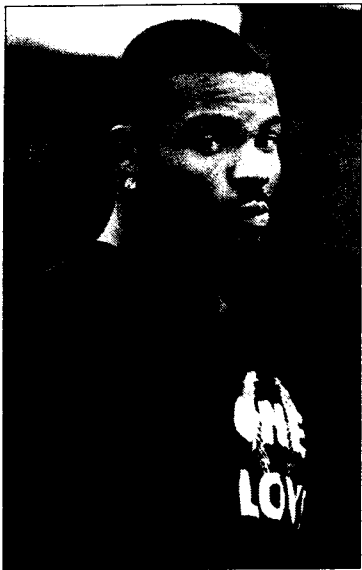


# Jets' Edwards admitted drinking prior to DWI stop

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NEW YORK — New York Jets star wide receiver Braylon Edwards told a police officer he'd been partying and drinking before being pulled over in his luxury SUV, but he suggested letting him leave the car and go home, prosecutors

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Braylon Edwards appears in court.

said as he was arraigned Tuesday on drunken-driving charges.

A solemn Edwards was released without bail in a case that could compound his legal troubles while he's on probation after a fracas in Cleveland last year. He declined to discuss the drunken-driving arrest as he left a Manhattan courthouse, thronged by reporters.

"There will be plenty of time to talk. I'll address everybody," said Edwards, wearing a black T-shirt and fashionably torn gray jeans.

Defense lawyer Peter M. Frankel said Edwards was exhausted and focused on getting back to his team.

"Obviously, this is very difficult for him," Frankel said. "Without question, absolutely, he understands the seriousness of the situation, and he is committed to getting back on the football field and doing what he does best for the Jets."

A breath test showed Edwards had a blood-alcohol level twice the legal limit after he was stopped on Manhattan's West Side around 5 a.m. Tuesday, prosecutors said. Chief police spokesman Paul Browne said officers on the lookout for such violations as overly tinted windows

stopped Edwards because his Land Rover's windows were too dark and then noticed a strong smell of alcohol.

Authorities said there were four other people in the SUV, and the Jets confirmed Tuesday that starting left tackle D'Brickashaw Ferguson and defensive end Vernon Gholston were among them. Neither of those players was charged.

Edwards told an officer he'd had "a couple of drinks," the last about an hour before, assistant district attorney Alyssa Gunther said.

"We were coming from a party. How about if I just leave the car and take a cab and go home?" he asked, according to Gunther.

Edwards also quizzed the officer about why he wasn't first given a field sobriety test, saying "they do it in Michigan," where he was a college standout, and questioned the basis for his arrest, Gunther said.

"Why was I stopped for having tints if my driving didn't lead you to believe I was drunk driving?" Edwards asked, according to prosecutors.

It's unclear where Edwards was coming from or going. Teammate Jerricho Cotchery told WFAN-AM Tuesday morning that Edwards

and other Jets had attended a Manhattan event Monday night for Cotchery's nonprofit foundation benefiting underprivileged youths.

Edwards was charged with driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor, and driving while impaired, a violation.

He's due back in court Nov. 9. If convicted, he could face up to a year in jail.

While awaiting the outcome of the New York case, Edwards may have to return Cleveland to face a possible probation violation, which could carry jail time. The Cleveland Municipal Court judge handling his case has been notified of his New York arrest, court spokesman Ed Ferenc said.

In January, Edwards was placed on probation for 18 months after pleading no contest to misdemeanor aggravated disorderly conduct; he'd been accused of punching a friend of NBA star LeBron James outside a Cleveland nightclub. The Cleveland Browns traded Edwards to the Jets two days after the October nightclub encounter.

Edwards also could be in line for an NFL suspension for violations of league policies on alcohol and player conduct.

The NFL had no comment, but Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum said Edwards had shown poor judgment.

"We are very disappointed in Braylon's actions this morning," Tannenbaum said in a statement. "We are reviewing the information with the league and will impose the appropriate disciplinary measures."

Tannenbaum noted that the Jets provide players with the option of calling for a driver to take them home if they are out having drinks.

Edwards had a big game for the Jets in their 28-14 win over the New England Patriots on Sunday, catching five passes, including a touchdown and two-point conversion.

He was penalized for taunting — he danced in front of the defensive back covering him — after his 10-yard TD catch, and coach Rex Ryan clearly wasn't happy on the sideline, shaking his head.

The former first-round pick said during the Jets' playoff run last season that he wanted to finish his career in New York.

He signed a contract tender with the Jets in March worth \$6.1 million and will be a free agent after this season.

## Werth lifts Phils over Braves

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Roy Halladay became Philadelphia's first 20-game winner in 28 years, Jayson Werth hit a three-run homer and the Phillies increased their lead in the NL East to five games with their ninth straight win, 5-3 over the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

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Halladay (20-10) allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings to reach 20 wins for the third time in his career. Hall of Famer Steve Carlton was the last

to do it for the Phillies when he won 23 in 1982. Robin Roberts, another Hall of Famer, was the last right-hander to win 20 for Philadelphia, in 1955.

The two-time defending NL champions are 43-15 since July 21, when they trailed the Braves by seven games. They are 17-3 in September.

The Phillies reduced their magic number to clinch the division to six.

Philadelphia

Atlanta

Rookie Mike Minor (3-2) lasted just 2 1-3 innings in his eighth career start, allowing three runs and seven hits.

Atlanta's Freddie Freeman hit his first major league homer, a solo shot off Halladay in the seventh.

Freeman was 1 for 13 before he connected.

Ryan Madson tossed a scoreless eighth for Philadelphia and Brad Lidge finished for his 25th save in 30 chances.

Halladay followed up another impressive start by 2008 World Series MVP Cole Hamels. Next up is Roy Oswalt.

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position has been drastically different from the 2009 version in which Andrew Quarless was an intricate part of the passing offense. He tallied 536 yards and three touchdowns in 2009.

Brackett's ability to play the hybrid role gives Penn State a receiver in the Quarless mold, seen during the Youngstown State game, when Brackett effectively utilized the middle of the field. Conversely, Gilliam,

listed at 6-foot-6 and 263 pounds, is a bigger player and could be a useful blocking force throughout the season in addition to catching some passes once he gains more experience.

"I think they're doing a good job," receiver Graham Zug said. "Even though they haven't caught a ball doesn't mean they're not helping the offense out. They're running good routes, and they're being covered, which opens up other receivers."

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Association, many Icers' fans are from the local community rather than the student body.

"A lot of fans are alumni and family members," Schlecter (senior-psychology) said.

"The community loves the ice hockey players and I think the fan base will increase tremendously."

The new hockey facility, which will be granted a name within the next 3-6 months, is also planning to host future NHL exhibition games. Joe Battista, newly appointed director of the future ice arena, said Friday that he

spoke to NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and he was excited and willing to listen to offers made in the future.

Penn State football coach Joe Paterno said he was glad Penn State constructed the new arena, adding that he thought it would be more beneficial than Medlar Field at Lubrano Park when it was constructed in 2006.

Mayor Goreham also expressed her feelings about hockey fans.

"Hockey fans have a reputation for being pretty strong fans," she said. "I just hope they continue to be respectful of our town."

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## Women's golf

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other Lions golfed for Penn State at the Cincinnati Classic. Over the three days, sophomore Emily Ransome shot +15, sophomore Hanule Seo shot +20, senior Giulia Carando shot +21 and senior Brianna Malcolmson shot +20.

Penn State will head to Greensboro Sunday for

the Starmount Fall Classic.

St. Pierre says they are excited about Greensboro, but the competition will be harder than in Cincinnati.

"We need to do a better job of bouncing back from our mistakes," St. Pierre said.

Fanelli, though, is enthusiastic for the Bermuda grass golf course.

"It's supposed to be a really nice course in Greensboro," she said. "I grew up in Florida, so I love playing on Bermuda grass."

St. Pierre said she was pleased

with Penn State's ability to stick to strategy in Cincinnati, adding she is excited for the team to compete in the Starmount Classic with big conference teams like North Carolina State, Maryland, and Miami.

And reflecting on Tuesday's performances, St. Pierre said she was happy with the team's consistency overall.

"Every week we're seeing progress," she said.

"It's early in the season. [And] finishing in the top third was a success."

## Sisters

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was looking at other places, I was doing the same thing," Lauren said. "I was completely open to where I wanted to go. But in the end, I always wanted to come here. A lot of my other family went here as well, so it's always been kind of my second home for school."

It takes more to play field hockey for Penn State than simply having a sister; a mother and an aunt who played for the team, though. Penn State has an elite field hock-

ey program and doesn't accept players purely on name alone.

But before Big Ten play has even started, Lauren has shown her prowess on the Nittany Lions. In seven games this season, Lauren has three goals and two assists, good enough for eight points, which is tied for third on the team. And assistant coach Lisa Bervinchak-Love attributes some of the younger Purvis' success to the leadership of her elder sister.

"You can see from day one, [Jenny] is definitely looking after her younger sister," Bervinchak-Love said. "Like with different drills, she'll be like, 'Make sure

you're paying attention to this.' Maybe she wouldn't be in the right position for a drill, she would quietly be correcting her just to help her out. But you know she's always encouraging her sister and her sister's always looking after Jenny as well."

But, at the same time, Bervinchak-Love said Jenny has matured as a player since her younger sister's arrival, as well.

"I think having Lauren around has actually helped Jenny become a better leader overall, too," Bervinchak-Love said. "She's vocal and tries to keep everyone

focused at practice and if people are maybe not as focused at practice, they're not enthusiastic, she tries to bring it out in everyone."

And although there may be that tendency to want to one-up each other, the sisters as well as the coaches said there's no sibling rivalry here.

Jenny said the only competition between the two is to make each other better players on and off the field. They both want to see each other succeed, no matter what they have to do to make that happen.

If there's a time when Lauren stresses out about anything,

whether it be schoolwork, field hockey or life in general, Jenny said she'll always be there for her sister, in any capacity.

"I would definitely say I push her a little bit more just because I know she can take it," Jenny said. "I think I maybe pick on her a tiny bit, and I think she knows it, but it really isn't anything bad. We just kind of both understand we're both trying to get better. I'm still trying to get better as a senior. So she helps me and I help her. I think we have a great relationship."

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## Royster

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ball out of the backfield, receiving."

Royster, who was one of more than a dozen players with the flu during last year's game, exploded for 134 yards on 19 carries in a 31-6 victory over the Owls. In the first two weeks against Akron and Syracuse, Royster didn't impress, going for 61 yards on 14 carries in Week 1 and 41 yards on 12 carries in Week 2.

The scrutiny of Royster has picked up this season with his failure to meet far greater expectations (some had Royster as a

Heisman candidate), and with last week's emergence of backup Stephon Green, who carried the ball 11 times and averaged 5.4 yards.

From watching film of Royster, however, Golden noted he didn't think the numbers were completely indicative.

"Just watching the cuts that he made against Kent State last week, [they were] just tremendous cuts," Golden said.

"The running back zone play that they run — he's done tremendous against us, even though he hasn't had the season that everybody wants him to have to this point."

Senior center Doug Klopacz

agreed with Golden about Royster's ability despite poor stats through three games.

He also pointed to last year's game, saying given Temple's improvement — the Owls are 3-0 for the first time since 1979, the Lions will need a big game out of the senior running back in order to avoid a possible upset.

"He was doing what he had to do in practice, and hopefully he has another breakout game against Temple because they're definitely a very good team this year," Klopacz said.

"We're gonna need him to come ready to play."

Last week, when Green got the call for most of the second half,

Royster looked indifferent on the sideline, standing alone with his arms crossed and his helmet propped above his forehead.

Klopacz said there were no such signs in practice that Royster has let the scrutiny get to him, adding he has no reason to believe the man he blocks for won't be prepared for a similar breakout game. Wide receiver Graham Zug agreed with Klopacz, noting Royster's demeanor in the huddle.

"He's positive. He really cares about this team and whatever's the best for it, he's happy with," Zug said.

"He just wants us to do well and produce on offense."

But Royster hasn't found a rhythm this season, while Green appeared to find one in the second half against Kent State.

As for Royster finding that groove, Zug said it will be vital this season, regardless of who may be the go-to guy in clutch situations.

"It's important for us. He's a great running back. He works hard constantly. He's always practicing hard," Zug said.

"He cares about this team, and he always wants what's best for the team. Coach Paterno knows who's the best, and he's gonna play whoever's helping out the offense."

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can have significant yardage," Paterno said. "Right now he fights for his life to get by."

### On the mend

Safety Drew Astorino was limited during Saturday's game, and Paterno said the redshirt junior is still bothered by a left shoulder injury that was repaired in January.

The coach said it's more of a week-to-week plan with Astorino, and the Lions try not to get him too banged up in practice so he can play on Saturdays.

"He doesn't practice as intensely as he ordinarily would," Paterno said. "I think he's done some

things very well and some other things he's tried to be careful with the shoulder."

"But he's a good competitor. e's smart. Kids rally around him. He's a good guy in that defensive huddle."

On the offensive side of the ball, sophomore wide receiver Curtis Drake won't be returning to the field any time soon, Paterno said, despite showing some mobility dressed in street clothes during warm-ups before last Saturday's game.

The sophomore continues to recover from a broken leg he suffered in August and has yet to do any activities with the team, Paterno said.

Initial reports slated Drake to return in six-to-eight weeks, the earlier of that prognosti-

cation falling during this week.

Stay tuned.

### Golden Opportunity

While Paterno couldn't remember if fifth-year Temple head coach Al Golden consulted with him before accepting the Temple job in 2005, Paterno wouldn't shy away from giving his former tight end praise.

Coming off his first winning season and first bowl appearance for the Owls in 30 years, Golden has his team headed in the right direction, Paterno said.

But long before Golden accepted the Temple job, Paterno said the two had talks about the coaching profession.

During recruiting trips when Golden was at Virginia, Paterno said the two would talk about the

importance of Golden waiting for the right job.

"Generally speaking I think young coaches have a tendency to want to go too fast," Paterno said.

"I probably said something to him to wait for the right opportunity."

### Heart Smart

With Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio suffering a mild heart attack after Saturday's overtime win against Notre Dame, Paterno said coaching has become more demanding over the years.

The day-to-day stress of the job, which Paterno said for him include teleconferences, press conferences and meetings with television programs covering the game, have contributed to making

coaching a more demanding challenge across the board.

Despite efforts to televise more games and make everything about the sport more public, Paterno said his coaching style hasn't changed.

While he hadn't met with his staff to talk about limiting the stress of its jobs, Paterno said he needs to get back to finding time to do more walking.

"I used to walk five, six miles a day at a pretty good pace, and so I think that's held me over in good stead," Paterno said.

"But I feel really good, and I don't think I'm coaching any differently than I had. In fact, the coaches might tell you they wish I'd shut up more."

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