



[Kropkogate Online](#) September 3, 2008 Update

#### **WEEK 1 RECAP:**

- A quick thanks to all those who attended and helped out with the Youngstown State Tailgate this past Saturday making it a successful one. The 2008 season officially kicked off around 5:25am last Saturday. Thank you to Pizza Hall, Laura, and Lane for helping transport and setup. Also, a special thanks to Doug, Brian Jordan and David who actually arrived prior to us and held down the spot which was apparently necessary as the lot was surprisingly full this early. As a result of this, the start time will be 5:00am this Saturday. As always, without your support none of this would be possible. Please continue to visit the website each week for game previews as well as other news and articles.

#### **FINANCING: <<<< please read**

- As you have noticed over the years, our setup continues to grow each year making the logistics of transporting and setting up each Saturday considerably more difficult. Car transport is no longer practical for our major items including 4 canopies, all the chairs, grill, 3 tables, satellite dish / tripods, sound system, LCD HD television, multiple coolers including the new 100 quart marine cooler, heat lamps, 4 20lb propane tanks, deep fryer, cornhole boards, generator / gas, halogen lights and all the other small items. As a result of this, I plan on acquiring a new 5x10 Haulmark cargo trailer this Friday like many tailgates around us. The trailer cost is approximately \$2000 along with \$300 for the hitch and additional costs for registration and storage. Advertising revenue from Google and [www.mstillsucks.com](http://www.mstillsucks.com) along with game day contributions has greatly helped subsidize a good portion of the existing equipment cost as well as gas for the generator, propane for the grill, deep fryer, and heat lamp, parking cost, food/beer, and DirecTV service but will fall way short of the trailer. Therefore, I am asking for help from anyone who would like to become a Kropkogate Donor, especially those who are regular Kropkogate attendees. You will notice a PayPal module at the bottom of the [www.kropkogate.com](http://www.kropkogate.com) home page setup for this. If you have questions please let me know. Any help will be greatly appreciated and recognized through a donor page on the website along with a TBD Name Plate inside the trailer. Any amount will be greatly appreciated and will help enable future tailgates to come. In an effort to recognize those that donate more, I am establishing 3 preset donor levels.
  - \$20 or more - Silver
  - \$50 or more - Gold
  - \$75 or more - Platinum

#### **KROPKOGATE ESPN PICK'EM:**

- Week 1 Winner: The Akron Assassin
- Current Standings available at <http://games.espn.go.com/cpickem/group?groupID=6227>
- You may be able to still sign-up. Follow the link above. Pick 10 game winners every week.

#### **UPCOMING TAILGATE:**

- Ohio University vs. Ohio State – September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 12:00pm
  - Game coverage will be provided at the tailgate on ESPN/ESPN2 for those without game tickets
  - Forecast: Change of thunderstorms (30%). High of 81.
  - Start time: 5:00am

#### **LATEST WEBSITE NEWS/ARTICLES:**

- [Week 2 Expert Big Ten Picks](#)
- [Reminder: ESPN Pick'em Week 2](#)
- [Week 2 Preview](#)
- [Pizza Hall's 25 Thought Roster 8-31](#)
- [Week 1 Expert Big Ten Picks](#)
- [Great Moments in Gameday History](#)
- [Week 1 & Big Ten Preview](#)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Final plans for the USC tailgate are being made. Kropkogate will be setup at Entrance 7 (RV lot) on the USC campus. A map and further details will be posted on the website.
- Don't forget your Week 2 picks for ESPN's College Football Pick'em.
- Famed Kropkogate journalist Mr. Marbles will be in attendance this weekend

Go Bucks,

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