateur athletes from different countries to compete against one another, while experiencing and learning first hand about each other's cultures.

Global Football President Patrick Steenberge has produced football games in 18 nations and this year Global Football is scheduled to travel with NCAA DIII college teams to Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

“We have hosted American football games in some of the greatest venues in the world in 18 different countries with each place being an honor,” said Steenberge. “Our mission is to share our passion for the sport with intrigued onlookers and hardcore fans, of which there are many in France. We hope the challenge of a game against American opposition will aid the development of the sport and also provide a memorable experience for everyone involved.”

Twelfth-year head coach Scafe said: “These tours have become a part of John Carroll University tradition. This is our sixth tour and each and every year it is an unforgettable experience. The team gets to experience a new culture while playing in an international game. It is very worthwhile and even people who went overseas years ago still talk about it today.”

Quarterback Jeff Jarorek finished his senior season throwing for 1,902 yards for 13 touchdowns and ran in six touchdowns himself. Sophomore Running back DaQuan Grobsmith recorded 486 yards for three touchdowns and caught for 169 yards and two touchdowns in 2009. The Blue Streak defense was anchored by senior Joseph Cigas and junior Jon Cooley. Cigas collected 58 tackles and led the team in interceptions with four, while Cooley recorded 60 tackles and one interception.

During the Global Football Tour of France, the John Carroll University party will tour the cities of Paris, and Amiens. They will visit Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc De Triomphe, the Champs Elysees and the Palace of Versailles, a royal Chateau twelve miles southwest of the French capital. During the trip, the group will also travel to the Normandy region about 150 miles west of Paris to witness the site of the D-Day beach landings.

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