## ARE YOU READY FOR A FORCE IN THE COMMUNITY?



**Coach Charles Gunnings - Defensive Coordinator** (910) 920-9200

FAYETTEVILLE, NC (Mar 9, 2011) – With all the new buzz going around in the Cape Fear region, everyone cannot help but ask, "What is the Fayetteville Force?" Although it was believed that the former Fayetteville Guard would be moving from the AIFA (American Indoor Football Association) to the SIFL (Southern Indoor Football League), another sports marketing group announced it would field a new team independent of the former Guard.

"Fayetteville Force is a powerful name that allows us to recognize the greater Fayetteville region's important role in the national landscape. As a military sanctuary community for the tens of thousands of military personnel and civilians who live or work at Fort Bragg, the Force name is a tribute to their strength, honor, dedication, and courage," says team president Andrew Bondarowicz. "The moniker also provides us a platform for a variety of community-based programs and allows us to use our stature as a local professional sports team to bring visibility to this great region-you can expect us to be a Force in this community!"

With this new team having a new vision, they have developed a strong coaching staff and lineup which includes AIFA defensive standout Armar Watson, Clenton Cochran. Wilmont Perry, Walter Ford and Quincy Malloy which are among the players already in the fold. But, they haven't stopped there. Head Coach Marquette Smith is in place to lead Fayetteville's entry in the league.

Smith, a Florida native, played collegiately for Bobby



of Central Florida to finish his college career. Marquette Smith played tailback in 1994 and 1995 and led UCF in rushing both seasons. He set the for rushing yards with 1,511 and downs as a senior. He was the and is third in career rushing ing played only two seasons. dinator. Smith earned second team Allcessive years cut his NFL ca- Football 2) Norfolk Nighthawks in 2000. reer short. From Carolina, Winnipeg Blue Bomber of the ing experience in Arena Foot- the Force office at (910) 920-9200.



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school's single-season record ball, including the ALF's Iowa Barnstormers.

Marquette's arena football coaching career includes stints with the LaCrosse River Rats, also set a record with 14 touch- Carolina Sting Rays, Osceola Ghost Riders and the Kissimmee Kreatures.

"I am very excited about this opportunity. Fayetteville is a great community and there is only player in the UCF history a strong football tradition in town," says Smith. "Coupling the best local talent with that to rush for more than 1,000 which can be imported into town through our collective contacts, we will have a top notch yards in back-to-back seasons team here in Fayetteville and I expect us to be very competitive."

Smith is pleased to introduce former Head Coach for the Cape Fear Wildcats and with 2,569 yards, despite hav- Fayetteville Guard, Charles Gunnings, as a part of the coaching staff as the Defensive Coor-

Charles Gunnings, comes to the Force with an incredibly strapping indoor football re-American honors in 1995, and sume. He is the former Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator for the Richmond Raiders was an honorable mention se- for the 2010 season. In 2007, Gunnings led the Fayetteville Guard to a National Championlection on the Orlando ship and later took the team to the playoffs before parting with the team in 2009. Gunnings Sentinel's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary earned a football scholarship to Elizabeth City State University as a defensive back. Gunnings Football Team. He was drafted was converted to a linebacker and earned all CIAA honors in that position. Upon graduation by the Carolina Panthers in the from ECSU, Gunnings decided to stay to become a linebacker coach while he pursued his fifth round of the 1996 NFL NFL dreams. Gunnings received several invitations to the tryouts for the Baltimore Ravens, Draft, but knee injuries in suc-but with unsucessful attempts, he began his arena football career with the AF2's (Arena

"Coach Gunnings is an accomplished coach that is an asset to this team. He is passion-Smith continued to play for sev- ate, well respected by his players, and community-oriented. I am very happy that we were eral more years with the able to keep him in the fold," stated Coach Smith.

Fayetteville's new professional indoor football team, the Fayetteville Force, is now ready Canadian Football League, the for their first game. The Force is scheduled to kick off its inaugural SIFL season March 18 Los Angeles Xtreme of the at the Crown Coliseum against the Carolina Speed. Ticket packages for the 2011 season are XFL, and several years of play- now available with season ticket available for as low as \$60.00. To pick up your tickets call



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