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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS



On behalf of the Government and People of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, I extend a warm welcome to the football teams of Eastern Michigan Eagles and Old Dominion Monarchs, game organizers, coaches, family members and fans who have come to our country this week to participate in and enjoy the 3rd Annual Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

Christmas is an exciting time in the City of Nassau, and for the past two years, the anticipation of Game Day has ramped up the Yuletide energy of our city. The post season college football bowls of 2014 and 2015 were executed with panache, to the delight of the 13,000 plus fans at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium in Nassau and millions of television viewers around the world. Each year, the extensive international media coverage provided by ESPN ensures that The Bahamas receives invaluable exposure, and all those who travel to our shores are warmed not only by our unsurpassed tropical climate but, also by the hospitality of our people which makes for a thoroughly enjoyable our destination.

The Bahamas has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a playground for those seeking a relaxing get-away in the sun. Over the past decade, we have been carefully building a name for ourselves as a sports tourism destination, having recently played host in our capital city, Nassau, to an impressive line-up of international events, including the IAAF World Relays 2014 and 2015; practice and training sessions of various NBA teams; an NCAA Basketball Tournament featuring several notable top ranked teams, and the 2016 World Hero Challenge Golf Tournament and the Best of the Best Regatta. We take great pride in our country being the staging ground for these world-class events and the venue of choice for sports groups. We will continue to spread the word that The Bahamas is a sports mecca where all are welcome. It is in this vein that we welcome back Popeyes Bahamas Bowl to the City of Nassau, for the third consecutive year.

As many of you are aware, The Bahamas and Nassau and Paradise Island have much to offer. You have come at a time when we stage our country's most spectacular cultural extravaganza. On December 26, beginning in the pre-dawn hours, you will have the unique opportunity to witness first-hand the annual **Boxing Day Junkanoo Parade**, a jaw-dropping street parade of music, costume and dance that showcases the artistic creativity of the people of The Bahamas.

I trust that your time in The Bahamas will be enjoyable and that you will return next year for the fourth edition of Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

Welcome back to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Perry G. Christie  
Prime Minister





"The excitement of American college football is now an integral part of the dynamics of Christmas week in The Bahamas. Football fans here and abroad are treated to an outstanding game, and the youth of The Bahamas get to witness sportsmanship at its very best. My



Ministry is delighted to play a role in bringing world-class football to The Islands of The Bahamas for a third consecutive year.

We salute the Eastern Michigan Eagles and the Old Dominion Monarchs who will square off in a much-anticipated matchup at the Thomas A.

Robinson National Stadium in Nassau. This game will be carried by ESPN to millions of viewers around the world who will thrill to the high-flying drama of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, and will be regaled with a preview of the beauty of The Islands of The Bahamas. The merchandising and marketing by Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen in promoting this Bowl and the delicious and tasty dish as its signature is appreciated. The Bahamas, Popeyes and the Bowl.

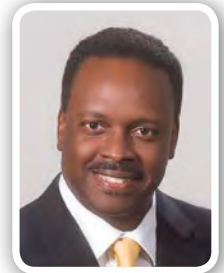
This week, the athletes of Eastern Michigan and Old Dominion will enjoy all the bowl week fun activities that have been organized as a part of their Bahamas welcome. We would like to thank the athletes in advance for their special outreach to the youth of our country. In the afternoon of December 23, all eyes will be focused on the game. Based on the two previous editions of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, we anticipate an off-the-chain performance, that will take the Christmas spirit in our country to a whole new level, and seal the reputation of Christmas week in The Bahamas as a time for *football, family and fun.*"

**Hon. Obediah H. Wilchcombe, MP**  
**Minister of Tourism**

"The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture joins the Ministry of Tourism to welcome the outstanding NCAA American football teams and players to The Bahamas.

Each year, the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl gives our aspiring football players an opportunity to witness the game played at its world-class best. Example is the best motivator of youth in sports.

We will continue to look forward to the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl as a highlight of our yearly calendar of international sporting events."



**Hon. Dr. Daniel Johnson**  
**Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture**

"We welcome our guests to the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium. We hope you enjoy your time with us and experience a great bowl event. This year is the third edition of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, and we anticipate the third time will be a charm. We invite you to take full advantage of all that our stadium offers. We extend a special welcome to the Bahamas to Eastern Michigan and Old Dominion. Again, thanks for sharing family, fun and football at the greatest sporting facilities in the region!"



**Mr. Lynden Maycock**  
**Chairman, National Sports Authority**



December 23, 2016

Welcome to the 2016 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl! We're happy you could join us to watch this exciting bowl game between Eastern Michigan and Old Dominion.

We know it is going to be a great day of football. Both the Eagles and the Monarchs have demonstrated hard work, athletic achievement and sportsmanship, earning them a spot in today's Conference USA vs. Mid-American Conference matchup.



Not only are we thrilled to sponsor one of college football's fantastic bowl games, but we're also celebrating the opening of the second Bahamas Popeyes location. In just two short years, the franchise owners of these restaurants, Chris and Terry Tsavoussis, have built a thriving Popeyes business, giving people in Nassau the opportunity to enjoy our famous Louisiana-inspired cuisine.

I love visiting these locations and spending time here for the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl. It's truly one of the most beautiful places on earth. While you're visiting, I encourage you to enjoy the rich Bahamian culture, and of course, some great Popeyes food!

We hope that you enjoy today's game. On behalf of the entire Popeyes family, we wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday, and a safe and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cheryl G. Bachelder'.

Cheryl Bachelder  
Chief Executive Officer  
Popeyes® Louisiana Kitchen



**RICHARD GIANNINI**  
Executive Director

Richard Giannini, a veteran of five decades of athletic administration who has been involved with the startup of three current bowl games, is the Executive Director of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

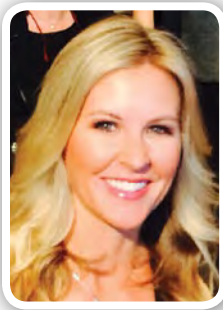
In his role with the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, Giannini oversees the bowl's operations and staff, is the bowl's liaison with ESPN Events and serves in a key role with the bowl's governmental relations with the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

As principal of Giannini Sports Consultants, LLC, he advises Conference USA, ESPN and the Boca Raton Bowl in addition to his work with the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

As a bowl executive, Giannini developed the Blockbuster Bowl in 1990, now the Russell Athletic Bowl, the most-successful first-year bowl in history, and he was senior advisor to both the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl and Boca Raton Bowl for their inaugural 2014 games.

Giannini served as athletic director at Southern Miss from 1999-2012. During his tenure, Southern Miss captured 13 Conference USA championships, including three football titles, two regular season and two tournament crowns in both baseball and softball and one in volleyball and men's basketball. Under his direction, the football team enjoyed 13 consecutive winning seasons and 12 bowl appearances.

Giannini and his wife, Gayle, are parents of four daughters – Ansley Stone, Brittney Borbash, Carlyn Linker and DeLancey – and they are grandparents of Tori, Parker, Sara, Kelsey, Ryleigh, Kyle, Avery, Mackenzie and Landon.



**LEA MILLER**  
Director of Sales and Marketing

Lea Miller, a sports marketing executive who has helped bring several high-profile events to the Bahamas, serves as the Director of Sales and Marketing of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

One of the founders of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, Miller oversees relations with the bowl's sponsor lineup, including title sponsor Popeyes, handles sponsorship negotiations, sales and marketing of the bowl in the U.S. and the Bahamas and works closely with Giannini on governmental relations in the Bahamas.

Miller, the founder and president of Complete Sports Management, an all-encompassing sports marketing agency, leveraged her global connections to bring collegiate sports to the Bahamas in 2010. That year, she was retained by the Atlantis as an independent consultant to manage the Battle At Atlantis, a Division I men's basketball doubleheader. The following year, the doubleheader became a full-fledged tournament – the Battle 4 Atlantis – which boasts one of the most impressive fields of participants each year and is one of the most-successful early-season NCAA Division I tournaments in history.



**CHRIS PIKA**  
Director of Communications

Chris Pika, a longtime sports media relations and digital media staff member on both the collegiate and professional levels, serves as the Director of Communications for the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

In his capacity with the bowl, Pika oversees all areas of communications/media relations, including promoting the bowl to U.S.- and Bahamas-based media outlets, working closely with broadcast partner ESPN, developing publicity campaigns, assisting with branding, operating the bowl's web site and social media channels and assisting with bowl operations.

A veteran of media relations work at major sporting events, Pika has been part of the NFL's public relations staff at 14 Super Bowls, including Super Bowl 50. He has assisted at 15 bowl games, including the College Football Playoff National Championship Game (2015-16).

He was the manager of media & public relations, and later the director of new media, for the NFL's New Orleans Saints from 2000-06, and the new media producer for the Atlanta Falcons from 2006-07.



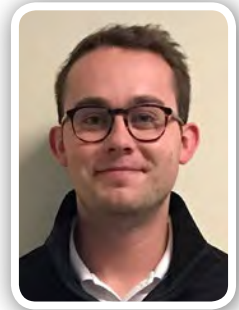
**TOM SNYDER**  
Director of Game Operations

UCF's associate athletics director for facilities and event operations, Tom Snyder serves as the Director of Game Operations for the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

In his role, Snyder is in charge of all game operations at Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium, including overseeing the event's logistics and game operations staff and supervising the setup of the stadium areas, game field and the adjacent practice fields for the event and participating teams during bowl week.

Snyder is no stranger to the Bahamas as he has been the director of game operations since 2010 for the annual Battle 4 Atlantis men's basketball tournament, which takes place during Thanksgiving week at the Atlantis resort in Nassau.

Snyder was promoted to his current post at UCF in July 2014 after working as the university's assistant athletics director for facilities and event operations since 2009. At UCF, he is lead in the day-to-day supervision of the facilities, sports turf and grounds and event operations departments. He has been with UCF since April 2003.



**T.R. HOLLIS**  
Event Coordinator

T. R. Hollis serves as an Event Coordinator for ESPN Events. In his role, he assists the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl and other ESPN Events properties from the ESPN offices in Charlotte, N.C.

He joined ESPN Events in June 2015 as an event assistant, and he was promoted to event coordinator in February 2016. Along with his work on the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, Hollis assists with the Men's and Women's Jimmy V Classic and the Wooden Legacy basketball events.

As an undergraduate at Michigan State, Hollis participated in a global brand marketing internship with Nike at its' world headquarters in Beaverton, Ore., where he specialized in direct to consumer marketing, and he coordinated and organized an extensive study abroad program to Spain, England, Switzerland and France for Michigan State students through the Eli Broad College of Business as a professor's assistant. Hollis also worked in the MSU athletic department.

A native of East Lansing, Mich., Hollis graduated from Michigan State in 2015.

# 2016 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl Preview: Eastern Michigan vs. Old Dominion

BY CHRIS PIKA

**A**fter a pair of exciting high-scoring games in Nassau, today's third edition of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl will be contested between two schools that are familiar with each other, and whose styles promise another entertaining game in Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium.

Eastern Michigan won one game last season. But, behind a strong offensive effort, the Eagles tied the best turnaround in FBS in 2016, notching seven wins behind a prolific offense and they make their first bowl appearance since the 1987 California Bowl. This is the eighth season of collegiate play for Old Dominion, and the Monarchs will play in their first bowl game in the school's second full season of eligibility, thanks in large part to a high-scoring offense and an opportunistic defense.

Both teams are anxious to prove themselves on the bowl stage, after enjoying the sun, warm weather and hospitality that the Bahamas and the Atlantis resort is known for during bowl week. The schools are familiar with each other as they played a two-game series in 2014 and 2015. ODU won both games, each one a close affair.

Eastern Michigan and Old Dominion enter the bowl with a combined 16 victories, the most in the three years of the bowl. EMU went 7-5, 4-4 in the Mid-American Conference. Two of the Eagles' victories came against teams that played in conference championship games: Ohio (MAC) and Wyoming (Mountain West). ODU is the bowl's first nine-win team at 9-3, and the Monarchs' 7-1 league record was the same as East Division champ WKU, which took the division title based on a head-to-head victory. ODU has won five straight and eight of the last nine games.

For Eastern Michigan, the Eagles offense under head coach Chris Creighton (10-26 in three years at EMU; 149-72 in 20 seasons overall) set a school record for total offense yards (5,447), passing yards (3,549), total points (365) and touchdown passes (23). The Eagles are 36th in FBS total offense at 453.9 yards per game. Redshirt junior quarterback Brogan Roback has been chiefly responsible for the Eagles' success through the air as he has found a trio of junior receivers – Sergio Bailey II, Antoine Porter and Johnnie Niupalau – and a pair of redshirt freshmen: Nigel Kilby and Dieuly Aristilde. The five have caught 19 of the 23 Eagles passing TDs in 2016.



Brogan Roback

## **E** EMU STAT LEADERS

<b>PASSING</b>	<b>COMP</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>TD</b>
Brogan Roback	193	326	2394	16
<b>RUSHING</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>
Ian Eriksen	175	741	4.2	9
Breck Turner	69	369	5.3	4
<b>RECEIVING</b>	<b>REC</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>
Sergio Bailey II	55	799	14.5	6
Antoine Porter	44	491	11.2	4





## ODU STAT LEADERS

<b>PASSING</b>	<b>COMP</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>TD</b>
David Washington	191	320	2648	28

<b>RUSHING</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>
Ray Lawry	177	1122	6.3	11
Jeremy Cox	119	685	5.8	13

<b>RECEIVING</b>	<b>REC</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>
Zach Pascal	63	893	14.2	8
Jonathan Duhart	45	690	15.3	8

Roback, in just nine games and six starts, completed 193 passes for 2,394 yards and 16 touchdowns as the Eagles are 17th in FBS passing offense at 295.8 yards per game. Bailey caught 55 passes for 799 yards and six touchdowns, while Porter had 44 receptions for 491 yards and four TDs. Kilby added 437 reception yards and four TDs.

The Eagles also get it done on the ground, averaging 158.2 yards per game behind redshirt sophomore Ian Eriksen, who rushed for 741 yards and nine touchdowns and redshirt freshman Breck Turner, who added four rushing TDs. Five players have 40 or more carries this season.

EMU's very experienced offensive line has combined to allow the 12th-fewest sacks and second-fewest tackles for loss in FBS.

Eastern Michigan has been very successful in the red zone, scoring on 47 (34 touchdowns/13 field goals) of 52 trips inside the opponents' 20-yard line, good for 19th in FBS.

The Eagles defense have forced 23 turnovers, which is 20th in FBS and second in the MAC. Redshirt sophomore linebacker Kyle Rachwal led EMU with 101 tackles, while redshirt senior defensive lineman Pat O'Connor posted eight sacks on the way to first-team All-MAC honors. Senior defensive back DaQuan Pace led the Eagles with three interceptions.

Old Dominion is led by head coach Bobby Wilder (66-30 in eight seasons overall and at Old Dominion), the only coach the school has had since re-starting the football program in 2009. The Monarchs offense has nine games of 30 or more points, including each game of the current five-game win streak as ODU averages 36 points per game overall.

The Monarchs average 433.9 yards per game on offense with a balanced attack. Redshirt senior quarterback David Washington has completed 191 passes for 2,648 yards, 28 touchdowns and only four

interceptions. He is one of four quarterbacks in FBS to have more than 25 TDs and four or less interceptions.

Washington's top three receivers have accounted for 23 of his 28 TD passes in 2016. Redshirt senior Zach Pascal caught 63 passes for 893 yards (14.2 yards per catch average) and eight touchdowns while extending his streak of consecutive games with a catch to 48, tied for the second-longest streak in FBS. Junior Jonathan Duhart had 45 receptions for 690 yards (15.3 yards per reception) and eight TDs, while seven of redshirt sophomore Travis Fulgham's 28 catches have been for touchdowns.

Old Dominion's rushing attack averages 196.1 yards per game, paced by junior Ray Lawry. Lawry rushed for 1,122 yards (102 yards per game) and 11 touchdowns. He rushed for over 100 yards in six games in 2016, including a 27-carry, 209-yard effort against Marshall. Sophomore Jeremy Cox ran for 685 yards and led the Monarchs with 13 rushing TDs.

Defensively, the Monarchs are led by senior linebackers TJ Ricks and Anthony Wilson. Ricks paced ODU with 93 total tackles (44 solo) on the way to first-team All-Conference USA honors. Wilson added 90 total tackles (49 solo), including five sacks. Redshirt sophomore defensive end Oshane Ximines set a school season record with 7.5 sacks and redshirt junior defensive end Bunmi Rotimi added seven sacks. ODU is fourth in FBS in turnover margin at +13 (22 takeaways/9 giveaways). Six players have recorded an interception, led by senior cornerback Aaron Young with three picks.

There will be plenty of talented players to watch when Eastern Michigan and Old Dominion take the field, and if history holds, the team holding The Prime Minister's Trophy at the end of the game will have earned the title in a hard-fought game that will add to the lore of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

**David Washington**





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# Western Michigan “Rows the Boat” behind Bogan to win 2015 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl

Jamauri Bogan rushed 19 times for a career-high 215 yards and four touchdowns to power Western Michigan to a 45-31 victory over Middle Tennessee in the 2015 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

It was one big play after another in the contest, as the two teams combined for 1,055 yards of total offense and seven scoring plays of 29 or more yards.

But it was a pair of 1-yard plunges just 1:12 apart in the fourth quarter by the redshirt freshman Bogan that made the difference.

After his 61-yard run set Western Michigan (8-5) up in the red zone, Bogan banged in from a yard out with 6:12 left in the game to give the Broncos a 38-31 advantage.

Three plays later, safety Rontavious Atkins intercepted MTSU quarterback Brent Stockstill and returned the ball 29 yards to the 4-yard line. It took two runs for Bogan to find the end zone, gaining three yards on first down before finding paydirt on second down with 5:00 left to play.

The Bronco defense held on downs on Middle Tennessee’s ensuing possession and the WMU offense ran out the clock to seal the victory.

“This is what ‘Row the Boat’ is all about,” WMU head coach P.J. Fleck said. “This is why it was invented. This is what it’s for. There was all types of adversity in that football game that our kids could have given up, could have folded. Two years ago, we probably would have. Last year, we would have done it some of the time. This year, no way.”

Bogan was named the Offensive Player of the Game of the game for his efforts, while WMU linebacker Grant DePalma was named the game’s Defensive Player of the Game. DePalma led all tacklers with 12 stops (five solo) and a tackle for loss.

WMU quarterback Zach Terrell was 18-of-26 passing for 297 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Corey Davis caught eight balls for 183 yards and a TD.



Stockstill had a solid day for Middle Tennessee (7-6), completing 26-of-39 passes for 327 yards and three scores to lead the Blue Raider offense. His top target was James Richie, who caught eight passes for 126 yards and two scores and ran twice for 61 yards and a third touchdown.

The two teams combined for 475 yards of total offense and 34 points in the first quarter.

It took MTSU only 1:17 to get on the board when James scored the first of his three touchdowns on a 46-yard run to quickly make it 7-0.

Bogan answered just three plays later, running up the middle for 62 yards and a TD, and it was 7-7 with only 2:17 gone in the contest.

Stockstill hit James on a 44-yard scoring pass just 1:39 later to put Middle Tennessee back on top 14-7.

Andrew Haldeman drilled a 47-yard field goal with 3:23 left in the first quarter to pull Western Michigan within 14-10.

Cody Clark kicked a 23-yard field goal on the Blue Raiders’ next possession to extend the lead to 17-10 with 1:04 left in the quarter.

The Broncos quickly tied the game at 17-17 when Terrell hit Davis on an 80-yard pass and run with three seconds left in the opening quarter. Davis caught the ball on a 5-yard hitch pattern, broke a tackle and raced the remaining 75 yards down the sideline for the score.

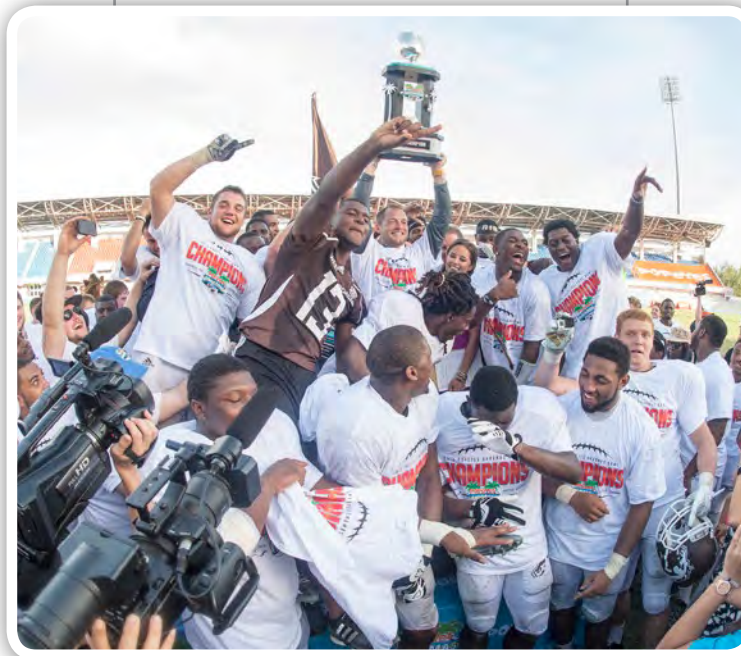
WMU struck quickly in the second half on another 46-yard run by Bogan to go up 24-17 with 2:57 gone.

After a short punt set MTSU up at the Western Michigan 32-yard line, it took just two plays for the Blue Raiders to tie the game. Stockstill hit Christian Collis on a 17-yard pass with 28 seconds left in the third quarter to tie the game at 24-24.

Terrell hit Braverman on a 68-yard scoring pass to put WMU back on top 31-24 with 12:47 to play in the game.

Again, MTSU answered when Stockstill hit James on a 29-yard pass with 9:41 left in the game to tie it at 31-31.

Western Michigan finished the day with an impressive 613 yards of total offense, and the Broncos, second in FBS in time of possession, held the ball for nearly 35 minutes.





Providing leadership in education and diversity, the Mid-American Conference moves into its 71st year of service to our students.

Since its inception in 1946, the Mid-American Conference has progressively grown and developed into one of the most aggressive Division I conferences in the country. One of only 10 football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conferences, the MAC named Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher as its eighth commissioner in March of 2009.

The league has grown its commitment to championship events as it hosts championships in 23 sports, including neutral site events at some of the finest facilities in the nation – football (Ford Field, Detroit), men's and women's basketball (Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland), softball (Firestone Stadium, Akron) and baseball (All Pro Freight Stadium, Avon, Ohio). The MAC secured a four-year contract extension with Ford Field to host the MAC Football Championship Game through the 2019 football season, anchored a six-year contract extension for the MAC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments at Quicken Loans Arena through the 2023 season, and stabilized a five-year contract extension through the 2020 season for the MAC Baseball Tournament at All Pro Freight Stadium in Avon, Ohio.

In addition to growing its commitment to MAC championships, Steinbrecher has strategically positioned the MAC's participation in hosting NCAA events and championships. The MAC recently served as the host for the 2015 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Midwest Regional at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland and will also serve as host of the 2018 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, also at Quicken Loans Arena. The MAC has previously hosted both the 2012 and 2014 NCAA Women's Bowling Championships under Steinbrecher's direction.

In the summer of 2014, the MAC and ESPN announced a historic 13-year rights extension deal through the 2026-27 season for expanded national television and digital distribution. This is the largest and most extensive agreement in the history of the Conference and brings long-term security for the MAC through the 2026-27 academic year.

ESPN has exclusive television and digital distribution rights for all MAC sporting events, and guarantees coverage of every football game, and select men's and women's basketball and Olympic sporting events. The MAC and ESPN will establish on-campus production capabilities that will provide a significant increase in the national coverage of baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, wrestling and Olympic sports on ESPN3. This will open up nearly 92 million households from ESPN3 for exposure to MAC sports for the first time in Conference history. Through this ESPN partnership, the MAC and CBS Sports Network announced a four-year sub-licensing agreement to expand its national coverage of football and basketball through the 2018-19 season.

During the 2015 season, the MAC tied a Conference record with seven programs receiving a bowl invitation. Bowling Green (GoDaddy Bowl), Northern Illinois (San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl), Toledo (Marmot Boca Raton Bowl), Ohio (Raycom Media Camellia Bowl), Western Michigan (Popeyes Bahamas Bowl), Akron (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl), and Central Michigan (Quick Lane Bowl) represented the MAC in bowl games last season.

The seven MAC bowl invitations matches the Conference record for programs receiving a bowl invitation in a single season, which also occurred during the 2012 bowl season. This also marks the eighth time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) in a single-season.

In December of 2015, the MAC named Bowling Green QB Matt Johnson as the league's Vern Smith Leadership Award Winner and MAC Offensive Player of the Year. Also receiving accolades, Akron LB Jatavis Brown earned MAC Defensive Player of the Year, Western Michigan RB Jamauri Bogan won MAC Freshman of the Year, NIU kick returner Aregeron Turner won MAC



**JON STEINBRECHER**

Commissioner

Special Teams Player of the Year Award and former Toledo head coach Matt Campbell won MAC Coach of the Year.

Four MAC students were named 2015 Academic All-Americans as selected by the College of Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Buffalo senior tight end Matt Weiser and Kent State senior safety Jordan Italiano were named Academic All-America First-Team, while Kent State junior safety Nick Cuthbert and Bowling Green sophomore punter Joe Davidson were named Academic All-America Second-Team.

In December of 2013, former Northern Illinois quarterback Jordan Lynch finished third overall in the Heisman Trophy voting, the highest ever finish by a MAC student. Lynch was invited to the Heisman Trophy Award ceremony in New York City and became only the third MAC student-athlete to receive an invitation to the ceremony – Marshall QB Chad Pennington (1999) and Marshall WR Randy Moss (1997).

During the 2014 NFL Draft, Buffalo Bulls linebacker Khalil Mack was the fifth overall selection by the Oakland Raiders. Mack's selection was the highest-ever for the Buffalo program and the second highest ever selection for a MAC student. This marked the second consecutive year for the MAC to have its two highest ever selections in the NFL Draft. In the 2013 NFL Draft, Central Michigan offensive tackle Eric Fisher was selected as the first overall selection by the Kansas City Chiefs, making Fisher the first-ever football player from the MAC selected first overall in the NFL Draft.

In 2012, the MAC witnessed a record setting seven teams receive bowl invitations, including the first ever BCS Bowl invitation with Northern Illinois playing in the Discover Orange Bowl on Jan. 1, 2013. The MAC also had four football programs ranked in the top 25 of national polls – Northern Illinois, Kent State, Toledo and Ohio—as the BCS Standings had two MAC programs in the Top 25 at the end of the regular season with No. 15 Northern Illinois and No. 25 Kent State. The MAC also set a conference record for the most wins against FBS opponents with 16 victories.

In the fall of 2013, the MAC announced the creation of newly created bowl games in Boca Raton, Fla., Nassau, Bahamas, Miami Beach, Fla., and Montgomery, Ala. for a six-year period (2014-2019). The creation of the Marmot Boca Raton, Popeyes Bahamas and Miami Beach Bowls is the centerpiece of a joint agreement between several FBS conferences and will be supported by several FBS conferences on a six-year rotating basis.

The Marmot Boca Raton Bowl will be owned and operated by ESPN and will be played at FAU Stadium, an open air stadium which seats nearly 30,000 fans on the campus of Florida Atlantic University. The Popeyes Bahamas Bowl will be played at Thomas A. Robinson Stadium. The Miami Beach Bowl will be played at Marlins Park. The Raycom Camellia Bowl, based in Montgomery, Ala., is owned and operated by ESPN and will be played in the Cramton Bowl, a 25,000 seat stadium.

The MAC is also a partner with the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl as a primary partner in 2017 and 2019, and a secondary partner in 2015, 2016 and 2018 bowl seasons. The MAC will play the Mountain West in both the 2017 and 2019 bowl seasons, played at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

Each football season the MAC has a minimum five guaranteed bowl opportunities. The MAC has long-term primary contracts with the Mobile Alabama Bowl (based in Mobile, Ala.) through the 2017 season and Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (based in Boise, Ida.) through the 2019 season.

During the 2015 football season, Bowling Green won the 2015 Marathon MAC Football Championship with a 34-14 win over NIU. This marked the second MAC Championship for Bowling Green in the last three seasons and the programs 12th overall Conference Championship. Bowling Green also clinched the East Division title for the program's third consecutive East Division crown, while Northern Illinois won its sixth consecutive MAC West Division title as the Huskies won the tie-breakers in the four-way tie for first





# Eastern Michigan University

**E**astern Michigan University is located in historic Ypsilanti, about 10 miles east of Ann Arbor, 40 miles west of Detroit and just 20 minutes from Detroit Metropolitan Airport. It is an area rich in academic, research, technological and recreational resources. The University also has sites in Livonia, Jackson, Traverse City, Flint, Detroit and Monroe.

EMU's 800 plus-acre campus of scenic flora and wooded areas includes 18 miles of walkways and jogging trails and has 122 buildings throughout the academic and athletic campuses. Eagle Crest – Eastern Michigan's conference center, golf course, and resort – is located on the banks of nearby Ford Lake.

Ypsilanti plays a leading role in industry and education. The city and the University have forged close ties that have lasted more than 160 years.

Since its inception, Eastern Michigan, first as a Normal School, then as a College and finally as a University, has grown and developed to respond to the ever-changing needs of society. Over the years, EMU has educated thousands of sons and daughters of Michigan, the nation, and the world.

The university currently serves 22,000 students who are pursuing undergraduate, graduate, specialist, doctoral and certificate degrees in the arts, sciences and professions. In all, more than 200 majors, minors and concentrations are delivered through the University's Colleges of Arts and Sciences; Business; Education; Health and Human Services; Technology, and its graduate school.

Eastern Michigan's exceptional faculty, students and alumni include CEOs from major businesses, a National Student Teacher of the Year, National Teacher of the Year, numerous Fulbright Scholars and Milken Family Foundation National Educators award winners, and several Michigan Teachers of the Year.

EMU is regularly recognized by national publications for its excellence, diversity, and commitment to applied education.



## TOUGH

Toughness. Pride. Resilience. Those key words describe the EMU football program under Head Coach Chris Creighton. They are also terms befitting the proud residents of southeastern Michigan and their hard-working demeanor.

Inspired by this region of the state and the student-athletes' own backgrounds, the team challenged itself to be "E Tough," committed to great effort, sacrifice and triumphing in the face of adversity. In this spirit, the team nicknamed Rynearson Stadium "The Factory," a place where coaches and staff go to work each day to help "E Tough" student-athletes become scholars, leaders, champions and impact men. "The Factory" is highlighted by Division I Football's first gray FieldTurf playing surface.

Since taking over reigns of EMU Football in December 2013, Creighton has rallied the program to "close the gap" between its current status and the pursuit of its true potential. He studied the school, its surroundings, recruiting base and the current student-athletes. The one common thread throughout has been an uncommon 'toughness' that permeates the program.

In this spirit, the program's E Tough mentality represents:

- Team first
- Obsessed with getting better
- Unwavering in adversity
- Great effort
- Hearth

The new look within Rynearson Stadium, and moniker, "The Factory" serves as visual and name recognition for the program's ideals. They are a constant reminder to the student-athletes that being E Tough means coming ready to roll up their sleeves and to never give in or let up.

## James Smith

### President

Dr. James M. Smith is the 23rd president of Eastern Michigan University. He began his duties July 1, 2016.

Before coming to EMU, Smith served as president of Northern State University (NSU) in Aberdeen, South Dakota since June 2009. For the past seven years (2008-2015), NSU has been named by US News and World Report as one of the best undergraduate public institutions in the Midwest.

He has been an active fundraiser and was instrumental in helping NSU obtain the largest donation in its history, a \$15 million gift.

Another NSU success was collaborating with the University of Jinan, in Jinan, China, to develop the first and only Confucius Institute in the Dakotas. The Confucius Institute has a specific three-part focus dedicated to the teaching of Chinese language, culture, and business practices. In addition to the traditional start-up funding provided, he was able to gain local and regional support of nearly \$500,000 to launch the initiative.

Smith, 60, who grew up near Columbus, Ohio, in Washington Court House, knew early on he wanted to be a teacher. He always had admired teachers and enjoyed school. He became an elementary and middle school teacher after earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1979. He would go on to earn a Master of Education, Educational Administration, from Xavier University in Cincinnati and a Doctor of Philosophy, Educational Leadership, from Miami University.

Over the next 28 years, he served as an elementary school principal, a teaching fellow and assistant professor at Miami, director of the Experiential Program for Preparing School Principals at Butler University in Indianapolis, and director of the Educational Leadership Program and coordinator of doctoral studies at West Texas A&M University. Smith was also vice president for Economic Development at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, before heading to NSU.

Smith's wife, Dr. Connie Ruhl-Smith, has an impressive resume of her own. She has been a teacher, author and administrator, and has done extensive work in student retention and student academic support, introduction of international partnerships, and much more.



## Heather Lyke

### Vice President / Athletic Director

Heather Lyke is in her fourth year at Eastern Michigan University having been named EMU's Vice President/Director of Athletics on July 1, 2013. Lyke has more than 20 years of experience in intercollegiate athletics administration - 15 of which were at The Ohio State University.

The 13th athletic director in Eastern Michigan history, Lyke is the first woman to hold the full-time AD position at EMU.

Under Lyke's leadership, the EMU athletics department has thrived, compiling a total of 13 MAC Team Championships and 70 individual MAC titles. Concurrent to athletic excellence, the Green and White have seen remarkable academic achievement by its student-athletes during Lyke's tenure. The overall student-athlete graduation success rate (GSR) has climbed to 81 percent, the highest all-time in department history. Additionally, the average cumulative grade point average (GPA) is 3.252, while 69 percent of student-athletes maintain a 3.0 GPA or better.

In terms of department culture, Lyke and her staff developed a "blue print" which illustrates who the department is and the six core values that guide daily decisions. Those six pillars are: integrity always, powered by passion, student-athlete 365, impact people, inspired to innovate, and expect to win.

In regards to revenue generation and fundraising, the department has posted a 42 percent increase in revenue in terms of multi-media rights, licensing, Adidas, Pepsi, and game day revenues. Furthermore, over the past three years fundraising has grown 51 percent which represents the Eagles Pride annual fund, major gifts, and football and men's basketball premium seating.

She has overseen three key facility improvement projects at EMU during her tenure including: the installation of a new gray football field in 2014 that was recognized as the second-best field in the country by an online fan vote by USA Today; the addition of soccer bleachers in the fall of 2014; and the opening a new boat-house on Ford Lake for the rowing team in the spring of 2015. She has also renegotiated a seven-year apparel contract with adidas, while coming to terms with IMG to manage EMU's multimedia and corporate sponsorships.

Lyke and her husband, David Catalano, have three children, Elle, Sophie and Eli.





# Chris Creighton

## Head Coach

Chris Creighton was named the 37th Head Football Coach at Eastern Michigan University, Dec. 11, 2013, by Vice President/Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Heather Lyke. Creighton is in his third season as the head man at EMU in the 2016 season.

During his 20-year head coaching career, the 46-year-old Creighton has accumulated eight conference titles and an all-time record of 149-72 (.674 winning percentage). He departed Drake with the highest winning percentage in school history (.667) after also posting 63 wins as the head coach at Wabash College and 32 at Ottawa University.

Creighton has guided the Eagles to one of its most successful seasons in its 125-year history in 2016. EMU finished with a winning record for the first time since 1995, most wins (seven) since 1989, and its first bowl appearance since 1987 when EMU won the California Bowl. The Eagles tied the FBS mark for biggest turnarounds in 2016, improving on its win total from one win

in 2015, to its seven this season.

As an All-America quarterback, Creighton led Kenyon (Ohio) College to its only North Coast Athletic Conference title in 1989 and was named conference player of the year after setting single-season conference records for passing yardage (2,843) and touchdowns (29). He was inducted into the Kenyon College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

Creighton earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kenyon College in 1991 and a master's degree from Concordia (Ill.) University in 1993.

Creighton is the first active head coach to be hired at Eastern Michigan since Jim Harkema in 1983. Harkema was the head coach at Grand Valley State University (1973-82) before taking over the EMU program and leading it to its only Mid-American Conference Championship in 1987 and last bowl appearance.

Chris and his wife, Heather, have two daughters, Hallie and Kate, and a son, Luke.



## Coaching Staff

**Kalen DeBoer** - Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

**Neal Neathery** - Assistant Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

**Chuck Bullough** - Assistant Coach/Defensive Line

**Todd Frakes** - Assistant Coach/Safeties/Recruiting Coordinator

**Ryan Grubb** - Assistant Coach/Offensive Line

**Herb Haygood** - Assistant Coach/Wide Receivers

**Aaron Keen** - Assistant Coach/Special Teams Coordinator/Tight ends

**Jay Peterson** - Assistant Coach/Running backs

**Fred Reed** - Assistant Coach/Cornerbacks

**Dylan Saccone** - Director of Football Operations

**Brian Overholt** - Video Coordinator

**Marcus Hall-Oliver** - Graduate Assistant - Defense

**Hayden Hawk** - Graduate Assistant - Offense

**Tate Omli** - Graduate Assistant - Defense

**Mike Piatkowski** - Graduate Assistant - Offense

**Will Temizer** - Graduate Assistant- Recruiting



# EASTERN MICHIGAN ALPHABETICAL PLAYER ROSTER



**41 · DB**  
**AARON ABBOTT**  
Kettering, Ohio



**59 · LB**  
**THAD ABRAM**  
Woodhaven, Mich.



**12 · K**  
**BRIAN ALSBROOKS**  
Livonia, Mich.



**94 · DL**  
**HUNTER ANDREWS**  
Metamora, Mich.



**15 · WR**  
**DIEULY ARISTILDE**  
Boynton Beach, Fla.



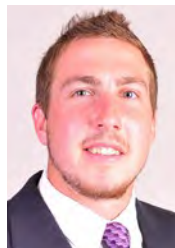
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Detroit, Mich.



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**SERGIO BAILEY II**  
La Mesa, Calif.



**20 · RB**  
**BLAKE BANHAM**  
St. Paul, Minn.



**17 · P**  
**AUSTIN BARNES**  
Fairview Heights, Ill.



**46 · LB**  
**CHAD BATA**  
Westlake, Ohio



**3 · DB**  
**JASON BECK**  
Indianapolis, Ind.



**79 · OL**  
**PETE BERGMAN**  
Casper, Wyo.



**4 · DB**  
**BRANDON BOSSARD**  
Eagleville, Pa.



**22 · DB**  
**ANTHONY BROWN**  
Iowa City, Iowa



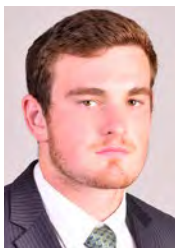
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**84 · TE**  
**SAM BROWNING**  
Escondido, Calif.



**77 · OL**  
**CHRIS BUKOSKI**  
Dewitt, Mich.



**85 · TE**  
**DAN BUSCHMAN**  
Brighton, Mich.



**7 · DB**  
**IKIE CALDERON**  
Neptune, N.J.



**10 · DB**  
**VINCE CALHOUN**  
Middletown, Ohio



**92 · DL**  
**MAXX CROSBY**  
Colleyville, Texas



**40 · WR**  
**EDDIE DAUGHERTY**  
Mentor, Ohio



**81 · WR**  
**KEVIN DAVIS**  
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**38 · DB**  
**RASHON DAVIS**  
Saint Louis, Mo.



**99 · DL**  
**DION DAWSON**  
Cincinnati, Ohio



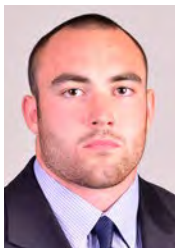
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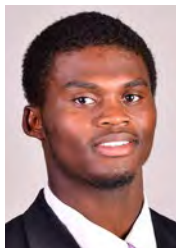
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**DERRICK DUNLAP**  
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**IAN ERIKSEN**  
Clarkston, Mich.



**83 · TE**  
**TRE'SHOWN FIELDS**  
Grand Rapids, Mich.



**97 · DL**  
**KWANII FIGUEROA**  
Brooklyn, N.Y.



**66 · K**  
**PAUL FRICANO**  
Rochester N.Y.

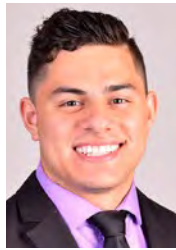




**86 · WR**  
**IZAIAH FULLER**  
Cincinnati, Ohio



**75 · OL**  
**COLE GARDNER**  
Batavia, Ill.



**32 · DB**  
**JUAN GIRALDO**  
Gilbert, Ariz.



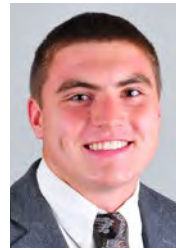
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**ODDIE GRANGER**  
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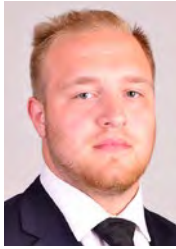
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**JEREMIAH HARRIS**  
Lambertville, Mich.



**16 · WR**  
**LEMAR HARRIS**  
Raleigh, N.C.



**98 · DL**  
**CHRIS HENDRICKS**  
Fruitport, Mich.



**57 · OL**  
**JEREMY HICKEY**  
Troy, Mich.



**11 · WR**  
**ISAAC HOLDER**  
Tampa, Fla.



**55 · DL**  
**CLAY HOLFORD**  
Carrollton, Texas



**28 · DB**  
**AMOS HOUSTON**  
Detroit, Mich.



**24 · DB**  
**BRODY HOYING**  
Coldwater, Ohio



**37 · RB**  
**ALEC HULLIBARGER**  
Temperance, Mich.



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**JAKE HURCOMBE**  
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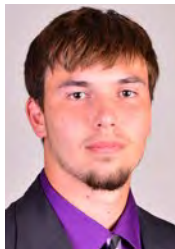
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Columbus, Ohio



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**JESSE KELLY**  
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**BRYCE KEMP**  
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**82 · TE**  
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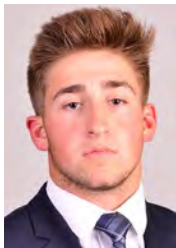
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**JIMMY LEATIOTA**  
San Jose, Calif.



**43 · LB**  
**TYLER LYLE**  
Kalamazoo, Mich.



**68 · DL**  
**CHASE LYNCH**  
Fenton, Mich.



**29 · DB**  
**BRANDON MACKLIN**  
Novi, Mich.



**8 · DL**  
**LUKE MACLEAN**  
Grand Blanc, Mich.



**64 · OL**  
**THOMAS MAJOR**  
Macomb, Mich.



**18 · WR**  
**KEYAN MARSHALL**  
Toledo, Ohio



**35 · WR**  
**FREDDIE MCGEE**  
Canton, Mich.



**23 · DB**  
**KEVIN MCGILL**  
Waldorf, Md.



**62 · OL**  
**DALE MIDKIFF**  
New Boston, Mich.



**13 · DB**  
**JUSTIN MOODY**  
Richmond, Va.



**21 · LB**  
**D'MARCUS MOON**  
Fort Wayne, Ind.



**74 · OL**  
**STEVE NIELSEN**  
Dragoer, Denmark



**89 · WR**  
**JOHNNIE NIUPALAU**  
San Mateo, Calif.



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**PAT O'CONNOR**  
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**58 · LS**  
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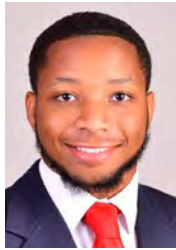


**49 · LB**  
**TYLER ONDA**  
Jackson, Mich.





**53 · P**  
**IVAN ORAHA**  
Temperance, Mich.



**1 · DB**  
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Detroit, Mich.



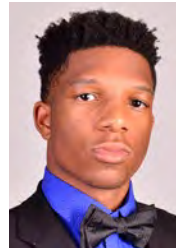
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Lutz, Fla.



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**ROB PAVLETICH**  
Neenah, Wis.



**19 · QB**  
**JAMES PENSYL**  
Land O' Lakes, Fla.



**12 · DB**  
**JALEN PHELPS**  
Marietta, Ga.



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**JAYLEN PICKETT**  
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**21 · WR**  
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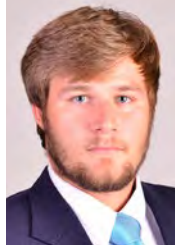
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**TODD PORTER**  
O'Fallon, Ill.



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**KYLE RACHWAL**  
Lapeer, Mich.



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**BRENDAN RENIUS**  
Lambertville, Mich.



**4 · QB**  
**BROGAN ROBACK**  
Maumee, Ohio



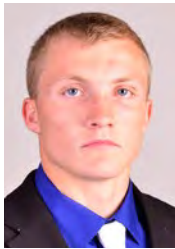
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Cleveland, Ohio



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**DAN SAMUELSON**  
Plymouth, Ind.



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**AUSTIN SANDERS**  
Ypsilanti, Mich.



**87 · WR**  
**MATHEW SEXTON**  
Clinton, Mich.



**13 · QB**  
**ANTON SKUPIN**  
South Lyon, Mich.



**91 · DL**  
**MICHAEL SMITH JR.**  
Frostproof, Fla.



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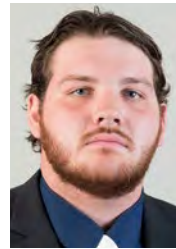
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**AUSTIN STONE**  
Palmyra, Va.



**47 · LS**  
**DRAKE SUTTON**  
Menomonee Falls, Wis.



**78 · OL**  
**DAKOTA TALLMAN**  
LaGrange, Ohio



**71 · OL**  
**DARIEN TERRELL**  
Canton, Ohio



**33 · RB**  
**BRECK TURNER**  
Norwalk, Ohio



**60 · OL**  
**MIKE VAN HOEVEN**  
Paw Paw, Mich.



**5 · RB**  
**SHAQ VANN**  
South Bend, Ind.



**34 · LB**  
**SAL VELASQUEZ**  
La Puente, Calif.



**42 · LB**  
**DERRIC WILLIAMS**  
Lake Orion, Mich.



**56 · DL**  
**JUSTICE WILLIAMS**  
Belleville, Mich.



**14 · DB**  
**ROSS WILLIAMS**  
Southfield, Mich.



**72 · OL**  
**ANDREW WYLIE**  
Midland, Mich.





# NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
1	DaQuan Pace	DB	5-10	169	Sr.
3	Jason Beck	DB	6-1	201	Jr.
4	Brandon Bossard	DB	6-2	213	R-Jr.
4	Brogan Roback	QB	6-3	206	R-Jr.
5	Shaq Vann	RB	5-10	213	R-So.
6	Jaylen Pickett	LB	6-0	222	So.
7	Ikie Calderon	DB	5-9	180	R-Jr.
7	Isaac Stiebelling	QB	6-4	202	Fr.
8	Luke Maclean	DL	6-5	285	R-Jr.
8	Todd Porter	QB	6-3	204	Jr.
9	Ike Spearman	LB	6-0	229	R-Sr.
10	Vince Calhoun	DB	5-11	175	Fr.
10	Aloyis Gray	WR	6-4	204	R-Sr.
11	Isaac Holder	WR	5-11	165	R-Fr.
12	Brian Alsobrooks	K	6-2	212	R-Fr.
12	Jalen Phelps	DB	5-10	165	Fr.
13	Justin Moody	DB	5-10	174	So.
13	Anton Skupin	QB	6-5	207	R-Fr.
14	Ross Williams	DB	5-11	169	R-So.
15	Dieuly Aristilde	WR	6-4	201	R-Fr.
16	Lemar Harris	WR	6-2	194	R-So.
17	Austin Barnes	P	5-11	217	R-Jr.
18	Keyan Marshall	WR	6-2	182	Fr.
18	Austin Sanders	DB	5-7	187	R-Sr.
19	James Pensyl	QB	6-6	237	R-Fr.
20	Blake Banham	RB	5-10	185	R-So.
21	D'Marcus Moon	LB	6-1	230	R-So.
21	Antoine Porter	WR	5-8	185	Jr.
22	Anthony Brown	DB	5-11	207	Sr.
23	Sergio Bailey II	WR	6-0	186	Jr.
23	Kevin McGill	DB	6-0	182	Fr.
24	Brody Hoying	DB	5-11	209	R-Fr.
25	Ian Eriksen	RB	5-10	206	R-So.
26	Willie Parker	RB	5-9	182	Fr.
28	Amos Houston	DB	6-0	217	R-Sr.
29	Brandon Macklin	DB	6-0	197	R-So.
30	Richard Jones	DB	5-10	155	Fr.
32	Juan Giraldo	DB	5-11	202	Jr.
33	Breck Turner	RB	6-1	202	R-Fr.
34	Sal Velasquez	LB	6-1	225	Jr.
35	Freddie McGee	WR	5-8	165	Fr.
36	Jordan Porter	DB	6-0	200	Fr.
37	Alec Hullibarger	RB	6-0	205	R-So.
38	Rashon Davis	DB	5-11	171	Fr.
39	Jesse Kelly	K	6-0	195	R-So.
40	Eddie Daugherty	WR	5-7	164	So.
41	Aaron Abbott	DB	6-0	206	R-Jr.
42	Deric Williams	LB	6-0	216	R-Jr.
43	Tyler Lyle	LB	6-0	210	Fr.
44	Clayton Dryfuse	DL	6-4	251	Fr.
44	Jaron Johnson	WR	6-0	175	Jr.
45	Lavonte Robinson	FB/LB	5-8	237	R-Jr.
46	Chad Bata	LB	6-1	208	R-Fr.
47	Drake Sutton	LS	6-1	211	R-Fr.
48	Lion King	DL	6-4	244	R-So.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
49	Tyler Onda	LB	6-0	229	R-So.
50	Jake Hurcombe	OL	6-2	285	R-Sr.
51	Kyle Rachwal	LB	6-3	231	R-So.
52	Pat O'Connor	DL	6-4	270	R-Sr.
53	Ivan Orah	P	6-1	210	R-Fr.
54	Ka'John Armstrong	OL	6-4	294	R-So.
55	Clay Holford	DL	6-2	251	R-Fr.
56	Jimmy Leatiota	OL	6-3	298	R-So.
56	Justice Williams	DL	6-4	229	Fr.
57	Jeremy Hickey	OL	6-4	312	R-So.
58	Chris O'Risky	LS	6-0	230	Sr.
59	Thad Abram	LB	6-4	210	R-Fr.
59	Dan Samuelson	OL	6-5	297	R-Jr.
60	Mike Van Hoesen	OL	6-5	283	Fr.
61	Jake Donnellon	OL	6-5	283	Fr.
62	Dale Midkiff	OL	6-5	274	Fr.
64	Thomas Major	OL	6-2	261	R-Fr.
65	Brendan Renius	K	6-1	240	R-Sr.
66	Paul Fricano	K	5-10	192	R-Fr.
68	Chase Lynch	DL	6-4	248	Fr.
71	Darien Terrell	OL	6-4	317	R-Sr.
72	Andrew Wylie	OL	6-6	311	R-Sr.
73	Rob Pavletich	OL	6-5	290	R-Fr.
74	Steve Nielsen	OL	6-8	320	Fr.
75	Cole Gardner	OL	6-5	295	R-Sr.
76	Brandon Leahey	OL	6-3	284	R-Fr.
77	Chris Bukoski	OL	6-5	263	R-So.
78	Dakota Tallman	OL	6-5	309	R-So.
79	Pete Bergman	OL	6-9	314	R-Fr.
80	Austin Stone	WR	5-11	206	R-Jr.
81	Kevin Davis	WR	5-11	193	R-Sr.
82	Nigel Kilby	TE	6-7	239	R-Fr.
83	Tre'Shawn Fields	TE	6-4	210	R-Fr.
84	Sam Browning	TE	6-5	234	Sr.
85	Dan Buschman	TE	6-3	243	R-Jr.
86	Izaiah Fuller	WR	6-4	198	R-So.
87	Mathew Sexton	WR	5-11	167	Fr.
88	Bryce Kemp	TE	6-5	233	R-Fr.
89	Johnnie Niupalau	WR	6-0	228	Jr.
90	Jeremiah Harris	DL	6-5	258	R-So.
91	Michael Smith Jr.	DL	6-3	297	Fr.
92	Maxx Crosby	DL	6-5	265	R-Fr.
93	Derrick Dunlap	DL	6-0	292	R-Jr.
94	Hunter Andrews	DL	6-4	252	R-Fr.
95	Oddie Granger	DL	6-3	325	Jr.
96	Mike Brown	DL	6-2	297	R-Sr.
97	Kwanii Figueroa	DL	6-2	284	So.
98	Chris Hendricks	DL	6-5	307	R-So.
99	Dion Dawson	DL	6-0	351	Sr.
99	Sam Girodat	TE	6-3	251	R-Fr.



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## OFFENSE

X	89	Johnnie Niupalau	6-0	228	Jr.-Jr.
	15	Dieuly Aristilde	6-4	201	So.-Fr.
	86	Izaiah Fuller	6-4	198	Jr.-So.
Y/H	85	Dan Buschman	6-3	243	Sr.-Jr.
	82	Nigel Kilby	6-7	239	So.-Fr.
	84	Sam Browning	6-5	234	Sr.-Sr.
Z	23	Sergio Bailey II	6-0	186	Jr.-Jr.
	11	Isaac Holder	5-11	165	So.-Fr.
H	21	Antoine Porter	5-8	185	Jr.-Jr.
	40	Eddie Daugherty	5-7	164	So.-So.
LT	75	Cole Gardner	6-5	295	Sr.-Sr.
	79	Pete Bergman	6-9	314	So.-Fr.
LG	71	Darien Terrell	6-4	317	Sr.-Sr.
	74	Steve Nielsen	6-8	320	Fr.-Fr.
C	50	Jake Hurcombe	6-2	285	Sr.-Sr.
	78	Dakota Tallman	6-5	309	Jr.-So.
RG	56	Jimmy Leatiota	6-3	298	So.-So.
	54	Ka'John Armstrong	6-4	294	Jr.-So.
RT	72	Andrew Wylie	6-6	311	Sr.-Sr.
	73	Rob Pavletich	6-5	290	So.-Fr.
QB	4	Brogan Roback	6-3	206	Sr.-Jr.
	8	Todd Porter	6-3	204	Jr.-Jr.
	19	James Pensyl	6-6	237	So.-Fr.
RB	33	Breck Turner	6-1	202	So.-Fr.
	20	Blake Banham	5-10	185	Jr.-So.
	26	Willie Parker	5-9	182	Fr.-Fr.
	25	Ian Eriksen	5-10	206	Jr.-So.
FB	45	Lavonte Robinson	5-8	237	Sr.-Jr.

## DEFENSE

DT	99	Dion Dawson	6-0	351	Sr.-Sr.
	8	Luke Maclean	6-5	285	Sr.-Jr.
	97	Kwanii Figueroa	6-2	284	So.-So.
	98	Chris Hendricks	6-5	307	Jr.-So.
NOSE	96	Mike Brown	6-2	297	Sr.-Sr.
	95	Oddie Granger	6-3	325	Jr.-Jr.
	93	Derrick Dunlap	6-0	292	Sr.-Jr.
END	52	Pat O'Connor	6-4	270	Sr.-Sr.
	55	Clay Holford	6-2	251	So.-Fr.
BULL	90	Jeremiah Harris	6-5	258	Jr.-So.
	92	Maxx Crosby	6-5	265	So.-Fr.
MIKE	9	Ike Spearman	6-0	229	Sr.-Sr.
	6	Jaylen Pickett	6-0	222	So.-So.
WILL	42	Derric Williams	6-0	216	Sr.-Jr.
	51	Kyle Rachwal	6-3	231	Jr.-So.
FC	12	Jalen Phelps	5-10	165	Fr.-Fr.
	23	Kevin McGill	6-0	182	Fr.-Fr.
BC	1	DaQuan Pace	5-10	169	Sr.-Sr.
	14	Ross Williams	5-11	169	Jr.-So.
	38	Rashon Davis	5-11	171	Fr.-Fr.
DAWG	3	Jason Beck	6-1	201	Jr.-Jr.
	24	Brody Hoying	5-11	209	So.-Fr.
FREE	10	Vince Calhoun	5-11	175	Fr.-Fr.
	13	Justin Moody	5-10	174	So.-So.
ROVER	32	Juan Giraldo	5-11	202	Jr.-Jr.
	7	Ikie Calderon	5-9	180	Sr.-Jr.

## SPECIALISTS

P	17	Austin Barnes	5-11	217	Sr.-Jr.
	53	Ivan Orah	6-1	210	So.-Fr.
PK	66	Paul Fricano	5-10	192	So.-Fr.
	39	Jesse Kelly	6-0	195	Jr.-So.
LS	58	Chris O'Risky	6-0	230	Sr.-Sr.
	47	Drake Sutton	6-1	211	So.-Fr.
KO	65	Brendan Renius	6-1	240	Sr.-Sr.
	39	Jesse Kelly	6-0	195	Jr.-So.
KR	44	Jaron Johnson	6-0	175	Jr.-Jr.
	11	Isaac Holder	5-11	165	So.-Fr.
PR	20	Blake Banham	5-10	185	Jr.-So.
	40	Eddie Daugherty	5-7	164	So.-So.
HLD	17	Austin Barnes	5-11	217	Sr.-Jr.
	84	Sam Browning	6-5	234	Sr.-Sr.





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## OFFENSE

QB	10	David Washington	Sr-r.	6-3	210
	11	Blake LaRussa	Fr-r.	5-11	185
	19	Shuler Bentley	So-r.	6-1	201
RB	33	Ray Lawry	Jr.	5-10	204
	35	Jeremy Cox	So.	5-11	208
	24	Josh Marriner	Jr-r.	5-9	196
WR	6	Zach Pascal	Sr-r.	6-2	214
	13	Eri'Reon Hayes	So.	6-2	199
WR	9	Jonathan Duhart	Jr.	6-3	221
	3	Hasaan Patterson	Fr-r.	6-2	197
WR	7	Travis Fulgham	So-r.	6-3	214
	15	Isaiah Harper	So-r.	5-9	168
	or 2	Marques Little	Jr.	5-9	175
TE	1	Melvin Vaughn	Jr-r.	6-3	259
	14	Joey Verhaegh	So-r.	6-3	226
LT	73	Chad Hendricks	So-r.	6-6	293
	79	Cullen Casey	Jr-r.	6-3	294
LG	74	Tony Barnett	Fr-r.	6-4	314
	77	Manny Matiarena	Jr-r.	6-4	302
C	63	Nick Clarke	So-r.	6-4	285
	76	Tyler Compton	Sr-r.	6-4	290
RG	66	Troy Butler	Sr-r.	6-3	314
	79	Cullen Casey	Jr-r.	6-3	294
RT	70	Devin Hannan	Fr-r.	6-4	293
	78	Darius Garcia	Jr.	6-3	304

## DEFENSE

END	58	Bunmi Rotimi	Jr-r.	6-4	277
	99	Daniel Appouh	So-r.	6-4	246
NOSE	57	Rashaad Coward	Sr.	6-6	310
	54	Pat Toal	So-r.	6-4	311
	60	Mufu Taiwo	Fr-r.	6-5	304
TACKLE	90	Miles Fox	So.	6-1	279
	50	Torrez Wentz	So-r.	6-2	278
	or 53	Ryan Londree	So-r.	6-3	260
STUD	98	Oshane Ximines	So-r.	6-3	239
	93	Tim Ward	So.	6-6	244
OLB	22	Anthony Wilson	Sr-r.	6-1	220
	39	Jordan Young	Fr.	6-3	220
MLB	47	TJ Ricks	Sr-r.	6-0	238
	45	Shadow Williams	Sr.	6-0	216
OLB	40	Isaiah Worthy	So-r.	6-1	220
	37	Marvin Branch	So-r.	6-2	216
CB	11	Brandon Addison	Jr-r.	6-1	175
	5	Jamez Brickhouse	Fr-r.	5-10	178
CB	27	Aaron Young	Sr.	5-11	188
	9	Jelani Carter	Fr.	6-1	205
FS	28	Justice Davila	Jr.	6-0	187
	20	Rob Thompson	Jr-r.	6-1	190
	4	Denzel Williams	Fr-r.	6-2	206
SS	31	Sean Carter	So-r.	6-1	196
	3	C.J. Bradshaw	Sr-r.	5-10	189

## SPECIALISTS

PK	20	Brad Davis	Fr-r.	6-6	200
	96	Bailey Cate	Fr.	6-4	192
	48	Joe Tillman	Sr.	5-6	166
P	96	Bailey Cate	Fr.	6-4	192
	20	Brad Davis	Fr-r.	6-6	200
H	96	Bailey Cate	Fr.	6-4	192
	49	Jacob Schwind	So.	6-0	216
LS	46	Reed Buce	Jr.	6-2	209
	49	Jacob Schwind	So.	6-0	216
KR	4	Kesean Strong	So.	5-10	191
	24	Josh Marriner	Jr-r.	5-9	196
PR	80	Darrell Brown	Fr-r.	5-10	165
	2	Marques Little	Jr.	5-9	175
	15	Isaiah Harper	So-r.	5-9	168



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
1	Melvin Vaughn	TE	6-2	259	Jr.-2L
1	Lawrence Holley	CB	6-2	206	So.-r.-RS
2	Marques Little	WR	5-9	175	Jr.-2L
3	C.J. Bradshaw	S	5-10	189	Sr.-r.-2L
3	Hasaan Patterson	WR	6-2	197	Fr.-r.-RS
4	Kesean Strong	WR	5-10	191	So.-1L
5	Jamez Brickhouse	CB	5-10	178	Fr.-r.-RS
6	Zach Pascal	WR	6-2	214	Sr.-r.-3L
7	Travis Fulgham	WR	6-3	214	So.-r.-1L
7	Elijah Blue	CB	6-0	186	Fr.-HS
8	Drayton Arnold	QB	5-11	190	Fr.-HS
8	Akim Bundu-Fitz	CB	6-1	183	Fr.-r.-RS
8	Noah Ellison	WR	6-2	189	Fr.-HS
9	Jonathan Duhart	WR	6-3	221	Jr.-2L
9	Jelani Carter	DB	6-1	205	Fr.-HS
10	David Washington	QB	6-3	210	Sr.-r.-3L
10	Kane Miskel	S	6-2	183	Fr.-r.-RS
11	Brandon Addison	CB	5-10	175	Jr.-r.-1L
11	Blake LaRussa	QB	5-10	185	Fr.-r.-RS
12	Christian Byrum	S	6-1	182	So.-r.-1L
12	Brennan Lewis	QB	6-3	187	Fr.-HS
13	Eri'Reon Hayes	WR	6-2	199	So.-1L
14	Joey Verhaegh	TE	6-3	226	So.-r.-JC
14	J.C. Williamson	CB	5-9	170	Fr.-r.-RS
15	Isaiah Harper	WR	5-9	168	So.-r.-1L
15	Prince Ajegwu	S	6-3	201	Fr.-HS
16	Jamshyer McUmber	DB	6-0	176	So.-r.-TS
16	Kevin Sheckells	QB	6-4	230	Fr.-HS
17	Andre Bernhard	S	6-2	201	Jr.-TR
17	Kody Cunningham	QB	6-4	209	Fr.-HS
18	Jordan Glover	CB	5-11	175	So.-r.-RS
18	Scott McCluney	WR	6-1	160	Fr.-HS
19	Shuler Bentley	QB	6-1	201	So.-r.-1L
19	Colson Jenkins	CB	6-0	180	Fr.-HS
20	Rob Thompson	S	6-1	190	Jr.-r.-2L
20	Brad Davis	K	6-6	200	Fr.-r.-RS
21	Justin Noye	S	6-1	210	So.-r.-1L
22	Anthony Wilson	LB	6-1	220	Sr.-r.-3L
23	Brandon Simmons	RB	5-9	188	Jr.-2L
24	Josh Marriner	RB	5-9	195	Jr.-TR
25	Denzel Williams	S	6-2	206	Fr.-r.-RS
25	Brandon Sinclair	RB	5-10	205	Fr.-HS
25	Chris Kirtley	K/P	6-1	198	So.-1L
26	Parrish Gordon	S	6-0	201	Fr.-HS
26	Justin Cooper	RB	5-11	203	So.-r.-RS
27	Aaron Young	CB	5-11	188	Sr.-3L
28	Justice Davila	S	6-0	187	Jr.-2L
28	Malik Fuller	RB	5-9	173	So.-r.-RS
29	Joe Joe Headen	CB	5-10	172	Fr.-HS
30	Nick Ferrari-Smith	RB	5-9	182	Fr.-r.-RS
31	Sean Carter	S	6-1	196	So.-r.-1L
32	Gemonta Jackson	RB	5-10	191	Fr.-r.-RS
32	Jordan Lauzon	LB	6-1	225	Fr.-HS
33	Ray Lawry	RB	5-10	204	Jr.-2L
33	Tyler Darr	LB	6-2	225	Fr.-HS
34	Lawrence Garner	LB	6-2	218	Fr.-HS
35	Jeremy Cox	RB	5-11	208	So.-1L

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
36	Brent Priestler	LB	6-2	218	Fr.-HS
37	Marvin Branch	LB	6-2	216	So.-r.-1L
38	Richard Thomas	LB	6-0	229	Sr.-JC
39	Jordan Young	LB	6-3	220	Fr.-HS
40	Isaiah Worthy	LB	6-1	220	So.-r.-1L
41	Demetrius Stitmon	LB	6-0	210	Fr.-HS
42	Derek Wilder	LB	6-1	243	Fr.-r.-RS
43	Zach Lackman	LB	6-2	219	Fr.-HS
44	Terez Dickerson	LB	6-4	195	Fr.-r.-RS
44	Marcus Joyner	TE	6-2	250	Fr.-HS
45	Shadow Williams	LB	6-0	216	Sr.-JC
46	Reed Buce	LS	6-2	209	Jr.-JC
47	TJ Ricks	LB	6-0	238	Sr.-r.-3L
48	Joe Tillman	K	5-6	160	Sr.-TR
49	Jacob Schwind	LS	6-0	216	So.-SO
50	Torrez Wentz	DT	6-2	278	So.-r.-RS
51	Dontae Weatherly	DT	6-1	290	Fr.-HS
52	Juwan Ross	DT	6-2	290	Fr.-HS
53	Ryan Londree	DT	6-3	260	So.-r.-RS
54	Pat Toal	DT	6-4	311	So.-r.-1L
55	Brandon Tyson	DT	6-1	337	So.-r.-RS
56	Anthony Resek	LB	6-0	215	Fr.-HS
57	Rashaad Coward	DT	6-6	310	Sr.-3L
58	Bunmi Rotimi	DE	6-4	277	Jr.-r.-2L
59	Eric Magwood	OL	6-4	275	Fr.-r.-TR
60	Mufu Taiwo	DL	6-5	304	Fr.-r.-RS
61	Andrew Lawson	OL	6-3	301	Fr.-HS
62	Hunter Sosebee	OT	6-7	285	Fr.-r.-RS
63	Nick Clarke	C	6-4	285	So.-r.-1L
64	Ian Cox	OL	6-4	300	Fr.-HS
65	A.J. Davison	OG	6-6	326	Jr.-JC
66	Troy Butler	OL	6-3	314	Sr.-r.-3L
68	Jace Mallory	OL	6-4	270	Fr.-HS
69	Ty-Kee McCullers	OL	6-2	260	Fr.-HS
70	Devin Hannan	OT	6-4	293	Fr.-r.-RS
71	Isaac Weaver	OL	6-6	271	Fr.-HS
72	T.J. Storment	OL	6-6	324	Fr.-HS
73	Chad Hendricks	OT	6-6	294	So.-r.-1L
74	Tony Barnett	OL	6-4	314	Fr.-r.-RS
76	Tyler Compton	OG	6-4	290	Sr.-r.-3L
77	Manuel Matiarena	OL	6-4	302	Jr.-r.-JC
78	Darius Garcia	OT	6-3	304	Jr.-2L
79	Cullen Casey	OT	6-3	294	Jr.-r.-1L
80	Darrell Brown	WR	5-9	165	Fr.-r.-RS
82	Cortez Chase-Ervin	TE	6-3	219	Fr.-HS
83	Jake Herslow	WR	6-0	170	Fr.-HS
84	Kevin Todd	WR	6-2	200	Fr.-HS
85	Nijee Cox	TE	6-3	234	Fr.-r.-RS
90	Miles Fox	DT	6-1	279	So.-1L
91	Casey Bernard	DE	6-2	234	Fr.-r.-RS
92	Jude Brenya	DE	6-3	256	Sr.-3L
93	Tim Ward	DE	6-6	244	So.-1L
94	Scott Wiggins	DE	6-3	232	Sr.-3L
95	Sam White	DE	6-3	243	Fr.-HS
96	Bailey Cate	P	6-4	192	Fr.-HS
98	Oshane Ximines	DE	6-3	239	So.-r.-1L
99	Daniel Appouh	DE	6-4	246	So.-r.-1L





# OLD DOMINION ALPHABETICAL PLAYER ROSTER



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**BRANDON  
ADDISON**  
Suffolk, Va.



**15 · S**  
**PRINCE AJEGWU**  
Baltimore, Md.



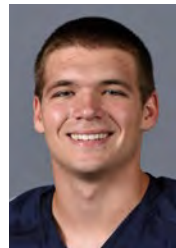
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Germantown, Md.



**8 · QB**  
**DRAYTON  
ARNOLD**  
Myrtle Beach, S.C.



**74 · OL**  
**TONY BARNETT**  
Roseland, Va.



**19 · QB**  
**SHULER  
BENTLEY**  
Duncan, S.C.



**91 · DE**  
**CASEY BERNARD**  
White Plains, Md.



**17 · S**  
**ANDRE  
BERNHARD**  
Stafford, Va.



**7 · CB**  
**ELIJAH BLUE**  
Norfolk, Va.



**3 · S**  
**C.J. BRADSHAW**  
Kinston, N.C.



**37 · LB**  
**MARVIN  
BRANCH**  
Suffolk, Va.



**92 · DE**  
**JUDE BRENYA**  
Cranberry, N.J.



**5 · CB**  
**JAMEZ  
BRICKHOUSE**  
Virginia Beach, Va.



**80 · WR**  
**DARRELL  
BROWN**  
Hampton, Va.



**46 · LS**  
**REED BUCE**  
Peoria, Ariz.



**66 · OL**  
**TROY BUTLER**  
Chesapeake, Va.



**12 · S**  
**CHRISTIAN  
BYRUM**  
Virginia Beach, Va.



**9 · CB**  
**JELANI CARTER**  
Roanoke, Va.



**31 · S**  
**SEAN CARTER**  
Stafford, Va.



**79 · OT**  
**CULLEN CASEY**  
Rochester, N.Y.



**96 · P**  
**BAILEY CATE**  
Orange Park, Fla.



**63 · C**  
**NICK CLARKE**  
Mechanicsville, Va.



**76 · OG**  
**TYLER COMPTON**  
Virginia Beach, Va.



**26 · RB**  
**JUSTIN COOPER**  
Chester, Va.



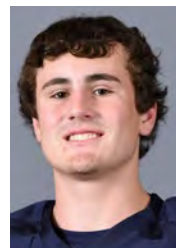
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**JEREMY COX**  
Hope Mills, N.C.



**85 · TE**  
**NIJEE COX**  
Virginia Beach, Va.



**17 · QB**  
**KODY  
CUNNINGHAM**  
Virginia Beach, Va.



**31 · LB**  
**TYLER DARR**  
District Heights, Md.



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**JUSTICE DAVILA**  
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**20 · K**  
**BRAD DAVIS**  
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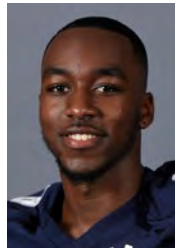
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Santa Rosa, Calif.



**44 · LB**  
**TEREZ DICKERSON**  
Vinton, Va.



**9 · WR**  
**JONATHAN DUHART**  
Midlothian, Va.



**8 · WR**  
**NOAH ELLISON**  
Sickleville, N.J.



**82 · TE**  
**CORTEZ CHASE-ERVIN**  
Germantown, Md.



**8 · CB**  
**AKIM BUNDU-FITZ**  
Springfield, Va.



**90 · DT**  
**MILES FOX**  
Lawrenceville, Ga.



**7 · WR**  
**TRAVIS FULGHAM**  
Ashburn, Va.



**28 · RB**  
**MALIK FULLER**  
Nokesville, Va.



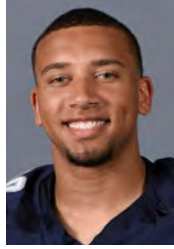
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Chesterfield, Va.



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**LAWRENCE GARNER**  
Columbus, N.J.



**18 · CB**  
**JORDAN GLOVER**  
Virginia Beach, Va.



**26 · S**  
**PARRISH GORDON**  
Richmond, Va.



**70 · OT**  
**DEVIN HANNAN**  
Belle Vernon, Pa.



**15 · WR**  
**ISAIAH HARPER**  
Chesapeake, Va.



**13 · WR**  
**ERI'REON HAYES**  
Dillon, S.C.



**29 · CB**  
**JOE JOE HEADEN**  
Harrisburg, Pa.



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**CHAD HENDRICKS**  
Blackstone, Va.



**83 · WR**  
**JAKE HERSLOW**  
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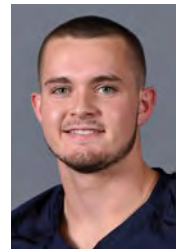
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Harrisburg, Pa.



**32 · RB**  
**GEMONTA JACKSON**  
Petersburg, Va.



**25 · K**  
**CHRIS KIRTLEY**  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



**43 · LB**  
**ZACH LACKMAN**  
North Fort Myers, Fla.



**11 · QB**  
**BLAKE LARUSSA**  
Virginia Beach, Va.



**33 · RB**  
**RAY LAWRY**  
Logan Township, N.J.



**61 · OL**  
**ANDREW LAWSON**  
Spring Grove, Pa.



**12 · QB**  
**BRENNAN LEWIS**  
Beaufort, N.C.



**2 · WR**  
**MARQUES LITTLE**  
Williamstown, N.J.



**53 · DT**  
**RYAN LONDREE**  
Charlottesville, Va.



**68 · OL**  
**JACE MALLORY**  
Richmond, Va.



**24 · RB**  
**JOSH MARRINER**  
Chesapeake, Va.



**77 · OL**  
**MANUEL MATIARENA**  
Los Angeles, Calif.



**18 · WR**  
**SCOTT MCCLUNEY**  
Gaffney, S.C.



**69 · OL**  
**TY-KEE MCCULLERS**  
Virginia Beach, Va.



**16 · DB**  
**JAMSHYER MCUMBER**  
Bethesda, Md.



**10 · S**  
**KANE MISKEL**  
Suffolk, Va.



**21 · S**  
**JUSTIN NOYE**  
Rochester, N.Y.



**6 · WR**  
**ZACH PASCAL**  
Upper Marlboro, Md.





**3 • WR**  
**HASAAAN PATTERSON**  
 Atlanta, Ga.



**36 • LB**  
**BRENT PRIESTER**  
 Brooklyn, N.Y.



**56 • LB**  
**ANTHONY RESEK**  
 Virginia Beach, Va.



**47 • LB**  
**TJ RICKS**  
 Hampton, Va.



**52 • DT**  
**JUWAN ROSS**  
 Daytona Beach, Fla.



**58 • DE**  
**BUNMI ROTIMI**  
 Alexandria, Va.



**16 • QB**  
**KEVIN SHECKELLS**  
 Annapolis, Md.



**49 • LS**  
**JACOB SCHWIND**  
 Warrenton, Va.



**23 • RB**  
**BRANDON SIMMONS**  
 Virginia Beach, Va.



**27 • RB**  
**BRANDON SINCLAIR**  
 Myrtle Beach, S.C.



**30 • RB**  
**NICK FERRARI-SMITH**  
 Nokesville, Va.



**62 • OL**  
**HUNTER SOSEBEE**  
 Tunnel Hill, Ga.



**41 • LB**  
**DEMETRIUS STITMON**  
 Suffolk, Va.



**72 • OL**  
**T.J. STORMENT**  
 Statesville, N.C.



**4 • WR**  
**KESEAN STRONG**  
 Oxon Hill, Md.



**60 • OL**  
**MUFU TAIWO**  
 Waldorf, Md.



**38 • LB**  
**RICHARD THOMAS**  
 Meridian, Miss.



**20 • S**  
**ROB THOMPSON**  
 Hammonton, N.J.



**54 • DT**  
**PAT TOAL**  
 Hazlet, N.J.



**55 • DT**  
**BRANDON TYSON**  
 Midlothian, Va.



**1 • TE**  
**MELVIN VAUGHN**  
 Chesapeake, Va.



**14 • TE**  
**JOEY VERHAEGH**  
 Boise, Idaho



**93 • DE**  
**TIM WARD**  
 High Point, N.C.



**10 • QB**  
**DAVID WASHINGTON**  
 Raleigh, N.C.



**51 • DT**  
**DONTAE WEATHERLY**  
 Exmore, Va.



**71 • OL**  
**ISAAC WEAVER**  
 Marietta, Ga.



**50 • DT**  
**TORREZ WENTZ**  
 Warrenton, Ga.



**95 • DE**  
**SAM WHITE**  
 Orlando, Fla.



**94 • DE**  
**SCOTT WIGGINS**  
 Roselle, N.J.



**42 • LB**  
**DEREK WILDER**  
 Norfolk, Va.



**25 • S**  
**DENZEL WILLIAMS**  
 Dinwiddie, Va.



**45 • LB**  
**SHADOW WILLIAMS**  
 Land O Lakes, Fla.



**14 • CB**  
**JERMAIN WILLIAMSON**  
 Portsmouth, Va.



**22 • LB**  
**ANTHONY WILSON**  
 Alexandria, Va.



**40 • LB**  
**ISAIAH WORTHY**  
 Westville, N.J.



**98 • DE**  
**OSHANE XIMINES**  
 Ahsokie, N.C.



**27 • CB**  
**AARON YOUNG**  
 Washington, D.C.



**39 • LB**  
**JORDAN YOUNG**  
 Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville

# Bobby Wilder

## Head Coach

Bobby Wilder was hired 10 years ago as Old Dominion's first football coach and restarted the program after a 69-year hiatus in 2009. Wilder has led the Monarchs to a 17-5 record in its first two years, the best record by an FCS start-up program, led ODU to a Colonial Athletic Association Championship in 2012 and a final ranking of No. 6 in the FCS polls, and following the Monarchs' transition to FBS, the first bowl game in school history in just the second year of bowl eligibility.

Wilder and the Monarchs enter the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl with a 9-3 record and 7-1 mark in Conference USA. The Monarchs lead Conference USA in rushing offense, turnover margin and have the fewest penalties in the league. Wilder has tutored quarterback David Washington, a quarterback turned wide receiver and now quarterback again, to be protective of the football. Washington is one of four quarterbacks to have thrown 25

or more touchdown passes and four or less interceptions this season. Ray Lawry rushed for a second-straight 1,000-yard season, while TJ Ricks and Anthony Wilson have combined for 183 tackles on defense.

ODU has a 66-30 record in eight seasons of play under Wilder and is an impressive 21-16 in three years playing an FBS schedule.

Prior to his arrival at ODU, Wilder served on the Maine staff for 17 years and was promoted to assistant head coach and offensive coordinator in 2000, before moving to associate head coach in 2001.

A 1987 graduate of Maine with a degree in physical education, Wilder captained the Black Bears to the Yankee Conference Championship his senior year. An All-New England quarterback in 1985, he left Maine as the school's all-time leading passer with 4,493 yards, and is currently sixth on the career passing list.



## Coaching Staff

**Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator -**

Brian Scott

**Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers -** Rich Nagy

**Assistant Defensive Coordinator/**

**Recruiting Coordinator/Safeties -** Kermit Buggs

**Wide Receivers -** Arick Forrest

**Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line -**

Jeff Comissiong

**Offensive Line -** Chris Malone

**Cornerbacks -** Sam Perryman

**Pass Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks -**

Ron Whitcomb

**Special Teams Coordinator/Running Backs -**

Charles Bankins

**GA/Offensive Line -** Jack Lowney

**GA/Wide Receivers -** Craig Wilkins

**GA/Linebackers -** Jordan Orlovsky

**GA/Linebackers -** Connor Beerworth

**Assistant Dir. of Recruiting -** Jay Haeseker

**Director of Operations -** Tim Kovacs





# John R. Broderick

## President

John R. Broderick has served as Old Dominion University's eighth president since 2008. Under his leadership, Old Dominion has forged progress in areas from research to diversity, with an emphasis on solving real-world problems and building on the region's strengths.

During his tenure, the university established the Center for the Study of Sea Level Rise, the Strome Entrepreneurial Center and a comprehensive student success model, which has led to historic highs in retention and graduation rates.

President Broderick has presided over an increase in public and private funding to the university. Under his leadership, Old Dominion has received more than \$660 million in new resources.

This year, the university announced the largest gift in its history, a \$35 million donation from Richard and Carolyn Barry, to create the Barry Art Museum in 2018. In October, the university opened the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons. Student leaders requested that the state-of-the-art dining hall be named after the President and First Lady to recognize their commitment to inclusion and student success.

President Broderick has emphasized diversity and community service during his tenure. In athletics, he oversaw the return of football to Old Dominion in 2009 after a 69-year absence, adding a rush of excitement and a burst of spirit to campus.

President Broderick is chairman of Conference USA's Board of Directors and past chairman of the Virginia Council of Presidents of colleges and universities and the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

The Brodericks are proud Monarch parents. They have three sons. Two are graduates. The other is a student at Old Dominion.



# Dr. Camden Wood Selig

## Athletic Director

Dr. Camden Wood Selig begins his seventh year as Director of Athletics at Old Dominion University, where his "Championship Effort" philosophy has helped to guide the department as one of the most respected and successful intercollegiate programs in the nation.

During his tenure, Selig has directed the University's move to Conference USA, overseen the transition of the football program to the FBS level, and led major athletic facility expansion and enhancement for virtually all 18 programs.

One of the most dramatic and gratifying accomplishments for Selig has been the academic success of the 18 intercollegiate teams. In 2015-16, 140 student athletes (31%) earned Dean's List honors with a 3.4 or higher GPA. ODU led all C-USA schools, for the third straight year, with 261 student athletes on the league's honor roll with a 3.0 or higher. Women's lacrosse and women's soccer were recognized by the NCAA for perfect four-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores, while six teams earned one-year scores of 1000, and all teams scored above 950.

One needs only to visit the ODU campus to see Selig's contributions to the growth and improvement of athletic venues including The Burnett & Blanche Mitchum Basketball Performance Center, a privately funded \$8.5 million state-of-the-art facility.

Selig has placed a high priority on increasing revenue, with a goal of 10 percent annual growth. Since his arrival in 2010, athletics has exceeded those goals every year. Donations to support the Old Dominion Athletic Foundation annual fund have jumped from \$2.73 million in 2010 to \$4.72 million in 2015-16.

Selig and his wife Ellen of Annapolis, MD, have three children, Lex, 19, a sophomore at Western Kentucky University, Nick, 17, and Julianna, 12, who both attend Norfolk Collegiate School.



# Old Dominion University

Old Dominion University is Virginia's forward-focused doctoral research university, emphasizing rigorous academic programs, strategic partnerships and active civic engagement. ODU contributes \$2.1 billion in GDP annually to Virginia's economy.

ODU was founded in 1930 as a two-year extension of the College of William and Mary and Virginia Tech. Its mission initially was to train teachers and engineers. It evolved into a four-year institution and won independence in 1962 as Old Dominion College. It attained university status in 1969.

Today, Old Dominion enrolls about 25,000 students, including nearly 5,000 graduate students, who are enrolled in about 140 academic programs. Twenty-nine faculty members have won the Outstanding Faculty Award given by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, including three in the past three years.

The university's entrepreneurial approach to problem solving drives cutting-edge research and fuels partnerships with government, business, industry and the community. Old Dominion has won worldwide recognition for its work in such fields as sea level rise and bioelectrics, where researchers are succeeding in killing cancer cells with lightning-fast electrical pulses.

The campus represents a rich tapestry of backgrounds, cultures and ages. Old Dominion boasts one of the most diverse student bodies in Virginia, with students from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. ODU's graduates include a Rhodes Scholar and the first undergraduate in Virginia to earn a patent. This year, four students won the State Department's prestigious Gilman Scholarships to study abroad.

Situated on 251 acres on the waterfront near downtown Norfolk and featuring garden

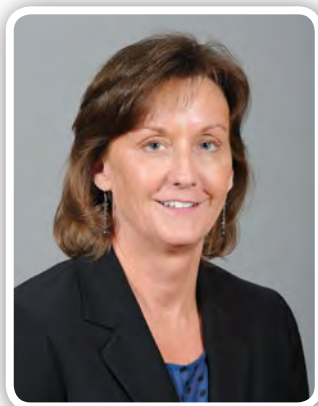


areas, reflecting pools and spacious green lawns, the campus offers the best of both worlds – a beautiful, serene setting within the bustling Hampton Roads metro area. Prospective students and families are welcome to visit the campus Monday through Saturday throughout the year.



Conference USA begins its 22nd year in 2016-17 as it continues to compete and promote the success of its student-athletes. The league has adapted to the ever-changing landscape of collegiate athletics over its first two-plus decades, but the commitment to excellence, integrity, leadership and its student athletes in competition, academics and community is unwavering.

Conference USA enjoys a far-reaching fan base with its 14 members: Charlotte, FIU, Florida Atlantic, Louisiana Tech, Marshall, Middle Tennessee, North Texas, Old Dominion, Rice, Southern Miss, UAB, UTEP, UTSA and WKU.



**Judy MacLeod**

Commissioner

Debuting in 1995, Conference USA teams have combined for 93 bowl appearances in football, 104 NCAA Tournament appearances in basketball, including three Final Fours, 67 NCAA baseball appearances including six College World Series berths, 84 NCAA soccer tournament appearances including four trips to the College Cup, and 36 individual national champions in track and field and cross country.

Success is not limited to athletic achievement, however, as 207 Conference USA student-athletes have garnered Academic All-America honors, 722 have achieved academic all-district laurels and thousands of student-athletes have earned a college degree.

Conference USA sponsors competition in 19 sports – nine for men (baseball, basketball, cross country,

football, golf, soccer, tennis, and indoor and outdoor track and field) and 10 for women (basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball).

The league promotes the scholar-athlete ideal, honoring outstanding academic achievement with numerous conference-sponsored awards, including the Commissioner's Honor Roll and the Commissioner's Academic Medal as well as sport-specific All-Academic teams.

C-USA annually awards postgraduate scholarships, along with the Sport Academic Awards, Scholar-Athletes of the Year and the Institutional Academic Excellence Award. Additionally, Conference USA presents a Spirit of Service Award three times each year, recognizing student-athletes who excel on the field, in the classroom and give back to the community through significant service efforts and participation.

## SUCCESS ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Conference USA performers have achieved great success in competition, placing the league among the top conferences in the nation.

### Football

- 93 teams have earned bowl bids
- Eligible for the College Football Playoff
- Conference USA has 10 bowl affiliations through the 2019 season, securing a minimum of five berths annually. Conference USA has primary bowl ties with the Gildan New Mexico Bowl, Hawai'i Bowl, Marmot Boca Raton Bowl, Miami Beach Bowl, Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, St. Petersburg Bowl and Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl, along with secondary arrangements with the Camping World Independence Bowl and the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl.

### Men's Basketball

- 124 postseason teams (53 NCAA, 48 NIT, 11 CBI, 10 CIT, 2 LV16)
- One National Championship title game appearance
- Three Final Four teams
- Seven Elite Eight NCAA Tournament teams

- One NIT Champion and five NIT semifinalists
- Inaugural CBI Champion
- One CIT Champion
- Inaugural Las Vegas 16 Champion

### Women's Basketball

- 51 NCAA Tournament appearances
- 56 WNIT appearances
- One Sweet 16 NCAA Tournament team
- Three WNIT semifinalists
- One WBI Champion

### Baseball

- 67 NCAA appearances
- Six College World Series appearances (2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2001)
- 14 Super Regional appearances
- Has produced at least four NCAA teams in 10 of the past 15 seasons

In addition to the numerous NCAA Tournament berths, C-USA has sent four men's soccer teams to the NCAA College Cup, three softball teams to the Women's College World Series and three volleyball teams to the NCAA Sweet 16. The league has also had 36 national champions in NCAA track and field competition, one national champion in diving, and numerous NCAA individual and team competitors in cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, and track and field. Overall, Conference USA teams and individuals have made nearly 2,000 NCAA appearances.

## SUCCESS OFF THE FIELD

C-USA institutions are among the nation's best in academic performance of student-athletes, bolstered by the fact that student-athletes at league schools have a higher graduation rate than the general student population. Among C-USA's 5,000 student-athletes, there are champions off the playing field as well. In 21 years, more than 30,000 student-athletes have been named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll or received the Commissioner's Academic Medal, indicative of outstanding achievement in the classroom.

## C-USA ON TV

C-USA enjoys significant television exposure through partnerships with ESPN, CBS Sports Network, American Sports Network (ASN) and beIN SPORTS. The multi-tiered selection process that is rooted in partnering with all four networks provides extensive national exposure for football, men's and women's basketball, and all other conference sports.

C-USA membership include institutions within eight of the Top 40 media markets and four in the Top 25 according to Nielsen. C-USA home markets this year will include more than 13 million TV households, a 30 percent increase from three years ago.

## CUSA TV

CUSA.TV officially launched in the Summer of 2016 making all non-televised team sports available as part of a subscription package. The site offers all events in one location so fans can watch home and away matchups of their favorite team or season long events from their favorite sport. The site showcases weekly feature stories as well as postgame interviews, players of the week highlights and other exciting content.

## C-USA IN THE COMMUNITY

The conference's current footprint is concentrated with 14 members in 10 states and a combined area population of more than 30 million. With a commitment to community involvement, the conference developed several initiatives to maintain strong ties in C-USA cities, as well as with fans and alumni across the country. C-USA schools also place a priority on giving back to their communities through volunteer service with local and national organizations. Individually, student-athletes are recognized each season through the Spirit of Service award.

## The Prime Minister's Trophy

The Prime Minister's Trophy, the symbol of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl championship, is presented to the winning team after the game each year. It is a unique creation that represents the Commonwealth of the Bahamas in several ways.

Bahamas Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie helped present the 2015 championship trophy to Western Michigan, and to honor the country's highest-elected office, the trophy was renamed The Prime Minister's Trophy by the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl in 2016.

Designed and manufactured by Levy Marketing & Awards of Tampa, Florida in consultation with the bowl's staff, the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl championship trophy stands 30 inches tall and weighs nearly 30 pounds.

The trophy has a tan Corian base that represents the sand and a pair of turquoise portions that represent the water. The trophy is mounted on black wood with black wood pillars used to support the football at the top of the trophy.

A conch shell, one of the main symbols of the Bahamas, is in the center of the base, and acrylic laser-cut palm trees adorn both sides of the pillars.

The Popeyes Bahamas Bowl logo is rendered in acrylic and mounted halfway up the trophy's center.

The bowl also awards distinctive Offensive Player of the Game and Defensive Player of the Game trophies.







# Popeyes Bahamas Bowl Advisory Committee

The Popeyes Bahamas Bowl Advisory Committee, made up of Bahamian business leaders, works with the bowl staff year-round to help promote the game and lend assistance where needed.

- Tashena Adams** - Airport Operations Manager, Nassau Airport Development Co.
- Brian Adderley** - The Valley Boys
- Bill Coteron** - VP/GM Conference Services, Atlantis
- Ed Fields** - Senior Vice President of Public Relations, Atlantis
- David Hazarian** - Regional Security Officer, United States Embassy
- Hon. Dr. Daniel Johnson** - Bahamas Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture
- Howard C. Karawan** - President and Managing Director, Atlantis
- Mark Knowles** - Three-time tennis Grand Slam doubles champion
- Alexandra Maillis-Lynch** - President, Ranfurly Homes for Children
- Lynden Maycock** - Chairman, National Sports Authority
- Hector Muñoz** - Chief Marketing Officer – U.S., Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen
- Alfred Sears, Esq.** - Attorney, Queen's Counsel
- Terry Tsavoussis** - Aetos Holdings
- Karla Wells-Lisgaris** - Caribbean Bottling Co.
- Hon. Obediah H. Wilchcombe, MP** - Bahamas Minister of Tourism

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# The Bahamas

## What Makes The Bahamas Unique

The Bahamas is comprised of 700 islands sprinkled over 100,000 square miles of ocean starting just 50 miles off the coast of Florida. Each of our islands and island groupings is uniquely different, offering its own distinctive attractions and appeal.

The archipelago is an ecological oasis featuring breathtaking islands and cays and boasts the clearest water on the planet – with a visibility of over 200 feet. You can see your toes as easily as you can the world's third largest barrier reef.

We invite you to explore all of our islands. One step and you'll realize our beauty extends far beyond our extraordinary natural wonders. It's the smiles on the faces of the Bahamian people. The unique sounds of our rich culture. The warm hospitality of our heritage and our colorful history.

## Friendly Bahamians

When your home resembles paradise, it's pretty easy to see why so many Bahamians have a laid-back attitude. In general, we like to say, let's worry about the bad things tomorrow. So today, we embrace life with a warm smile. We are a people who are proud of our country and our long tradition of welcoming guests. We have a love of life which manifests itself in celebration. We love to celebrate. Weddings and funerals are both important social events here. It is an opportunity to celebrate the new life starting and the life lived. We, Bahamians, take great pride in our storied past.

## Junkanoo

Junkanoo is uniquely Bahamian and exists nowhere else. It's an incredibly energetic, colorful parade made up of brightly costumed Bahamians dancing and "rushin" to the music of cowbells, drums, horns and whistles. It is widely believed that Junkanoo was created by John Canoe, an African tribal chief who demanded the right to celebrate with his people even after he was brought to the West Indies as a slave.

Celebrated since the 18th century, today Junkanoo has grown into an organized event with groups of up to 1,000 persons competing



for cash prizes for best music, best costume, dancer, banner and best overall group presentation. Traditionally held on Boxing Day (December 26), New Year's Day (January 1) and Independence Day (July 10), parades are also

held during the annual "Junkanoo Summer Festival" and the "Just Rush" competition. In addition, many hotels offer Junkanoo shows for their guests throughout the year.





### Bahamas Junkanoo Carnival

Bahamas Junkanoo Carnival is a collage of our culture. It is a festive weeklong celebration taking place in April in Grand Bahama and May in Nassau, where Bahamians and guests from around the world will be immersed in all things Bahamian. The carnival events will showcase Junkanoo, Rake -n- Scrape, arts and crafts, Bahamian cuisine, visual art, music, dance and more. It is also a high level entertainment experience, which sets the stage for Bahamian recording artists to nurture their sound and express themselves in front of a global audience.

A highly anticipated event of Bahamas Junkanoo Carnival is Road Fever when visitors and locals alike get to don their very own spectacular Junkanoo costume and participate in a high energy, festive parade of music and dance along a designated route of the city.

### Bahamian Cuisine

Being an international destination, you can rest assured that you can find any type of food here. But while you're here, give your taste buds a chance to discover Bahamian cuisine. It's spicy and uniquely flavored.

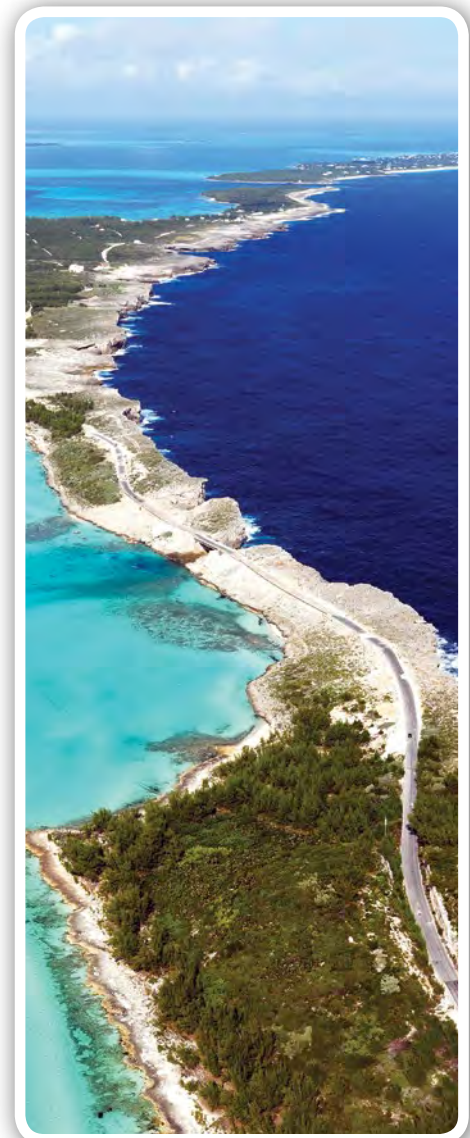
Seafood is the staple of our diet. Fresh conch scored with a knife and sprinkled with lime juice and spices is delicious. Other delicacies you'll enjoy are land crabs and the Bahamian "rock lobster." We also love fresh fish, especially boiled fish served with grits. Many dishes here are served with pigeon peas and rice mixed with spices, tomatoes and onions.

### Proximity To The USA

So close to home, yet feels so far away. Just 50 miles off the coast of Florida in the United States, our tropical archipelago is an easy and convenient destination to escape to year-round.

For centuries, our close proximity has attracted all kinds of people: American Loyalists. Puritans. Explorers. Even pirates. Now it's your turn. Come discover all of our 700 islands and the hospitality of the Bahamian people. Whether you're visiting Nassau/Paradise Island, Grand Bahama or one of The Out Islands, Paradise is just a short plane ride from major U.S. cities. You can also sail into one of our 32 ports of entry.

Once you arrive, go island-hopping. Explore underwater. Or do nothing but relax on one of our pristine beaches.



Remember, "It's Better in the Bahamas"  
For more information, visit us at [Bahamas.com](http://Bahamas.com).



# Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium

The Popeyes Bahamas Bowl is played in Nassau's state-of-the-art Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium, located in the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre.

The 15,000-seat stadium, a gift to The Bahamas from the People's Republic of China, was dedicated February 25, 2012 by former Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham in ceremonies witnessed by thousands of Bahamians. The original Thomas Robinson Stadium was built in 1981, and work on the new National Stadium at an adjacent site began in July 2009 at a cost of \$30 million.

The 190,452-square-foot facility features covered chairback seating on two sides, seating for disabled spectators, broadcast/coaches/game operations booths, a natural grass field for American football and soccer and an IAAF-certified track surface. Renovations to the stadium, including a new track and media tribune, were completed in May 2014. A brand-new Celebration Bermudagrass field

was installed in November 2016.

Robinson National Stadium is named after Thomas Augustus Robinson, MBE. Robinson was the sole competitor for The Bahamas on the world stage for many years. He competed in four Olympic Games, starting in 1956 in Melbourne, followed by Rome in 1960, Tokyo in 1964 and Mexico City in 1968. He became the first Bahamian to win a medal in international competition, a Bronze Medal in the 100-meter dash in the 1957 West Indian Federation Games in Kingston, Jamaica. He was also a part of the 400-meter relay team which also won a bronze medal.

At the 1958 British Empire Games in Cardiff, Wales, Robinson won a gold medal in the 220-yard dash and a silver in the 100-yard dash. He came back in the 1962 British Empire and Commonwealth Games to win a silver medal in the 100, a feat he repeated in the 1966 British Empire and Commonwealth Games. He also won a gold





medal at the 1962 Central American and Caribbean Games.

Robinson won nine Big Ten Conference titles as a sprinter at the University of Michigan from 1959-61. He was inducted into Michigan's Hall of Honor in 1985 and the inaugural class of Michigan's Men's Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2006.

Discussions on the new stadium had begun some nine years before, with Robinson himself chairing the initial and final committee on the stadium. Robinson died November 25, 2012, just two days after the celebration of his partici-



pation in the Melbourne Olympics and before he could see the facility that bears his name in use.

The facility has been the site for track (2013 Carifta Games and the 2014 and 2015 IAAF World Relays) and soccer (2018 FIFA World Cup qualifier - Bahamas vs. Bermuda, March 25, 2015).

The National Sports Authority, under chairman Lynden Maycock, manages the 450-acre Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre,

which includes Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium. The stadium operations are overseen by general manager Jeffrey Beckles.







# Giving Back to the Bahamas

Part of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl mission statement is “promoting The Bahamas and highlighting the educational and athletic opportunities for the youth of The Islands through college football.”

That mission was realized as the bowl hosted two events December 21 in Nassau to give back to the children of the Bahamas, thanks to the student-athletes, coaches and spirit groups of Eastern Michigan and Old Dominion.

A group of student-athletes and spirit groups from both schools visited The Ranfurly Homes for Children. After over 50 years, the Ranfurly Homes for Children is still a place of hope for young Bahamians. The home is a haven, a learning ground, a place where warm memories take shape for boys and girls whose life circumstances may have otherwise taken them on a very different path.

The current Ranfurly administration, led by president Alexandra Maillis-Lynch and administrator Alexander Roberts, has partnered with local and international organizations to further enhance the lives of Ranfurly residents.

Since the beginning of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl in 2014, the bowl has had a close relationship with Ranfurly and its residents, assisting the children and the home with various needs. Outside groups, seeing Ranfurly promoted on the ESPN broadcasts, have also raised money for the children living there as well as helping with infrastructure needs at the

home, including a new laundry facility and sports equipment.

Ranfurly has 501(c)(3) status, so donations from US citizens and companies are tax-deductible. For more information, visit [Ranfurly-Home.org](http://Ranfurly-Home.org).

Also on December 21, a group of student-athletes from both schools traveled to the Roscow A.L. Davies Field near the location of today’s game to conduct a Youth Football Leadership Clinic in conjunction with USA Football and the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

With the help of the student-athletes of the two institutions and representatives of the Commonwealth American Football League (CAFL), USA Football conducted its Heads Up Football™ FUNDamentals clinic, which introduces children to football by teaching basic skills in a FUN and energetic environment. Certified

clinicians use a series of drills to show passing, catching and running skills in a non-contact setting.

Each child attending the clinic received a bowl t-shirt, a ticket voucher to the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, and, most importantly, the smiles, encouragement and fellowship provided by those student-athletes, coaches and spirit groups participating in today’s game.

For more information on USA Football and its programs, visit [usafootball.com](http://usafootball.com).







# Game Entertainment

## PREGAME

### Bahamas All-Stars

The Bahamas All-Stars will perform a medley of songs along with the “Star-Spangled Banner” and the National Anthem of The Bahamas (“March On, Bahamaland”) prior to the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl. The All-Stars’ mission is to use the performing arts as a vehicle in the training and mentoring of Bahamas youth by improving self-esteem and self-confidence, promoting a more positive outlook towards Bahamian youth, promoting athletic excellence, exposing young people to the Bahamas cultural heritage and creating opportunities through displaying the talents of Bahamian youth both locally and internationally.

The All-Stars performed at the 2014 Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, entertaining 3.5 million in attendance and 50 million watching on television and the internet with Bahamian music and dance moves.



### Popeyes® FanFest

Before the game, fans can take part in the Popeyes® FanFest. Fans can learn the skills needed to play football: throwing, snapping a ball to a punter or kicker, kicking a field goal and catching a football for a touchdown. Fans of all ages can get ready for the game by having their picture taken to show everyone the great time they are having in the Bahamas. There will be an entertainment area with a performance by the Bahamas All-Stars Band.

## HALFTIME



### Popeyes® Football Toss Challenge

Two winners of the 100 Jamz radio contest compete in the Popeyes® Football Toss Challenge for a chance to win a three-day, two-night trip to Orlando with airfare and hotel included, plus tickets to a local Orlando attraction.

### Junkanoo Rush Out – Valley Boys and Saxons

The Bahamas national festival of Junkanoo is a kaleidoscope of colors and sound. The rhythmic sounds of cowbells, goat skin drums and whistles, accompanied by an array of brass instruments, create a sweet musical beat that will move you while brilliantly colored costumes capture your eye and bring much visual delight. This bi-annual cultural highlight takes place on Bay Street in New Providence and other Family Islands during the early-morning hours on Boxing Day (the day after Christmas) and New Year’s Day.

Two of the biggest Junkanoo groups in New Providence, the Valley Boys and the Saxons will combine to show off their moves during a rush out during halftime that is a preview of Junkanoo. It’s a rivalry as big in the Bahamas as any college football rivalry in the United States. It is a performance you can’t miss!





# ESPN EVENTS

## 28

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### 2016-17 FOOTBALL EVENTS



**ADVOCARE TEXAS KICKOFF**  
HOUSTON, TX - NRG STADIUM  
September 3, 2016  
*Houston vs. Oklahoma*  
[www.AdvocareTexasKickoff.com](http://www.AdvocareTexasKickoff.com)



**MEAC/SWAC CHALLENGE**  
DAYTONA BEACH, FL - DAYTONA BEACH MUNICIPAL STADIUM  
September 4, 2016  
*Norcn State vs. Bethune Cookman*  
[www.MEACSWACChallenge.com](http://www.MEACSWACChallenge.com)



**CAMPING WORLD KICKOFF**  
ORLANDO, FL - CAMPING WORLD STADIUM  
September 5, 2016  
*Ole Miss vs. Florida State*  
[www.CampingWorldKickoff.com](http://www.CampingWorldKickoff.com)



**HOME DEPOT COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARDS**  
ATLANTA, GA - COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME  
December 8, 2016  
[www.ESPNEvents.com](http://www.ESPNEvents.com)



**AIR FORCE RESERVE CELEBRATION BOWL**  
ATLANTA, GA - GEORGIA DOME  
December 17, 2016  
*MEAC Champion vs. SWAC Champion*  
[www.TheCelebrationBowl.com](http://www.TheCelebrationBowl.com)



**GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL**  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM - UNIVERSITY STADIUM  
December 17, 2016  
*Mountain West vs. C-USA*  
[www.GildanNewMexicoBowl.com](http://www.GildanNewMexicoBowl.com)



**RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL**  
MONTGOMERY, AL - CRAMTON BOWL  
December 17, 2016  
*MAC vs. Sun Belt*  
[www.CamelliaBowl.com](http://www.CamelliaBowl.com)



**LAS VEGAS BOWL**  
LAS VEGAS, NV - SAM BOYD STADIUM  
December 17, 2016  
*Pac 12 vs. Mountain West*  
[www.LVBowl.com](http://www.LVBowl.com)



**BOCA RATON BOWL**  
BOCA RATON, FL - FAU STADIUM  
December 20, 2016  
*American, C-USA, or MAC*  
[www.TheBocaRatonBowl.com](http://www.TheBocaRatonBowl.com)



**FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL**  
BOISE, ID - ALBERTSONS STADIUM  
December 22, 2016  
*Mountain West vs. MAC*  
[www.FamousIdahoPotatoBowl.com](http://www.FamousIdahoPotatoBowl.com)



**LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES BOWL**  
FT. WORTH, TX - AMON G. CARTER STADIUM  
December 23, 2016  
*Big 12 vs. U.S. Naval Academy / American*  
[www.ArmedForcesBowl.com](http://www.ArmedForcesBowl.com)



**POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL**  
NASSAU, BAHAMAS - THOMAS R. ROBINSON NATIONAL STADIUM  
December 23, 2016  
*American, C-USA, or MAC*  
[www.PopeyesBahamasBowl.com](http://www.PopeyesBahamasBowl.com)



**HAWAII BOWL**  
HONOLULU, HI - ALOHA STADIUM  
December 24, 2016  
*C-USA vs. Mountain West*  
[www.TheHawaiiBowl.com](http://www.TheHawaiiBowl.com)



**ST. PETERSBURG BOWL**  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL - TROPICANA FIELD  
December 26, 2016  
*ACC vs. American*  
[www.StPetersburgBowl.com](http://www.StPetersburgBowl.com)



**ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL**  
DALLAS, TX - COTTON BOWL  
December 27, 2016  
*Big Ten vs. C-USA*  
[www.TheHeartofDallasBowl.com](http://www.TheHeartofDallasBowl.com)



**ADVOCARE V100 TEXAS BOWL**  
HOUSTON, TX - NRG STADIUM  
December 28, 2016  
*Big 12 vs. SEC*  
[www.AdvocareTexasBowl.com](http://www.AdvocareTexasBowl.com)



**BIRMINGHAM BOWL**  
BIRMINGHAM, AL - LEGION FIELD  
December 29, 2016  
*American vs. SEC*  
[www.BirminghamBowl.com](http://www.BirminghamBowl.com)

### 2016-17 BASKETBALL EVENTS



**STATE FARM ARMED FORCES CLASSIC**  
HONOLULU, HI - STAN SHERIFF CENTER  
November 11, 2016  
[www.ArmedForcesClassic.com](http://www.ArmedForcesClassic.com)  
*Indiana vs. Kansas - Arizona vs. Michigan State*



**STATE FARM CHAMPIONS CLASSIC**  
NEW YORK, NY - MADISON SQUARE GARDEN  
November 15, 2016  
[www.TheChampionsClassic.com](http://www.TheChampionsClassic.com)  
*Kentucky vs. Michigan State - Duke vs. Kansas*



**GILDAN CHARLESTON CLASSIC**  
CHARLESTON, SC - TD ARENA  
November 17, 18 & 20, 2016  
[www.CharlestonClassic.com](http://www.CharlestonClassic.com)  
*Boise State - Charleston - Mississippi State - UCF - UTEP - Villanova - Wake Forest - Western Michigan*



**TIRE PROS INVITATIONAL**  
WALT DISNEY WORLD, FL - HP FIELD HOUSE  
November 17, 18 & 20, 2016  
[www.TireProshInvitational.com](http://www.TireProshInvitational.com)  
*Arizona State - Clemson - Davidson - Missouri - Northern Iowa - Oklahoma - Tulane - Xavier*



**ADVOCARE INVITATIONAL**  
WALT DISNEY WORLD, FL - HP FIELD HOUSE  
November 24, 25 & 27, 2016  
[www.AdvocareInvitational.com](http://www.AdvocareInvitational.com)  
*Florida - Gonzaga - Indiana State - Iowa State - Miami - Quinnipiac - Seton Hall - Stanford*



**WOODEN LEGACY**  
FULLERTON, CA - TITAN GYM & ANAHEIM, CA - HONDA CENTER  
November 24, 25 & 27, 2016  
[www.TheWoodenLegacy.com](http://www.TheWoodenLegacy.com)  
*CSUN - Dayton - Nebraska - New Mexico - Portland - Texas A&M - UCLA - Virginia Tech*



**NIT SEASON TIP-OFF**  
BROOKLYN, NY - BARCLAYS CENTER  
November 24 & 25, 2016  
[www.NITSeasonTipOff.com](http://www.NITSeasonTipOff.com)  
*Florida State - Illinois - Temple - West Virginia*



**WOMEN'S JIMMY V CLASSIC PRESENTED BY CORONA**  
UNCASVILLE, CT - MOHEGAN SUN ARENA  
December 4, 2016  
[www.WomensJimmyVClassic.com](http://www.WomensJimmyVClassic.com)  
*Texas vs. UConn*



**MEN'S JIMMY V CLASSIC PRESENTED BY CORONA**  
NEW YORK, NY - MADISON SQUARE GARDEN  
December 6, 2016  
[www.JimmyVClassic.com](http://www.JimmyVClassic.com)  
*Purdue vs. Arizona State - Florida vs. Duke*



**HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC**  
HONOLULU, HI - STAN SHERIFF CENTER  
December 22, 23 & 25, 2016  
[www.HawaiianAirlinesDiamondHeadClassic.com](http://www.HawaiianAirlinesDiamondHeadClassic.com)  
*Hawaii - Illinois State - San Diego State - San Francisco - Southern Miss - Stephen F. Austin - Tulsa - Utah*



**COLLEGE BASKETBALL AWARDS PRESENTED BY WENDY'S**  
LOS ANGELES, CA - CLUB NORIA  
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# SPORTS IN PARADISE



## **Bahamas Boating Flings 2017**

(Boat Owner Operated Guided Tours Through The Bahamas)

[www.bahamas.com/boating-flings](http://www.bahamas.com/boating-flings)

## **Bahamas Treasure Hunt Fly-Ins**

(Private Pilot Island Hopping/Scavenger Hunt)

[www.bahamas.com/sports](http://www.bahamas.com/sports)

## **BAHAMAS GREAT EXUMA GOLF CLASSIC**

(PGA Web.com Tour)

Exuma, Bahamas

January 8 - 11, 2017

[www.bahamas.com/golf](http://www.bahamas.com/golf)

## **SUNSHINE INSURANCE MARATHON BAHAMAS WEEKEND**

January 14 - 15, 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.marathonbahamas.com](http://www.marathonbahamas.com)

## **BAHAMAS ABACO GOLF CLASSIC**

(PGA Web.com Tour)

Treasure Cay, Abaco, Bahamas

January 18 - 21, 2017

[www.bahamas.com/golf](http://www.bahamas.com/golf)

## **PURE SILK-BAHAMAS LPGA CLASSIC**

January 23 - 29, 2017.

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.puresilkbahamasclassic.com](http://www.puresilkbahamasclassic.com)

## **CONCACAF BEACH SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

February 20 - 26, 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.bahamasfa.com](http://www.bahamasfa.com)

## **CARIFTA JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS**

April 5 - 9, 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.bahamas.com/sports](http://www.bahamas.com/sports)

## **GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND AIR SHOW**

APRIL 14 - 16, 2017

[www.grandbahamaairshow.com](http://www.grandbahamaairshow.com)

## **CARIFTA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

April 20 - 24, 2017

Nassau, Bahamas.

[www.bahamas.com/sports](http://www.bahamas.com/sports)

## **IAAF WORLD RELAYS BAHAMAS 2017**

(Track & Field Events)

April 21 - 22, 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.bahamasworldrelays.org](http://www.bahamasworldrelays.org)

## **FIFA BEACH SOCCER WORLD CUP 2017**

April 29 - May 8, 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.bahamasfa.com](http://www.bahamasfa.com)

## **COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES**

(Nine (9) Sporting Disciplines)

July 19 - 23, 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.bahamas.com/sports](http://www.bahamas.com/sports)

## **SUMMER OF THUNDER**

(NCAA Div. 1 Men's Exhibition Basketball Tournament)

August 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.bbfbbasketball.com](http://www.bbfbbasketball.com)

## **RUN FOR POMPEY**

October 8, 2017

10K | 22.5K | 42K | 50K

Exuma, Bahamas

[www.runforpompey.com](http://www.runforpompey.com)

## **BAHAMAS HALF MARATHON & 10k**

November 19, 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.bahamashalf.com](http://www.bahamashalf.com)

## **CONCH MAN TRIATHLON 2017**

November 2017

Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas

[www.bahamas.com/sports](http://www.bahamas.com/sports)

## **TABERNACLE BAPTIST ACADEMY'S**

(High School Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament)

November 22 - 26, 2017

Freeport, Grand Bahama

[www.bahamas.com/sports](http://www.bahamas.com/sports)

## **BATTLE 4 ATLANTIS**

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

November 22 - 24, 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.atlantis.com](http://www.atlantis.com)

## **NCAA WOMEN'S JUNKANOO JAM**

(Division 1 Basketball Tournament)

November 23 - 26, 2017

Freeport, Grand Bahama

[www.bahamas.com/sports](http://www.bahamas.com/sports)

## **THE TIGER WOODS HERO WORLD CHALLENGE**

December 2017

Albany Resort/Ernie Els designed championship golf Course

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.bahamas.com/sports](http://www.bahamas.com/sports)

## **ATLANTIS CROWN GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL**

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMPETITION

December 14 - 17 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.atlantiscrown.com](http://www.atlantiscrown.com)

## **POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL**

December 2017

Nassau, Bahamas

[www.bahamasbowl.com](http://www.bahamasbowl.com)

[bahamas.com/sports](http://bahamas.com/sports)

