



2019 MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL

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Offensive Coordinator Alex Atkins

On his week in the Bahamas...

"It's been an amazing experience. Me and my wife got a chance to come last summer for the first time, so we got a little bit of the lay of the land. It's been awesome to bring these kids and our staff. It's been awesome. We got some good food and we're right here on the beach. The Atlantis resort is so wonderful you don't even have to leave it. We've had some time to get some good meals and I'm a big man so I like to eat."

On his morning at Signing Day...

"We were on the beach, we had a cabana, had the music going. I tell you what, it's always good that Club Lit travels, so we had an amazing morning with the Signing Day festivities."

On the challenges Buffalo will present defensively...

"They're a really good defense. They're sound, and they play fast. That's the two big things you see in great defenses. Their kids don't blink. They don't look like they're hesitating, they know exactly what they're doing. That means they're well-coached. It's going to be one of the toughest challenges we've had all season."

On the keys to the offense's success...

"The number one thing is that we've been balanced. I think that helps a lot when we can run and throw the ball. We can attack you however we can, and the key is to play hard. One thing I'm excited about with our kids is their effort. And their attention to detail has given them an advantage so far."

Chris Reynolds, Redshirt Sophomore, Quarterback

On the team's time in the Bahamas...

"It's a great experience. This is awesome. I'm a big island guy, I've always dreamt of coming to an island. To come to an island to play a football game? Come on, you can't beat that. Everyone's having a good time going to the beach and getting on the water slides. It's been so much fun. That Beach Bash yesterday was awesome. It was cool seeing both of the teams out there having a good time playing volleyball and throwing the football around, eating some good food. I thought that was the coolest part of the trip so far."

On balancing fun and football...

"We got our heavy work in before we got here. We've been enjoying the past two days, Monday and Tuesday. But this afternoon, we're going to dial in. We've got meetings and a little walkthrough and tomorrow we have practice. We'll hit the switch tonight. We do a good job of that, we're a pretty mature team. I feel good about us locking in once the meetings start."

On the keys to the offense...

"The thing about our offense is that every week you'll see a different guy step up with a big stat line. Whether it's Victor Tucker, Benny LeMay, Tyler Ringwood, Cameron Dollar, every game it's someone new. The way this offense works, you can distribute the ball to everyone uniquely and in different ways. When you have a workhorse like Benny LeMay who's an absolutely unbelievable football player, it brings attention to him and allows other people to open up down the field."

On Buffalo's defense...

"They're a great football team. They're really tough on defense. They've got a great defensive front, athletic DBs. I think they're going to try and stop the run and get us into long passing situations. I feel good about it, and if we find ways to push it down the field it'll be fun."

Benny LeMay, Senior, Running Back

On his first day in Atlantis...

"It's been amazing. This is my first time out of the country. It's better than what I expected. It's fun being here. I actually know a couple people from the Bahamas so I got to see them and my family's here for the game as well. It's just a great time. There's so much to do. My favorite things have been the water slides and the whole Atlantis resort has been a blessing. It's great to just walk around and see the stores they have. Everyone's so nice here, as well."

On balancing fun and football...

"It's not too hard. You come down here for a reason, it's a business trip. You've got to remember the main goal and set a marking stone for the future and the players who are coming behind me. That's something you've always got to keep in the forefront, as well as enjoying yourself and realizing this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be here for a week. It's a good balance but you have to remember why you're here."

On the keys to the offense's success...

"It's special. I was talking to one of our former players, Austin Duke, and we were just reminiscing on the times we were so close and didn't get there, and how happy he was for us, and how grateful and blessed we are to be in this position. It just goes back to the team. We worked so hard this year and made tremendous plays across the board. Coach Healy's building the culture inside of this and helping us to be a better team."

On getting the chance to go into Club Lit after the game...

"Oh, that'd be lit. That would definitely be lit. In the Bahamas? I think that would be the best Club Lit yet for sure."