

7/10/2010: One-on-One with Brad Banks

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Eight years ago, Brad Banks was given an opportunity to lead the Iowa football team. His one season as the Hawkeyes' starting quarterback was something he made the most of.

Not only did he help guide Iowa to its first unbeaten season in Big Ten play in 78 years and an appearance in the 2003 FedEx Orange Bowl against USC, but Banks also went on to win the Davey O'Brien Award and was Heisman runner-up in 2002. Prior to the 38-17 loss to the Trojans in Miami, the Belle Glade, Fla., native accumulated 25 touchdown passes, while only tossing four interceptions through 12 games.

On Saturday, Banks was the one giving opportunities to kids, holding the 2010 Brad Banks Summer Football Camp at the Kenyon Practice Facility.

Although his camp was only for the one day, the Belle Glade, Fla., native still had a team of people lend a hand in helping him give back to the kids. Other former Hawkeyes came back to instruct with various positions on the gridiron. Sponsors such as Billion Automotive, Scheels, Nike and Boston's Gourmet Pizza all helped with providing scholarships for some of the kids to take part. Banks also intends to have proceeds from Saturday's camp donated to a charity in the Eastern Iowa area.

Before his camp got underway Saturday morning, Banks granted *HawkeyeDrive.com* an exclusive one-on-one interview. Among the topics discussed with the former Hawkeye signal-caller in addition to his camp were the 2002 season he helped

orchestrate, how his 2002 team would fare against last year's Iowa team that also went to the Orange Bowl, and what he hopes the kids attending his camp are able to take away from the experience.