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Clark Kellogg returns to host legends of The Ohio State University together with current and past stars of the NFL, NHL, NBA, Major League Baseball and NASCAR in the Copart Celebrity Pro-Am at Muirfield Village Golf Club

Columbus, Ohio – July 11, 2011 – Tournament officials announced today the field of celebrity participants for the 2011 Copart Celebrity Pro-Am Tournament hosted by Clark Kellogg. A total of 29 local and nationally renowned stars of the sporting world will team up with two amateurs and one Nationwide Tour professional at **Muirfield Village Golf Club** on Monday, July 18 at 12:00 P.M. in advance of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational which begins next week at The Ohio State University's Scarlet Course.

- **Will Allen** – Four-year letterman and First Team All-America safety from The Ohio State University. He was the special teams captain for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2008 and a first alternate for the NFC for the 2009 Pro Bowl. Allen is currently a safety for the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- **Jared Boll** – Forward with the Columbus Blue Jackets since 2007-2008 season. He ranked second on the club and seventh in the NHL in penalty minutes (182) during the 2010-2011 season, snapping his streak of three-straight years leading the team in that category.
- **Bruce Bowen** – Former NBA player for the Miami Heat, Philadelphia 76ers and San Antonio Spurs. Bowen was elected eight times to the NBA All- Defensive First and Second Teams and was a member of the Spurs teams that won three NBA Championships (2003, 2005 and 2007).
- **Junior Bridgeman** – Former star for the Milwaukee Bucks. In his 12-year NBA career he played in 711 games for the Bucks, the most in that franchises history. Bridgeman averaged double figures in scoring for nine consecutive seasons in Milwaukee and his No. 2 jersey was retired by the Bucks in 1988.
- **Keith Byars** – First-team All-American and Big Ten Conference MVP tailback at The Ohio State University from 1982 to 1985. He played 14 NFL seasons as a fullback and tight end for the Philadelphia Eagles, Miami Dolphins, New England Patriots and New York Jets.

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- **Michael Conley** – Former point guard for The Ohio State University where he led the Buckeyes to the Big Ten Championship and NCAA runner-up in 2007. Conley was drafted in the first round of the 2007 NBA draft to the Memphis Grizzlies. During the 2010-2011 season he helped lead the Grizzlies into the second round of the NBA playoffs.
- **John Cooper** – The second winningest coach in Ohio State history, his 111 career wins rank second behind only Woody Hayes. The Buckeye's head football coach from 1988-2000 was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2008.
- **Jon Diebler** – The Ohio State University and Big Ten career three-point field goal record holder. Helped lead the Buckeyes to back-to-back Big Ten Championships (2009/2010 and 2010/2011). Diebler is currently a member of the NBA's Portland Trailblazers.
- **Derek Dorsett** – The right winger for the Columbus Blue Jackets was drafted by the club in the 7th round (189th overall) of the 2006 NHL Entry Draft.
- **Archie Griffin** – Three-time first-team All-American for Ohio State from 1973-1975 and college football's only two-time Heisman Trophy winner. He is the All-Time Career Rushing leader at Ohio State with 5,589 yards on 924 attempts. As a four-year starter Griffin helped lead the Buckeyes to four straight Big Ten titles and is the only player to ever start in four-consecutive Rose Bowls. Griffin is the current President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association.
- **John Hicks** – All-American offensive lineman and Lombardi and Outland trophy winner at The Ohio State University from 1969-1973. Hicks was a first round NFL draft pick and NFC Rookie of the Year for the New York Giants.
- **Scott Howson** – named the second General Manager in Columbus Blue Jackets history on June 15, 2007 and oversees all aspects of the club's hockey operations. Howson, a former NHL player, led the Blue Jackets to the team's first playoff berth in franchise history in the 2008/2009 season.
- **Jim Jackson** – Two time First Team All-American standout for The Ohio State University basketball team. He was the Big Ten Freshman of the year and Big Ten Player of the Year as a Sophomore and Junior. Jackson was the 4th pick in the 1992 NBA Draft (Dallas Mavericks) and played in the league for 14 seasons. He is the sixth leading scorer in Ohio State history and his No. 22 jersey was retired in 2001. He is currently a basketball analyst for the Big Ten Network.
- **Clark Kellogg** – averaged 14.9 points and 10.1 rebounds, scored a total of 1,285 points, pulled down 872 rebounds in 86 games and earned All-Big Ten Conference and Most Valuable Player honors as a member of the Ohio State Basketball team from 1980-1982. He led the Buckeyes in both scoring and rebounding as a sophomore and junior before passing up his senior season in favor of the NBA where he was drafted by the Indiana Pacers. He currently works as the lead basketball analyst for CBS Sports television.

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- **Kent Mercker** – enjoyed a 17-year career in Major League Baseball pitching for nine different teams, including the Cincinnati Reds. The lefty was a part of two no-hitters in his playing days, both with the Atlanta Braves.
 - **Frank Minnefield** – Former NFL star defensive back for the Cleveland Browns from 1984 – 1992. He became a fixture at cornerback for the Browns and was named to the Pro Bowl four straight years from 1986 – 1989.
 - **Anthony Munoz** – As a dominant left tackle Munoz led the football Trojans of USC to the 1978 National Championship. He was selected by the Cincinnati Bengals as the third overall pick in the 1980 NFL Draft and was an 11-time NFL Pro Bowl selection. Munoz is the only Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee in Cincinnati Bengals history.
 - **Scoonie Penn** – Former Ohio State basketball point guard who led the basketball Buckeyes to the NCAA Final Four in 1999 and was named a third-team All-American in 1999 and 2000. Penn has played 10 years in the top level of European Basketball where he has won three titles.
 - **Joker Phillips** – The current head coach for the University of Kentucky football team. Phillips played wide receiver for the Wildcats from 1981 through 1984 followed by two seasons in the NFL with Washington Redskins.
 - **Chris Quinn** – Played high school basketball at Dublin Coffman High School in Dublin, Ohio where he set 14 school records. He was a First Team All-Big East and two-year co-captain at the University of Notre Dame and a Big East Academic All-Star selection as a freshman and junior. Quinn currently plays in the NBA as a member of the San Antonio Spurs.
 - **Michael Redd** – Former Ohio State guard who was the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 1998 and garnered MVP honors in 1998, 1999, and 2000. He was drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks in 2000 where he has played for 10 seasons. Redd played in the 2004 NBA All-Star Game and was a member of the gold medal winning 2008 Team USA basketball squad in Beijing.
 - **Marty Reid** – Currently the lead television announcer for ESPN's coverage of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Reid began his career at WCMH-TV in Columbus, Ohio in 1975.
 - **Dan Rooney** – Has been recognized as one of People Magazine's 2008 Heroes of the Year and one of ABC World News Tonight's Persons of the Year for 2008. Rooney is an F-16 pilot in the Oklahoma Air National Guard and founder of the Folds of Honor Foundation, which provides scholarships for children of soldiers who died while defending our freedom.
- Ralph Sampson** – A 7-foot-4-inch basketball phenom, three-time College Player of the Year while at the University of Virginia and the No. 1 pick in the 1983 NBA Draft. Sampson was a four-time NBA All Star from 1984 to 1987 and finished his pro career with the Washington Bullets in 1992.

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- **Brian Scott** – American race car driver with Joe Gibbs Racing who is competing for the NASCAR Nationwide Series title. Scott has recorded 20 top-10 finishes, including a victory at the 2009 AAA Insurance 200 in Dover.
- **Tom Skladany** – Three-time All-American punter and kicker at The Ohio State University and the first kicking specialist to receive a football scholarship to OSU. Skladany holds the Buckeye record for the longest field goal at 59 yards. He was a two-time All-Pro with the NFL's Detroit Lions.
- **Troy Taylor** – Four-year starter for the Ohio State University men's basketball team from 1982 to 1985. Taylor is ranked #15 on the all-time scoring list and holds the record for most steals in a game (8).
- **RJ Umberger** – Current center and left winger for the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets. On April 16th, 2009, Umberger scored the first ever playoff goal in Blue Jackets franchise history. During the 2010-2011 season he set the franchise record for consecutive games played, playing in 246-straight games since October 10, 2008.
- **Herb Williams** – Four-year starter for The Ohio State University scoring more than 2,000 points and over 1,000 rebounds. He was a member of the All-BigTen team as a junior and drafted in the first round of the 1981 NBA Draft to the Indiana Pacers. Williams played 18 seasons in the NBA.

The fifth anniversary of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational will feature a purse of \$800,000, the second largest on the Nationwide Tour. The Golf Channel will broadcast Tournament coverage from Thursday's opening round to the trophy presentation on Sunday. The Invitational will be played July 18 – 24, 2011 at The Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course, rated as the top collegiate golf course in the country by Golf Digest. The Tournament integrates the top professionals on the Nationwide Tour with the top players from the collegiate ranks to create a unique field of 144 of the best up and coming players from around the world.

For questions concerning ticket prices and availability, how to become a volunteer, and general Tournament information please call (614) 764-GOLF or visit www.nchigolf.com.

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2011 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational Schedule of Events

Monday, July 18	Copart Celebrity Pro-Am Tournament hosted by Clark Kellogg <i>Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio</i> 12:00pm Shotgun Women's Board of Nationwide Children's Hospital Junior Golf Classic <i>Ohio State University Golf Club - Gray Course</i> All Day Professional Practice Rounds All Day
Tuesday, July 20	Professional Practice Rounds All Day Amateur Instructional Challenge <i>New Albany Country Club</i> 12:30pm Shotgun
Wednesday, July 21	Official Pro-Am Tournament (Scarlet course) Morning Tee Times from 7:00am Afternoon Tee Times from 12:00pm Professional Practice Rounds All Day
Thursday, July 22	First Round Official Tournament Competition 7:00am – 7:00pm First Shot to Fight Cancer 6:50am Putting Challenge presented by Carrabba's 11:00am – 4:00pm Birdie Time Tastes Great! - All day adjacent to the 13 th fairway. Miller Lite Beer specials for 15 minutes when a Tour Professional scores a birdie on the 13 th hole.
Friday, July 23	Second Round Official Tournament Competition 7:00am – 7:00pm Putting Challenge presented by Carrabba's 11:00am – 4:00pm Birdie Time Tastes Great! - All day adjacent to the 13 th fairway. Miller Lite Beer specials for 15 minutes when a Tour Professional scores a birdie on the 13 th hole.
Saturday, July 24	Third Round Official Tournament Competition 8:30am – 6:00pm Putting Challenge presented by Carrabba's 11:00am – 4:00pm Jeni's Ice Creams Day – Adjacent to the 18 th green 12:00pm-5:00pm FREE Ice Cream for ALL patrons Birdie Time Tastes Great! - All day adjacent to the 13 th fairway. Miller Lite Beer specials for 15 minutes when a Tour Professional scores a birdie on the 13 th hole.
Sunday, July 25	Final Round Official Tournament Competition 8:30am – 6:00pm <i>Awards Ceremony Following Play of Final Round</i> Free Pancake Breakfast presented by Chris Cakes 9:00am-12:00pm Putting Challenge presented by Carrabba's 11:00am – 4:00pm Birdie Time Tastes Great! - All day adjacent to the 13 th fairway. Miller Lite Beer specials for 15 minutes when a Tour Professional scores a birdie on the 13 th hole.

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ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL INVITATIONAL

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational is owned and operated by Champions of the Community, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation. The event is the only tournament on the Nationwide Tour to operate as an "invitational", providing a unique platform in which the best players on the Nationwide Tour will be joined by a select number of the country's top collegian/amateur golfers in a limited field of 144 players. Featuring a purse of \$800,000 the Tournament is conducted to showcase the best golf on the Nationwide Tour on one of the most challenging venues in the world for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit charitable organizations in central Ohio. For more information, call 614-764-GOLF or visit our website at www.nchigolf.com.

ABOUT NATIONWIDE

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ABOUT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Ranked in the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2008 "America's Best Children's Hospitals" and *Parents* magazine's 2009 top ten "Best Children's Hospitals" lists, Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric healthcare networks providing wellness, preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitative care for infants, children, adolescents and adult patients with congenital disease. A medical staff of nearly 900 and a hospital staff of 6,500 provide state-of-the-art pediatric care for more than 750,000 patient visits annually. As home to the Department of Pediatrics of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Nationwide Children's Hospital physicians train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the top 10 National Institutes of Health-funded freestanding pediatric research facilities. Nationwide Children's remains true to the original mission since its founding in 1892 of providing care regardless of a family's ability to pay. More information is available at NationwideChildrens.org.

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ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE TOUR

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Nationwide Tour identifies those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. As the official proving ground of the PGA TOUR, two out of three PGA TOUR members are Nationwide Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won 310 PGA TOUR titles, including 13 majors and four PLAYERS Championships. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards will be at stake over the course of 26 events in 2011. Nationwide Insurance is the Tour's umbrella sponsor through 2012. The PGA TOUR, through the efforts of its three tours and their tournaments, sponsors, players and volunteers, supports over 2,000 local charities and has surpassed \$1.6 billion in charitable giving. To learn more about the PGA TOUR and Nationwide Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM, Twitter and Facebook.

ABOUT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

The Ohio State University Department of Athletics is completely self supporting and receives no university monies, tax dollars or student fees. The Department of Athletics sponsors 36 fully funded varsity teams – 17 for women, 16 for men and three that are co-educational – and is committed to providing the very finest in academic and athletics support in an effort to provide its more than 1,000 student-athletes with a quality, life-changing experience at Ohio State.