

College football rivals meet in Iraq

By Spc. Brian Johnson
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BAGHDAD — For over 100 years, there has been a hotly contested rivalry that boils over to an all out war for three hours one fall Saturday afternoon in November.

This war is not between religious factions or different countries, but between two college football teams: The University of Michigan Wolverines and The Ohio State University Buckeyes.

This rivalry is deeply rooted in both teams’ history. Since 1935, the Ohio State and Michigan match-up has decided the Big Ten Conference championship between the two teams 23 different times. This game has also had implications on determining the conference 24 times.

This year, that rivalry spills over, here, in Baghdad for Soldiers of the 16th Engineer Brigade. For troops from the Ohio National Guard’s 1192nd Engineer Company and the Michigan National Guard’s 1434th Engineer Company, the game has a special meaning.

Both companies work very closely together, both units of the 101st Engineer Battalion and both located in the same building. They have even worked on many projects together. However, this one week, on Nov. 21, all the teamwork and camaraderie that the two units have built up will be set aside.

As the old rivals square off on the football field, a lot of

“trash talk” starts to happen

Soldiers of the Michigan-based 1434th Engineer Company differ slightly on how they think their home-state team will fare.

Sgt. Randy Lloyd, of Traverse City, Mich., said that Michigan will be ready to go.

“[The Wolverines] have had a rough last two years, but they will be ready to beat Ohio State,” Lloyd exclaimed. “Michigan will win on a final field goal with a score of Michigan 31, Ohio State 28. GO BLUE!”

Spc. Humberto Fraire, of Fennville, Mich. also predicts that the game will be close but refused to predict a final score.

“All of the Ohio State fans will cry when the game is done,” Fraire said, with a smirk. “It will be great to watch.”

Sgt. Chris Notestine, of Boyne City, Mich., had a slightly harsher prediction for the game turnout.

“Only the Ohio State cheerleaders will show up out of fear,” Notestine said.

First Sgt. Tim Lamphere, has a slightly different prediction.

“Ohio State should win the game, but I will hold out hope that Michigan will pull it off,” said Lamphere. “The final score will be Ohio State 20, Michigan 10.”

How do the Soldiers of the Ohio National Guard’s 1192nd think that their home-state team will do?



Photo by 1st Lt. Aaron Testa, 16th Eng. Bde

Soldiers from the 16th Engineer Brigade practice their “trash talk” at Camp Liberty, Nov. 16, in preparation for one of the biggest night of the year in college football: the University of Michigan v. The Ohio State University.

Staff Sergeant Josh Lenhart, of Akron, Ohio, knows that the game will be a blow out.

“Michigan doesn’t stand a chance,” said Lenhart. “Ohio State will easily win with a final score of Ohio State 35, Michigan 14.”

Sgt. Zach Caudill, of Plymouth, Ohio, echoes the same sentiment.

“Ohio State will put a whoppin’ on Michigan. I expect nothing less from them every year,” said Caudill. “The final score will be Ohio State 38, Michigan 17.”

Spc. Heather Todd, from Lisbon, Ohio, thinks that the game will be close.

“Michigan is very good,” said Todd. “They will give Ohio State a good run. The final score will be Ohio State 25, Michigan 17. That’s because

Michigan is not good enough to beat Ohio State, EVER!”

First Sgt. Keith Moore, from the 1192nd, is not a fan of his home state team, but rather a fan of Michigan.

“This year we (Michigan) are not good. I don’t think we will win at all. The final score will be Ohio State 27, Michigan 17,” Moore said.

Capt. Joseph Ayers, commander of the 1192nd, is also a fan of Michigan.

“I would truly love to say that Michigan would win, but I don’t think it will happen,” said Ayers. “I think OSU will beat us, with a final score of Ohio State 42, Michigan 17.”

Who is ultimately going to win and have bragging rights for the rest of the deployment? On Saturday, Nov. 21st it will all be decided.

“Centurions” conduct small arms training

*Photos by Spc. Michael Farrell
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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Soldiers from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (right) instruct Iraqi Army soldiers on a training technique called the “dime washer” drill to help hone their firing posture during small arms training conducted at the Iraqi Army Field Engineering Regiment Compound, here, Nov. 14



Kansas City, Kan. native, Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Dawn (left) a platoon sergeant with 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, instructs an Iraqi Army Soldier on the prone-unsupported firing position during small arms training conducted at the Iraqi Army Field Engineering Regiment Compound.

Soldiers from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division teach firing techniques and posture to Iraqi Army soldiers at the Iraqi Army Field Engineering Regiment Compound during small arms training.



U.S., Iraqi renovate school in Radwaniyah

By Spc. Ruth McClary
30th HBCT PAO

BAGHDAD — Sounds of Iraqi children reading aloud filled the halls of Sanadeed Primary School as Iraqi leaders cut the red ribbon during the opening ceremony, here, southwest of Baghdad, Nov. 12.

The 875-student school received a \$165,000 makeover, part of a collaborative project supported by the Iraqi Ministry of Education, 17th Division Iraqi Army and U.S. troops of the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

“We are very happy about all the work that has been done in support of our community,” said city council executive officer, Ahmed Rashid Hasasan. “When peo-

ple ask, we will tell them how [U.S. forces] have supported us with these types of projects.”

Project members discussed the major overhaul of the school as they toured the grounds, passing out nearly 1,000 book bags full of school supplies to the children.

Extensive renovations included a new roof, new classroom ceilings, a reinforced foundation, repaired windows, electrical re-wiring, classroom air conditioners, indoor plumbing, a generator, water purification system, water and fuel tank, and a fresh coat of white and peach paint throughout the inside and outside of the building.

All the trees were removed from the grounds. Tree

stumps, which caused cracks in the schools foundation, were de-rooted leaving room for a large soccer field.

Iraqi contractors began the project in October, giving the children a bright and cheery learning environment in a month’s time.

“Contractors did a phenomenal job; completing the project ahead of schedule,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Hawf, of St. Louis. “The opening had a great turn-out; Nahia Council, the Ministry of Education, local and tribal leaders were in attendance.”

“Part of our mission here is to work with the government of Iraq and in fulfilling that, we have worked many joint projects since our arrival,” said Hawf.

Classes ended around noon as the children were routed through the lobby to receive new book bags. Councilmembers, Iraqi and U.S. Soldiers took turns handing them out.

“We appreciate everything the United States forces do for us,” said neighborhood councilman, Maroof Amhosh Mahawish.

“People are watching what we do in this country and they will remember all the good things we have done together.”

“Overall the project was very successful; it went through without any complications,” said Hawf. “The main aspect is the lasting impact this will have on the children’s lives.”

Soldiers help raise money for Iraqi widows

By Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan
30th HBCT

BAGHDAD — It was a scene that you might see in any average market place; vendors selling their wares to visiting tourists. The only difference was that these tourists were U.S. Soldiers.

The Daughters of Iraq, a national women’s organization, held a bazaar raising money for local widows and orphans at Combat Outpost Meade, south of Baghdad, Nov. 13.

Soldiers of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion’s Civil Affairs Team, based at the COP, hosted the bazaar and featured the work of several female Baghdad area artists and tailors.

“It is a sorority for charity, the money spent helps more than 400 local widows,” said Selma el-Taai, president of the Mahmudiyah chapter of Bintel Fuurat, “Daughters of Iraq.”

Handmade rugs of all types and colors, jewelry, prayer beads,

handbags, decorative tea sets, scarves, head coverings, oil paintings of modern and historic Iraq, traditional garb, plaques and other items were for sale.

“It shows our ability as artists, painters and tailors. We can earn a living and show the Iraqi people what we can do,” said Fasion, an artist from Baghdad.

Several dozen shoppers, including visiting actors Jeffrey Donovan and Bruce Campbell of the USA show, “Burn Notice”, enjoyed the widow’s special event. The two actors were visiting the COP as part of a morale welfare and recreation tour.

Soldiers stood around the tables trying on clothes, holding up jewelry, asking about prices and haggled the merchants for a better deal. In the end, both merchant and customer were satisfied, as Soldiers posed for pictures to send back home holding up their bargains.

“I bought a unique handmade

shawl for my sister,” said 1st Lt. Clifton, Gauldin of Raleigh, N.C. “They had some nice stuff over there; it is good to be able to get a local made item.”

Many members of the Daughters of Iraq have attended recent workshops on how to run their

own business and improve their skills for events like this.

Interaction between local citizens and the Soldiers was also a goal of the bazaar.

“It improves the bond between the U.S. and Iraqi people,” said Fasion.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan

Soldiers, civilian workers and visiting actors Jeffrey Donovan (left) and Bruce Campbell (far right), of the USA show Burn Notice, enjoy a charity bazaar hosted by the Daughters of Iraq at Combat Outpost Meade, Nov. 13.

On This Day In History

November 18, 1991

Terry Waite released

Shiite Muslim kidnappers in Lebanon free Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite after more than four years of captivity. Waite, looking thinner and his hair grayer, was freed along with American educator Thomas M. Sutherland after intense negotiations by the United Nations.

Waite, special envoy of the archbishop of Canterbury, had secured the release of missionaries detained in Iran after the Islamic revolution. He also extracted British hostages from Libya and even succeeded in releasing American hostages from Lebanon in 1986.

A total of 10 captives were released through Waite's efforts before Shiite Muslims seized him during a return mission to Beirut on January 20, 1987. He was held captive for more than four years before he was finally released.

During captivity, Waite said he was frequently blindfolded, beaten and subjected to mock executions. He spent much of the time chained to a radiator, suffered from asthma and was transported in a giant refrigerator as his captors moved him about.

Waite, 52, made an impromptu, chaotic appearance before reporters in Damascus after his release to Syrian officials. He said one of his captors expressed regret as he informed Waite he was about to be released.

"He also said to me: 'We apologize for having captured you. We recognize that now this was a wrong thing to do, that holding hostages achieves no useful, constructive purpose,'" Waite said.

The release of Waite and Sutherland left five Western hostages left in Beirut--three Americans, including Terry Anderson, and two Germans. The Americans would be released by December 1991, the Germans in June 1992.

Some 96 foreign hostages were taken and held during the Lebanon hostage crisis between 1982 and 1992.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?
 Chuck Norris does not own a stove, oven, or microwave, because revenge is a dish best served cold.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st Air Cav. Bde., 1st Cav. Div

TAJI –1st Lt. Austin Huckabee, from San Angelo, Texas, hands a small bag of candy to a young Iraqi girl during a patrol in a small village north of Taji, Iraq,. American Soldiers and the 34th Iraqi Army Brigade performed a joint air assault mission and patrol to check on living conditions of the small village.

US ARMY COMBAT MEDICS



A tribute to all those who serve in the medical corps

News Bulletin

Effective Tuesday 17NOV09, the DSTB aid station will be changing hours from 0700-1800 hrs. The only exception is the days that we will be giving flu shots. Sick Call still remains: Monday-Fridays 0800-1000 hrs and 1300-1400 hrs, Saturdays 0800-1000 hrs, and Sundays 1330-1430 hrs.

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
60° F | 44° F



Tomorrow
64° F | 46° F



Monday
68° F | 46° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

What team in the National Football League was named after an 1845 poem by Edgar Allan Poe?

Last Issue's Answer: DEION SANDERS

Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — The Cav Round-Up is a three-minute radio newscast from Baghdad covering military units and events across Multi-National Division — Baghdad.

Today's Cav Round-Up # 200 was produced by SGT Ashley Anderson, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the fol-

lowing stories:

1. A hospital in southern Baghdad gets a little TLC from soldiers of the 30 HBCT. Story from the field by SGT Lisa Heise, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

Like a lot of places in Iraqi the condition is less than ideal. The 30 HBCT are starting an expansion project on the hospital.

2. Soldiers of the 82nd Airborne

Division and their replacements, the 10th Mountain Division see bright future for Iraq's tourism.

With the reconstruction of historical sites they hope to encourage tourism.

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Trigger's Teasers

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The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow: **Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.**

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

Yesterday's Answers

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| 3 5 2 | 4 6 7 | 9 8 1 |
| 4 1 6 | 9 5 8 | 3 7 2 |
| 8 4 3 | 5 1 2 | 7 6 9 |
| 5 9 1 | 7 4 6 | 2 3 8 |
| 2 6 7 | 3 8 9 | 4 1 5 |
| 1 3 4 | 8 9 5 | 6 2 7 |
| 7 8 5 | 6 2 3 | 1 9 4 |
| 6 2 9 | 1 7 4 | 8 5 3 |



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