

Well, anyone who made those predictions clearly didn't know Scott. They didn't understand the effect he could have on UofL's program and its student-athletes in hardly any time at all. Now, 1 year into the Satterfield-era, the University of Louisville Cardinals have won seven games, placed second in their division, and the team is on the way to the Music City Bowl. And when they take the field in Nashville, the Cardinals will be led by their award-winning and expectations-beating head coach.

It is a great privilege for a longtime Cards fan like myself to pay tribute to Coach Satterfield and his many accomplishments. He set out to change the program's culture, to restore the team's confidence, and to unite the players, coaches, and fans together around a shared purpose. Overcoming a challenging schedule took vision and grit, which are qualities Scott possesses in great measure.

Coach Satterfield has made fall Saturdays—or should I say “Satterdays”—in Louisville a whole lot of fun. Igniting an explosive offense, including 2019 All-ACC first team honorees Tutu Atwell and Mekhi Becton, the Cardinals averaged more than 440 yards per game. The defense stepped up too—often when it mattered most—and helped add a couple of quality wins to the Cardinals' resume.

Scott began this season determined to prove that this team could live up to its greatest potential. Along with Louisville's other top-notch coaches, he is helping to restore UofL's pride. And after only a single season, he is already making history. As the first UofL coach to ever be named “ACC Coach of the Year,” Scott has shown that he not only has what it takes to compete at the highest levels of college football but that he is also ready to lead his team, our university, and the city to victory.

So I would like to congratulate Coach Scott Satterfield for receiving this well-deserved honor and to thank him for providing some extraordinary football to watch this season. I hope my Senate colleagues will join me in paying tribute to Scott as he prepares to finish strong in Nashville at the end of the month. I for one, look forward to cheering on my Cards.

TRIBUTE TO NICOLAAS BUDDE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a longtime member of my staff, Nicolaas Budde, who is departing my office after 15 years of service.

Nic has been my systems administrator, responsible for keeping all of the technology in my personal and leadership Senate offices here in Washington and in our three State offices in good working order, among many other things.

Needless to say, a key part of the job description for a systems administrator is the ability to be extremely

patient with those of us who may not be as up to speed on the technology available to us. And I would say that there are very few people who are as patient and kind as Nic.

From fixing a recalcitrant printer to setting up a new, high-tech studio for the Senate Republican conference, Nic always does what can often be frustrating and time-consuming work with a cheerful smile and a reassuring word. He comes to work every single day with a sunny and enthusiastic attitude, and he doesn't accept anything less than the best when it comes to serving South Dakotans and our fellow Americans.

Nic grew up in Harrisburg, SD, and worked on both of my Senate campaigns as systems administrator while he was in college at Dakota State University in Madison, SD. For those who may not know, Dakota State University is the “high-tech” college in our State, and students who graduate from DSU often go on to prestigious jobs at technology companies and the like. Nic could have done any of those jobs, but instead he chose to dedicate his career to serving here in the Senate.

Nic is very involved in the Senate community, often vetting new technologies and participating in pilot projects and working groups regarding the use of technology in the Senate. Nic manages my official website, and during his tenure the site has earned several Mouse Awards from the non-partisan Congressional Management Foundation, including a Gold Mouse Award. Our website is a critical part of our efforts to keep constituents informed about the work we do on their behalf, and I am grateful to Nic for all the work he has done to make our site a helpful resource for South Dakotans.

Before I came to my current leadership position as majority whip, I was head of the Senate Republican Conference, and Nic was a key part of the conference team. While we were there, Nic managed a complex and highly technical project to upgrade the technological infrastructure of the office, an important but often unsung part of our ability to get our conference's message out to the nation.

Nic is currently managing a similarly difficult project at the Senate Republican Conference, setting up a new, high-tech studio that will greatly expand our technological and communications capabilities in that office. This is incredibly important work, and Nic has done all of this while at the same time putting out fires in my whip office and in the personal office whenever the phones go down or someone's email isn't working—and always with a smile and a great deal of patience.

I want to thank Nic for his service and also thank his wife Jackie and his children, Ella and Frederick, for letting us have their husband and dad for these many years.

Thankfully, Nic won't be going far. He will just be down the hall continuing his work at the Senate Repub-

lican Conference, where all of my colleagues will get the benefit of his expertise.

Nic, thank you again for your many years of service, your cheerfulness, your kindness, your hard work, and most importantly, your patience.

We wish you the very best for the future.

RECOGNIZING WGN-TV

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, we find ourselves in the usual December doldrums. We are somewhere between the end of the baseball season and the beginning of spring training. It is a time to reflect and a time to dream.

A familiar offseason refrain from many die-hard Chicago Cubs fans is, “Wait ‘til next year” or “next season will be different.” Well, next season will indeed be different as Cubs fans will not, in the immortal words of Steve Goodman, be able to “catch it all on WGN.” Chicago Cubs baseball is moving to the new Marquee Sports Network. I want to take a moment to honor WGN's long-standing commitment to unsurpassed sports coverage and their historic partnership with the Cubs.

I think it is safe to say that, for the most part, Cubs fans are an optimistic bunch. We have endured some very tough seasons and the longest championship drought in Major League Baseball. Of course, in 2016, the Cubs rewarded their fans with a World Series championship, the first in more than a century. Throughout much of that century, fans could count on watching their favorite team on “Chicago's Very Own,” WGN-TV. In fact, for 72 years, WGN helped spread the thrills of Cubs baseball through player milestones, including Mr. Cub Ernie Banks' 500th homerun, pennant races, October baseball, and more than a few lean years.

The Cubs game on April 23, 1948, wasn't a particularly memorable one. They lost 1-0 to the rival St. Louis Cardinals. History was made not on the field but in the broadcast booth as WGN-TV aired its first Cubs game and set in motion the longest baseball-TV relationship in baseball history. Since then, WGN-TV has aired 7,115 Cubs games, reaching fans across the country and around the globe.

It was a great risk for the Cubs to start airing all their games on television. What if people stopped going to games and only watched from home? After all, WGN-TV made it feel like you were at the game. The Zoomar lens brought long shots and close-ups into focus as a television cameraman swung quickly from views of the whole diamond to close-ups of batting, pitching, and action in the bullpen. But the gamble was worth it. The Cubs drew 1.2 million fans to Wrigley Field in 1948, despite losing 90 games that season.

It became a tradition for kids to come home after school to watch the Cubs on WGN. Hall of famers Ernie Banks, Billy Williams, Ron Santo,