

### As story time comes to end, it's show time for Louisville

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Sunday night, Howard Schellenberger tossed and turned, then finally gave up trying to sleep and headed for the office at 4 a.m.

Monday night, following a midnight practice at Cardinal Stadium, he went home at 3 a.m., slept in his work clothes and was back on the job at 5:45 a.m. Yesterday, he checked in at 9 a.m.

"It's not nerves," the University of Louisville football coach said. "There's just a lot of work to be done."

However, it would be understandable if Schellenberger were feeling a little jittery approaching U of L's season opener with Tulane at 7 EDT tonight at Cardinal Stadium.

After all, he's spent the past month extolling the virtues of his team. He's confident, not just optimistic, he has said. This will be a "turnaround year," and U of L can handle anything that comes its way on its schedule, he has said.

The whole scenario is a reversal of show-and-tell. Schellenberger has been telling everyone how much better the Cardinals are; now it's show time. He hopes.

"I'm tired of prophesying, promising and all those other things. It's necessary to do in this kind of situation," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting the talk behind us and performing."

So are the players, who are eager to prove that in the most talented, determined U of L bunch ever.

"The public will see what this team is all about and how much progress we've made," halfback Dave Baker said.

In other words, no longer are the Cards marching into battle with weak troops and unloaded rifles. Reinforcements and lethal weapons have arrived.

"It's going to be nice going to war with well-trained troops, a full complement of infantrymen, air force, tanks, battle weapons and all that," Schellenberger said. "Whether we're good enough, we'll have to see, but we've got the tools to go complete."

U of L is seeking to win its opener for the first time since 1982, when Western Kentucky fell 24-15. The Cards haven't beaten a Division IA team in their debut since they shipped Northern Illinois 24-14 in 1978.

With five of its first six games at home, U of L is hoping for a fast jump toward its first winning season in nine years.

"It's very important to start off with a win," defensive end Chris Thieneman said. "We're finally starting at home and against a team we played really well last year. A

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**U OF L-TULANE AT A GLANCE**

Site: Cardinal Stadium  
 Kickoff: 7 p.m. EDT  
 Favorite: Tulane by 3  
 Last year's records: U of L 3-8, Tulane 4-7  
 Last year's game: U of L 25-12  
 Series: U of L leads 1-0  
 TV: None  
 Radio: WVAS-840 AM

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Reebok are grandsons of Bret through Storm Damage. And firing Bret's reputation, Hearty Welcome, Bismarck Lobell, Ralph Underwood and Russ Sharp are out of Bret mares. If one wants to carry things further, Woodrow Wilson favorite Armistice

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