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## Message from The Prime Minister Commonwealth of The Bahamas Dr. The Hon. Hubert A. Minnis, PM

On behalf of the Government and People of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, I extend a warm welcome and hearty congratulations to the members of the two great football teams contending for the championship in the 4th Annual Bahamas Bowl: the **UAB Blazers** and the **Ohio Bobcats**. I would also like to welcome organizers of the Bahamas Bowl, football coaches, family members, fans, members of the international press corps and all who have come to our country this week to witness American college football competition at its best.

American college football action is now a major feature of Christmas week in the City of Nassau. Football fans in The Bahamas eagerly anticipate the excitement of Game Day, filling the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium by the thousands while millions of television viewers across the United States tune into the only post season college football bowl held outside the United States. 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 by the hospitality of our people and thoroughly enjoy our destination.

The backdrop of gorgeous beaches, pristine seas and year-round sunshine, along with an ultra modern tourism infrastructure and state-of-the-art sports complexes facilitate The Bahamas in annually attracting numerous world class sporting events, including, in recent years, the IAAF World Relays, the Hero World Challenge and other PGA and LPGA championship golf tournaments, FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, and now, for the fourth consecutive year, the Bahamas Bowl.

You are here in The Bahamas at the most exciting time of the year. Be sure to explore our historic sights, colorful marketplaces, island cuisine, duty free shopping and take in a few of the myriad excursions and experiences that get you acquainted with the soul and heart of The Bahamas.

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

I take this occasion to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas, and all the best for 2018.

**Dr. The Hon. Hubert A. Minnis, PM**  
THE PRIME MINISTER COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS



“Christmas week in The Islands of The Bahamas is a time of anticipation and excitement, and for the last three years, American college football action has been a major feature of the festive dynamics leading up to Christmas. Football fans in The Bahamas and across the United



States are treated to the Bahamas Bowl, a high stakes game that rolls out at the national stadium of The Bahamas. My Ministry is delighted to play a role in bringing world-class football to The Islands of The Bahamas for a fourth consecutive year.

I extend a warm welcome and congratulations to the student-athletes of the UAB Blazers and Ohio Bobcats who, on gameday on December 22, will contend for the championship in the highly anticipated matchup at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium in Nassau. ESPN will carry the game to millions of television viewers around the world, who will witness the epic clash between the two titans of American college football in a game staged out against the backdrop of the sunshine and beauty of The Islands Of The Bahamas.

I would like to welcome all who have come in support of the two football teams: Bahamas Bowl organizers, coaches, family members and fans. This week will be most memorable for all who have come for the game: from the welcome pregame fun activities and warm Bahamian hospitality to the energy of the competition on gameday and the halftime performances, to exploring the sights of Nassau and Paradise Island.

The fourth edition of the Bahamas Bowl 2017 promises to deliver a dazzling football performance that will seal the reputation of Christmas week in The Bahamas as a time for Football, Family and Fun.”

**Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar, MP**  
**Minister of Tourism & Aviation**

“The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture joins the Ministry of Tourism in welcoming athletes of the UAB Blazers and Ohio Bobcats to the fourth edition of the Bahamas Bowl. Aspiring football players in The Bahamas look forward to the opportunity once a year to witness the top-notch performance of American college football.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the athletes of the UAB Blazers and the Ohio Bobcats for their generous outreach to the youth of our community, and for sharing with our young football players the many opportunities in sports and education offered by American college football.

We in The Bahamas are proud to have world class American college football as a highlight of our country's annual international sports calendar.”

**Hon. Michael Pintard, MP**  
**Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture**

“We are delighted to host the fourth-annual Bahamas Bowl, the only bowl game played outside of the continental United States. On behalf of the entire team here at the NSA, I extend a warm welcome to the UAB and Ohio football teams and their fans. This game will no doubt showcase the talents and skills of the players and coaching staff as well as the quality of our facilities. We hope you enjoy our wonderful attractions here in Nassau, Bahamas. Enjoy the game, our facilities and the warmth and friendliness of the Bahamian People.”



**Mr. Vaughn Roberts**  
**Chairman, National Sports Authority**

# 2017 Bahamas Bowl PREVIEW

BY CHRIS PIKA



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**A**fter three exciting games in Nassau, today's fourth edition of the Bahamas Bowl between UAB and Ohio promises to be an entertaining one that could post plenty of points on the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium scoreboard.

UAB returned to the field in 2017 after a two-year hiatus, and the Blazers became one of the most inspiring stories in college football by winning eight games and qualifying for the second bowl game in the school's history. Ohio is one of the most consistent teams in the Mid-American Conference, and the Bobcats also won eight games to reach a bowl game for the third straight season and 11th time overall.

Both teams are anxious to prove themselves after enjoying the sun, warm weather and hospitality that the Bahamas and the Atlantis resort is known for during bowl week. This is the first meeting between the schools, and there is no better setting for that initial meeting than the Bahamas Bowl.

UAB and Ohio come into the bowl with a combined 16 victories, which ties for the most in the four years of the Bahamas Bowl. UAB went 8-4, 6-2 in Conference USA. The Blazers, under Conference USA Coach of the Year Bill Clark (14-10 record in two seasons at UAB; 25-14 in three seasons overall as a college head coach), won a school FBS-record eight games and finished second in the C-USA West Division after winning six of their final eight games – three against teams in C-USA that are playing in bowl games this year.

Ohio was 8-4, 5-3 in the MAC, and the Bobcats, under head coach Frank Solich (96-71 record in 13 seasons at Ohio; 154-90 in 19 seasons overall as a college head coach), finished second in the MAC East Division after posting win streaks of four and three games. Ohio had a convincing victory over 2017 MAC champion Toledo, and the Bobcats also beat Kansas from the Big 12.

UAB won all six home games, and the six C-USA victories were also the most in the Blazers' history. The Blazers average 29.6 points per game, and UAB has scored 30 or more points six times. UAB averaged 190.2 rushing yards per game, led by true freshman running back Spencer Brown, who broke the school record for freshman rushing yards with 1,292 on the way to C-USA Freshman of the Year honors. Redshirt junior quarterback A.J. Erdely tied a school record with 13 rushing touchdowns,

which is also the most by a Blazer QB, and he has accounted for 29 touchdowns (13 rushing, 16 passing).

UAB has been strong on defense, especially in stopping runners behind the line of scrimmage. The Blazers have 81 tackles for loss and have posted four or more in each game this season. UAB has 14 interceptions, including 10 in the last seven games, and have posted five multi-interception games. Redshirt senior cornerback Darius Williams, a first-team All-Conference USA performer, has five interceptions and is second in FBS in passes defended with 20 (1.7 per game). Redshirt senior linebacker Tevin Crews led the team with 95 tackles, and redshirt junior defensive lineman Stacy Keely led the Blazers with four sacks.

The Bobcats average 38.9 points per game and set a school record with 467 points scored, and Ohio has scored 40 or more points in six games. Ohio has averaged 244.2 rushing yards per game behind redshirt junior running back A.J. Ouellette (980 yards) and sophomore quarterback Nathan Rourke (882 yards). Rourke, a second-team All-MAC performer, has five 100-yard rushing games, and Ouellette has four 100-yard efforts. Rourke holds the school record for rushing touchdowns in a season with 21 (second in FBS), and his 37 total touchdowns responsible for is one away from tying the Ohio season record. He also has thrown for 2,018 passing yards and 15 TDs.

On defense, the Bobcats have held opponents to 25.8 points per game. Ohio has been strong against the run as the Bobcats' opponents have averaged only 111.4 yards per game. Redshirt senior linebacker Quentin Poling, a first-team All-MAC selection, leads the team with 102 tackles, including 47 solo stops, 12.5 tackles for loss and three forced fumbles. He also leads the team with 5.5 sacks, part of the Bobcats' 28 overall. Redshirt senior linebacker Chad Moore, who was selected second-team All-MAC, paces the Bobcats with three interceptions. Redshirt senior cornerback Bradd Ellis has 18 pass breakups, which ties the school record and ranks in the top three in FBS in the category.

There will be plenty of talented players to watch when UAB and Ohio take the field, and the team that holds up the Prime Minister's Trophy later this afternoon as the champion will add to a unique Bahamas Bowl history in Nassau.





# UAB BLAZERS



**Dr. Ray Watts**  
President



**Mark Ingram**  
Athletic Director



**Bill Clark**  
Head Coach



## ASSISTANT COACHES/STAFF

- Les Koenning - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
- David Reeves - Defensive Coordinator
- Hindley Brigham - Running Backs
- Trey Clark - Offensive Line
- Casey Woods - Inside Wide Receivers/Tight Ends
- Larry Smith - Outside Wide Receivers
- Kyle Tatum - Defensive Line
- Brian Williams - Linebackers
- Blake Shrader - Defensive Backs
- Tyler Cook - Director of Operations



**#23 LB Tevin Crews**

## KEY PLAYERS



**#28 RB Spencer Brown**



**#1 DB Darious Williams**



**#11 QB A.J. Erdely**



UAB BLAZERS



OHIO BOBCATS

2017 UAB (8-4, 6-2 C-USA)

SEPTEMBER

2	ALABAMA A&M	W, 38-7
9	at Ball State	L, 31-51
16	COASTAL CAROLINA	W, 30-23
23	at North Texas*	L, 43-46

OCTOBER

7	LOUISIANA TECH*	W, 23-22
14	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	W, 25-23
21	at Charlotte*	L, 24-25 (ot)
28	at Southern Miss*	W, 30-12

NOVEMBER

4	RICE*	W, 52-21
11	at UTSA*	W, 24-19
18	at Florida	L, 7-36
25	UTEP*	W, 28-7

DECEMBER

22 vs. Ohio (Bahamas Bowl)

\* - C-USA games; home games in CAPS

2017 OHIO (8-4, 5-3 MAC)

SEPTEMBER

2	HAMPTON	W, 59-0
8	at Purdue	L, 21-44
16	KANSAS	W, 42-20
23	at Eastern Michigan*	W, 27-20 (2ot)
30	at UMass	W, 58-50

OCTOBER

7	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	L, 23-26
14	at Bowling Green*	W, 48-30
21	KENT STATE*	W, 48-3
31	MIAMI*	W, 45-28

NOVEMBER

8	TOLEDO*	W, 38-10
14	at Akron*	L, 34-37
24	at Buffalo*	L, 24-31

DECEMBER

22 vs. UAB (Bahamas Bowl)

\* - MAC games; home games in CAPS

UAB (8-4, 6-2 C-USA) vs. OHIO (8-4, 5-3 MAC)

Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 • 12:30 p.m. (ET) • ESPN • Nassau, Bahamas • Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium

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 Capacity ..... 15,000  
 Surface ..... Celebration Bermudagrass  
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 Hashtag ..... #BahamasBowl  
 Series Record ..... First Meeting  
 Bahamas Bowl Series ..... C-USA 2, MAC 1



Nickname ..... Blazers  
 2017 Record ..... 8-4 (6-2 C-USA)  
 Head Coach ..... Bill Clark  
 Record at UAB (Yrs.) ..... 14-10 (2nd)



Nickname ..... Bobcats  
 2017 Record ..... 8-4 (5-3 MAC)  
 Head Coach ..... Frank Solich  
 Record at Ohio (Yrs.) ..... 96-71 (13th)

THE SERIES

» The 2017 Bahamas Bowl will be the first meeting between the UAB Blazers and the Ohio Bobcats.

THE COACHES

» **BILL CLARK** is in his second season as UAB head coach and his third as collegiate head coach, and he has a 25-14 career record, 14-10 with the Blazers. The 2017 Bahamas Bowl is the first bowl appearance for the Blazers since the 2004 Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl and UAB's second bowl appearance overall. Clark was the head coach at Jacksonville State (2013; 11-4) before taking the UAB job. He was defensive coordinator for five seasons at South Alabama (2008-12) after nine years as head coach at Prattville (Ala.) HS. Clark was an assistant at four Alabama high schools after graduating from Jacksonville State in 1990.

» **FRANK SOLICH** is in his 13th season as Ohio head coach and his 19th as collegiate head coach, and he has a 154-90 career record, 96-71 with the Bobcats. The 2017 Bahamas Bowl is the Bobcats' third-straight bowl appearance and Ohio's 11th bowl appearance overall. Solich was the head coach for six seasons at Nebraska (1998-2003) and posted a 58-19 record before coming to Ohio in 2005. He also was a college assistant at Nebraska from 1979-97 before he was named Tom Osborne's successor as Cornhuskers head coach. He was a three-year letterman as a fullback at Nebraska (1962-65).

TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISON

UAB (8-4, 6-2 C-USA)

TEAM STATISTICS	UAB	OPP
Points/Game	29.6	24.3
First Downs	231	230
Rushing/Game	190.2	169.8
Passing/Game	174.4	188.0
Total Offense/Game	364.6	357.8
Fumbles-Lost	15-10	10-5
Pen./Yds per Game	68/53.4	83/61.4
Time of Possession	28:31	31:29

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD	YPG
Brown	237	1292	5.5	10	107.7
Erdely	117	295	2.5	13	24.6

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	YPG
Erdely	181-293-4	2077	16	173.1

RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Wilson	48	619	12.9	6	51.6
Lisa	29	384	13.2	1	32.0

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Int.	PBU
Crews	56-39-95	12.0	1	3
Thomas	62-29-91	3.0	2	1

Ohio (8-4, 5-3 MAC)

TEAM STATISTICS	OHIO	OPP
Points/Game	38.9	25.8
First Downs	265	216
Rushing/Game	244.2	111.4
Passing/Game	186.8	261.8
Total Offense/Game	430.9	373.2
Fumbles-Lost	15-12	15-8
Pen./Yds per Game	61/43.3	92/70.2
Time of Possession	30:58	29:02

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD	YPG
Ouellette	184	980	5.3	7	81.7
Rourke	134	882	6.6	21	73.5

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	YPG
Rourke	149-274-7	2018	15	168.2

RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Cope	35	494	14.1	4	49.4
White	32	525	16.4	2	65.5

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Int.	PBU
Poling	47-55-102	12.5	0	4
Hagan	39-37-76	0.5	1	5

2017 NCAA TEAM RANKS (as of Dec. 9)

Category	UAB	OHIO
<b>Total Offense</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>39</b>
Rushing Offense	37	17
Passing Offense	105	95
Passing Efficiency	53	65
Scoring Offense	t-55	14
<b>Total Defense</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49</b>
Rushing Defense	71	10
Passing Yards Allowed	22	108
Passing Efficiency Def.	11	67
Scoring Defense	46	57
Turnover Margin	t-39	t-90
3rd Down Conversion %	6	t-52
4th Down Conversion %	t-105	6
3rd Down Conversion % Def.	46	10
4th Down Conversion % Def.	t-62	t-29
Red Zone Offense	t-17	15
Red Zone Defense	29	t-116
Net Punting	126	66
Punt Returns	37	80
Kickoff Returns	77	45
First Downs Offense	t-92	t-40
First Downs Defense	t-51	30
Fewest Penalties Per Game	51	32
Fewest Penalty Yards per Game	68	34
Time of Possession	98	40



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# UAB Blazers

**Head Coach:** Bill Clark (14-10; 2 seasons at UAB; 25-14; 3 seasons overall)

**OC/QB:** Les Koenning (sideline) • **DC:** David Reeves (sideline) • **RB:** Hindley Brigham (sideline) • **OL:** Trey Clark (sideline)

**TE/InWR:** Casey Woods (press box) • **OutWR:** Larry Smith (sideline) • **DL:** Kyle Tatum (sideline) • **LB:** Brian Williams (sideline) • **DB:** Blake Shrader (sideline)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
+ 1	Jonathan Haden	WR	5-6	180	r-Jr.	Upper Marlboro, Md./Prince George's CC
+ 1	Darius Williams	CB	5-10	180	r-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Creekside HS
+ 2	Mar'Sean Diggs	S	6-2	212	r-Jr.	Washington, D.C./Iowa Western CC
+ 2	Lucious Stanley	RB	6-0	215	r-Fr.	North Fort Myers, Fla./North Fort Myers HS
+ 3	Will Dawkins	S	5-10	200	r-So.	Vero Beach, Fla./Indiana
+ 3	Andre Wilson	WR	5-9	179	r-Jr.	Converse, Texas/Trinity Valley CC
4	Donnie Lee	RB	6-2	228	r-Jr.	Harvey, La./Arkansas Baptist College
5	Zachary Williams	LB	6-2	250	r-Jr.	Lena, Miss./Copiah-Lincoln CC
6	Wally Adams	WR	5-11	193	r-Sr.	Columbus, Ga./Carver HS
+ 7	Thomas Johnston	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Spanish Fort, Ala./Spanish Fort HS
+ 7	Xavier Ubosi	WR	6-3	218	r-Jr.	Reseda, Calif./Los Angeles Pierce College
+ 8	Duke Culver	S	6-0	190	r-Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Louisville
+ 8	Ronnie Turner Jr.	WR	6-4	190	r-Jr.	Salinas, Calif./Hartnell College
+ 9	A.J. Brooks	WR	6-0	190	r-Jr.	Gilroy, Calif./Gavilan College
+ 9	D.A. Williams	CB	5-10	180	r-Jr.	St. Augustine, Fla./Iowa Western CC
+10	Sederian Copeland	WR	6-0	163	r-Jr.	Dallas, Texas/Tyler JC
+10	Garrison Mitchell	S	6-0	200	r-So.	Beaumont, Texas/Blinn College
+11	David Acfalle	CB	6-0	190	Fr.	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville HS
+11	A.J. Erdelyi	QB	6-4	220	r-Jr.	Cumming, Ga./Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
+12	Kylen Binn	QB	6-6	245	r-Jr.	Columbia, S.C./Hutchinson CC
+12	Grayson Cash	CB	6-0	190	Fr.	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville HS
13	Collin Lisa	WR	5-10	166	r-Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga./Buffalo
+14	Dy'jonn Turner	CB	5-11	205	Fr.	Florence, Ala./Florence HS
+14	Joseph Willis	QB	6-5	225	r-So.	Philadelphia, Miss./East Mississippi CC
+15	Tre' Crawford	LB	6-3	225	r-Jr.	Houston, Texas/Tyler JC
+15	Demetrius Davis	WR	5-11	171	r-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala./Huffman HS
+16	Irving Adams	S	5-10	192	r-Jr.	Florence, Ala./Arkansas State
+16	Michael Turner	QB	6-3	215	r-Jr.	Salinas, Calif./Hartnell College
+17	Tyler Johnston III	QB	6-2	215	r-Fr.	Spanish Fort, Ala./Spanish Fort HS
+17	Jordan Petty	S	5-9	190	r-Jr.	Florence, Ala./Florence HS
+18	Kailon Carter	WR	6-3	205	r-Sr.	Boutte, La./Fresno CC
+18	Quante Bone	CB	5-11	160	r-Sr.	Huntsville, Ala./Tennessee-Martin
+19	Nick Vogel	PK	5-10	185	r-So.	Jacksonville, Fla./Mandarin HS
+19	Darryl Waters	DL	6-4	255	r-Sr.	Norfolk, Va./Coffeyville CC
20	Kristopher Moll	LB	6-1	205	Fr.	Miami, Fla./Coral Gables HS
22	Broderick Thomas	S	6-0	190	r-Jr.	West Columbia, Texas/Cisco College
+23	Tevin Crews	LB	6-2	230	r-Sr.	Tuscaloosa, Ala./Bibb County HS
+23	Kevin Davis	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Hesperia, Calif./Oak Hills HS
+24	T.K. Lowe	S	5-9	190	r-Sr.	Tulsa, Okla./Booker T. Washington HS
+24	James Noble III	RB	5-7	180	r-Jr.	Barstow, Calif./Chaffey College
+25	Craig Kanyangarara	LB	6-0	235	r-Jr.	Lynn, Mass./Scottsdale CC
+25	Trey Whitmore	RB	5-10	191	r-Fr.	Albertville, Ala./Troy
26	Noah Jones	LB	6-4	245	r-Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Pearl River CC
27	Chris Woolbright	LB	6-3	230	r-Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y./Fresno City College
28	Spencer Brown	RB	6-0	235	Fr.	Kimberly, Ala./Mortimer Jordan HS
29	Clay Templeton	S	6-0	185	r-Fr.	Gadsden, Ala./Jacksonville State
+30	Kyle Harrell	RB	6-1	205	Fr.	Calera, Ala./West Point Prep
+30	Chris Morgan	S	6-0	188	r-Sr.	Baton Rouge, La./Los Angeles Valley College
+31	Kristian Cotton	WR	5-8	165	r-So.	Spanish Fort, Ala./Butler CC
+31	Derrick Gregory	CB	6-2	192	r-Sr.	McCalla, Ala./Allan Hancock College
+32	Luke Brasher	LB	6-0	220	r-Fr.	Pell City, Ala./Pell City HS
+32	Carlos Stephens	RB	5-7	190	r-Fr.	Alabaster, Ala./Thompson HS
33	Brontae Harris	CB	5-10	172	r-Fr.	Cullman, Ala./Alabama A&M
35	Chase Biles	S	5-10	178	r-Fr.	Locust Fork, Ala./Locust Fork HS
36	Kobe Griffin	S	6-0	200	Fr.	Troy, Ala./Charles Henderson HS
37	Joel Dixon	P	6-2	204	r-So.	Melbourne, Australia/San Joaquin Delta College
+38	Jamaal Morris	LB	6-1	240	r-Fr.	Madison, Ala./James Clemens HS
+38	Hayden Pittman	TE	6-4	235	r-Fr.	Spanish Fort, Ala./Spanish Fort HS
+39	Jacob Fuqua	LS	6-2	228	r-Fr.	Williamson, Ga./Pike County HS
+39	Alec Marsch	WR	6-0	184	r-Fr.	Homewood, Ala./Homewood HS
+40	Morgan Coston	PK	5-10	177	r-Fr.	Leeds, Ala./Leeds HS
+40	Jaleen Thomas	RB	5-11	212	r-Fr.	Dothan, Ala./Northview HS
+41	Chase Long	WR	5-8	180	r-Fr.	Athens, Ga./East Limestone HS
+41	Quindarius Thagard	DL	6-4	285	r-Jr.	Luverne, Ala./Itawamba CC
42	Shaq Jones	LB	6-3	250	r-Sr.	Lanett, Ala./Lanett HS
+43	T.J. Mcgettigan	PK	5-9	190	r-Fr.	Trussville, Ala./West Alabama
+43	John Williams	S	5-11	185	r-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers HS
+44	Garrett Marino	DL	6-2	285	r-So.	Orange County, Calif./Montana State
+44	Logan Scott	TE	6-5	240	r-Jr.	Purvis, Miss./Jones County JC
45	Will Boler	S	6-0	175	Fr.	Opelika, Ala./Opelika HS
+46	Mitchell Bennefield	WR	5-9	165	r-Fr.	Piedmont, Ala./Piedmont HS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
+46	Keilan Knight	S	6-1	200	r-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala./Center Point HS
+47	Jacob Clark	LS	5-11	215	r-Fr.	Piedmont, Ala./Piedmont HS
+47	Anthony Rush	DL	6-5	340	Jr.	Raleigh, N.C./Northeast Mississippi CC
48	Bolton Patton	LB	5-11	247	r-Jr.	Athens, Ala./Athens HS
49	Eric Ramsey	LB	6-2	210	r-So.	Birmingham, Ala./Parkway Christian HS
50	David Galten	OL	6-3	300	r-So.	San Mateo, Calif./San Francisco CC
+51	James Davis	OL	6-2	300	r-Jr.	Jackson, Miss./East Mississippi CC
+51	Adrienne Talan	LB	6-0	212	r-So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Navarro College
52	Fitzgerald Mofor	LB	5-11	245	r-So.	Brookeville, Md./Glennville State College
53	Zach Sims	OL	6-1	300	r-Jr.	Birmingham, Ala./Homewood HS
54	Christian Tucker	OL	6-4	310	r-So.	Mobile, Ala./Baker HS
55	Charles Richardson	OL	6-3	295	r-Jr.	Moon Township, Pa./Georgia Military College
57	Justice Powers	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	Cedar Hill, Texas/Trinity Valley CC
58	Maliq Johnson	OL	6-3	320	r-Jr.	Freeport, Ill./Iowa Western CC
59	Chris Schleuger	OL	6-4	305	r-Sr.	Wesley, Iowa/Northern Iowa
60	Kelton Brown	OL	6-4	330	Jr.	Tylertown, Miss./Pearl River CC
62	E.J. Lane III	OL	6-2	340	r-Fr.	Prattville, Ala./Stanhope Elmore HS
63	Brad Minor	OL	6-1	305	r-So.	Centre, Ala./Cherokee County HS
+64	D'Von Issac	OL	6-5	320	r-Jr.	McDonough, Ga./WKU
+64	Kyle Varnell	LS	6-5	215	r-Fr.	Norcross, Ga./Marshall
65	Jordan Jamison	OL	6-7	310	r-Fr.	Oxford, Miss./Lafayette HS
66	Greg Fecanin	OL	6-3	325	r-Fr.	Pinson, Ala./Clay-Chalkville HS
70	Lowell Furlow	OL	6-8	350	r-Fr.	Plantersville, Ala./Dallas County HS
71	Rishard Cook	OL	6-3	340	Jr.	Hattiesburg, Miss./Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
72	Lee Dufour	OL	6-3	300	r-So.	Satsuma, Ala./Saraland HS
73	Patrick Nuss	OL	6-7	310	r-Fr.	Vestavia Hills, Ala./Vestavia HS
74	Bryant Novick	OL	6-5	325	r-Jr.	Hoover, Ala./Spain Park HS
75	Natrell Curtis	DL	6-3	315	r-Jr.	Tucson, Ariz./Pima CC
76	Josh Morgan	OL	6-6	330	r-Fr.	Trussville, Ala./Troy
77	Isaiah Sampson	DL	6-0	290	r-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala./Arkansas Baptist College
78	Garrett Morgan	OL	6-6	310	r-Fr.	Gulf Shores, Ala./Gulf Shores HS
80	Stephen Pickren	TE	6-4	250	r-Sr.	Pell City, Ala./Chattanooga
81	Tony Ransom	TE	6-2	230	r-Sr.	Birmingham, Ala./Miles College
82	Vernon Chatman	WR	5-7	164	r-Sr.	Theodore, Ala./Theodore HS
83	Dylan Evans	WR	6-0	177	r-So.	Pinson, Ala./Pinson Valley HS
84	Justin Walker	WR	6-5	190	r-Jr.	Frederick, Md./Fullerton CC
85	Thair Blakes	TE	6-3	250	r-Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz./Scottsdale CC
86	Nick Holman	TE	6-1	235	r-So.	Madison, Ala./USF
88	Logan Arnold	TE	6-5	235	Fr.	Huntsville, Ala./Hazel Green HS
89	Skylor Clinton	TE	6-3	245	r-So.	Prescott, Ariz./Wyoming
90	Jay Chisolm	DL	6-1	290	r-Jr.	Chelsea, Ala./Iowa Western CC
91	Jeremy Joseph	DL	6-7	235	r-Jr.	Auburn, Ala./Eastern Illinois
92	Roderick McKinney	DL	6-3	250	r-Sr.	Birmingham, Ala./Woodlawn HS
93	Teko Powell	DL	6-3	320	r-Sr.	Miami, Fla./Illinois
94	Michael Wright	DL	6-4	275	r-Jr.	Houston, Texas/Blinn College
95	Blake McClain	DL	6-4	280	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Northeast Mississippi CC
96	Bentley Easley	DL	6-2	315	r-Jr.	Tampa, Fla./Coffeyville CC
97	Stacy Keely	DL	6-7	240	r-Jr.	Omaha, Neb./Iowa Western CC
99	Jamell Garcia-Williams	DL	6-8	245	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev./Eastern Arizona College

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## UAB PRONUNCIATIONS

David Acfalle	Ack-Fah-gee	Christopher Moll	Mole
Thair Blakes	TIE-air	Chris Schleuger	Sluggger
Luke Brasher	Bray-jer	Lucious Stanley	Lou-shish
Sederian Copeland	Suh-DARE-ee-in	Quindarius Thagard	Quinn-darius Tha-guard
Greg Fecanin	fuh-CAN-in	Dy'jonn Turner	Die-John
Jacob Fuqua	FEW-qua	Xavier Ubosi	You-bow-see
Craig Kanyangarara	Canyon-gur-rar-rah		

## UAB QUICK FACTS

Location	Birmingham, Ala.	President	Dr. Ray Watts
Founded	1969	Director of Athletics	Mark Ingram
Enrollment	20,092	Stadium/Capacity	Legion Field/72,000
Nickname	Blazers	Surface	FieldTurf
Colors	Forest Green and Old Gold	Bowl Appearance	Second
Conference	Conference USA	Last Bowl	2004 Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl



# Ohio Bobcats

**Head Coach:** Frank Solich (96-71, 13 seasons at Ohio; 154-90, 19 seasons overall)

**Assoc. HC/DC/S:** Jimmy Burrow (press box) • **Asst. HC/Co-OC/Pass/RB:** Tim Albin (press box) • **Co-OC/Run/OL:** Dave Johnson (sideline) • **Co-DC/LB:** Ron Collins (sideline)  
**ST/Rec/TE:** Brian Haines (sideline) • **WR:** Dwayne Dixon (sideline) • **QB:** Scott Isphording (press box) • **DL:** Pete Germano (sideline) • **DB:** De'Angelo Smith (press box)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
+ 2	Javon Hagan	S	r-So.	6-0	207	Jacksonville Fla./Trinity Christian Academy
+ 2	Louie Zervos	K	r-So.	5-9	174	Tarpon Springs, Fla./Tarpon Springs HS
+ 3	Bradd Ellis	CB	r-Sr.	5-10	177	Lebanon, Ohio/Lebanon HS
+ 3	Cameron Odum	WR	Fr.	6-1	188	Bedford, Ohio/Bedford HS
+ 4	Jamal Hudson	CB	Fr.	5-11	192	Miami, Fla./Miami Central HS
+ 4	Papi White	RB	r-Jr.	5-9	168	Seminole, Okla./Seminole HS
+ 5	Michael Farkas	K/P	r-So.	6-4	195	Mishawaka, Ind./Marian HS
+ 5	Brevin Harris	WR	Fr.	6-3	180	Seville, Ohio/Norwayne HS
6	De'Vante Mitchell	CB	Fr.	5-9	196	Kissimmee, Fla./Champagnat Catholic HS
7	Quinton Maxwell	QB	r-So.	6-3	224	Rayville, Mo./Richmond R-XVI HS
8	Elijah Ball	WR	r-So.	6-3	193	Cincinnati, Ohio/Princeton HS
9	Andrew Meyer	WR	r-Jr.	6-0	187	Canal Winchester, Ohio/Pickerington Central HS
10	Joey Duckworth	QB	r-Jr.	6-3	216	Louisville, Ohio/Louisville HS
11	Willie Cherry	WR	Fr.	6-1	200	Wichita Falls, Texas/Rider HS
+12	Jarren Hampton	S	r-Fr.	5-10	185	Fostoria, Ohio/Fremont Ross HS
+12	Nathan Rourke	QB	So.	6-2	209	Ontario, Canada/Fort Scott CC
+13	Hunter Edwards	WR	Fr.	6-2	193	Nelsonville, Ohio/Nelsonville-York HS
+13	London Miller	CB	r-Sr.	6-0	194	Menifee, Calif./Mt. San Jacinto College
+14	Cameron Gunnels	CB	r-Jr.	6-0	180	Cincinnati, Ohio/Mason HS
+14	K.J. Minter	WR	Fr.	6-2	215	Gainesville, Fla./North Marion HS
+15	Marcus Brunson	LB	r-So.	5-11	215	Ormond Beach, Fla./Mainland HS
+15	Drew Keszei	QB	Fr.	6-2	200	Fort Wayne, Ind./Homestead HS
+16	Marcus Coleman	DL	Fr.	6-4	308	Upper Marlboro, Md./Riverdale Baptist HS
+16	Markel Davis	WR	r-Fr.	5-11	175	Columbus, Ohio/Toledo
+17	Tariq Drake	CB	Fr.	6-0	169	Leavittsburg, Ohio/LaBrae HS
+17	Siurpry Rinvil	WR	Fr.	6-1	222	Belle Glade, Fla./Glade Central HS
18	Keevon Harris	WR	r-Fr.	6-3	218	Warren, Ohio/LaBrae HS
+19	Keith Key	DL	r-So.	6-3	242	Powell, Ohio/Bishop Hartley HS
+19	DL Knock	WR	r-So.	5-8	195	Springboro, Ohio/Springboro HS
20	Tyler Tupa	WR	r-Fr.	6-0	195	Brecksville, Ohio/Brecksville-Broadview Heights HS
+21	Jalen Fox	CB	r-Jr.	5-11	186	Cincinnati, Ohio/Wyoming HS
+21	Maleek Irons	RB	r-Jr.	6-0	224	Chilliwack, B.C./W.J. Mouat Secondary
+22	Marlin Brooks	CB	Fr.	5-10	165	Miami, Fla./Coral Gables Senior HS
+22	David Burroughs	RB	r-Jr.	5-7	182	Circleville, Ohio/Circleville HS
+23	Kylan Nelson	S	r-Jr.	5-10	192	Lexington, Ky./Lafayette HS
+23	Julian Ross	RB	Fr.	5-9	186	Kansas City, Mo./Staley HS
24	Alvin Floyd	S	Fr.	5-10	193	North Miami Beach, Fla./North Miami Beach HS
25	Tyler Gullett	S	r-Jr.	6-3	211	La Grange, Ohio/Toledo
26	Dylan Wears	RB	r-So.	5-9	196	Howard, Ohio/East Knox HS
27	Jake Neatherton	RB	Fr.	5-8	200	Miamisburg, Ohio/Miamisburg HS
28	Dorian Brown	RB	r-Sr.	5-11	208	Pittsburgh, Pa./Baldwin HS
29	T.J. Robinson	LB	Fr.	6-0	210	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian Academy
30	Jake Hale	LS	Jr.	6-1	230	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy Liberty HS
31	Grant Cunningham	S	r-Sr.	6-0	205	Brecksville, Ohio/Brecksville-Broadview Heights HS
32	Quentin Poling	LB	r-Sr.	6-0	235	Gomer, Ohio/Elida HS
34	Eric Popp	LB	So.	6-0	228	Loveland, Ohio/Loveland HS
35	Dylan Conner	LB	r-Fr.	5-11	216	Fort Wayne, Ind./Carroll HS
+36	Austin Clack	LB	r-So.	6-0	224	Tipp City, Ohio/Tippecanoe HS
+36	Andrew Vu	WR	r-So.	5-6	173	Athens, Ohio/Athens HS
37	Jaylen Morgan	CB	r-Fr.	5-10	170	Hawthorne, Calif./Hawthorne HS
38	Chad Moore	LB	r-Sr.	6-0	222	Grove City, Ohio/Grove City HS
39	Michael Ballentine	S	Fr.	6-0	190	Mentor, Ohio/Mentor HS
40	Cody Grilliot	LB	r-Sr.	6-1	229	Clayton, Ohio/Northmont HS
41	Ilyaa Motley	CB	r-Fr.	5-11	165	Centerville, Ohio/Centerville HS
42	Xavior Motley	CB	r-Fr.	5-11	168	Centerville, Ohio/Centerville HS
+44	Corey Hare	K	r-Fr.	5-10	218	Pataskala, Ohio/Ashland HS
+44	Adam Luehrman	TE	r-Fr.	6-5	247	Athens, Ohio/Athens HS
45	A.J. Ouellette	RB	r-Jr.	5-9	205	Covington, Ohio/Covington HS
46	Jacob Koons	LB	r-Jr.	6-2	211	Glouster, Ohio/Trimble HS
47	Evan Croutch	LB	Jr.	6-0	227	Youngstown, Ohio/Boardman HS
48	Andrew Payne	DL	r-Jr.	6-2	276	Danville, Ohio/Shawnee State
49	Jared Dorsa	LB	r-Fr.	6-2	225	Kings Mills, Ohio/Kings HS
50	Kaieem Caesar	DL	Fr.	6-2	309	Cache, Okla./Cache HS
51	Will Evans	DL	r-Fr.	6-2	243	Augusta, Ga./Aquinas HS
52	Jake Pruehs	OL	Fr.	6-1	316	North Olmsted, Ohio/St. Edward HS
+53	Marques Grimes	OL	r-So.	6-6	306	Southfield, Mich./Southfield HS
+53	Griffin Hites	LB	r-Fr.	5-10	205	Southfield, Mich./Southfield HS
54	Tony Porter	DL	r-Sr.	6-1	278	Lawrenceville, Ga./Peachtree Ridge HS
55	Sam McKnight	DL	r-So.	6-3	248	Cleveland Heights, Ohio/Glenville HS
57	Durrell Wood	OL	r-Sr.	6-3	294	Columbus, Ohio/Groveport Madison HS
58	Marshal Davis	OL	r-Jr.	5-11	308	Columbus, Ohio/New Mexico State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
59	David Bryan	LS	Fr.	6-2	215	Sun Prairie, Wis./Sun Prairie HS
60	Austen Pleasants	OL	r-So.	6-7	328	Ironton, Ohio/Dawson-Bryant HS
61	Brett Kitrell	OL	r-Fr.	6-3	287	Ashland, Neb./Ashland-Greenwood HS
63	Joe Anderson	OL	r-Jr.	6-6	340	Torrance, Calif./El Camino College
65	Joe Lowery	OL	r-Jr.	6-7	305	Tallmadge, Ohio/Tallmadge HS
66	Brody Rodgers	OL	Fr.	6-4	294	Athens, Ohio/Athens HS
68	Felipe Fernandez	OL	r-Fr.	6-4	308	Tampa, Fla./H.B. Plant HS
70	Nick Sink	OL	r-Fr.	6-3	305	Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern HS
71	Jylton Tusha	OL	Fr.	6-4	307	Jacksonville, Fla./University Christian HS
72	Matt Rowe	DL	r-Sr.	6-1	232	Plain City, Ohio/Heidelberg
73	Steven Hayes	OL	So.	6-4	308	Dacula, Ga./Hutchinson CC
74	Jared McCray	OL	Sr.	6-5	340	Minford, Ohio/Minford HS
75	Cole Irland	OL	Fr.	6-4	281	Ashland, Neb./Ashland-Greenwood HS
76	Hagan Meservy	OL	Fr.	6-3	293	Tulsa, Okla./Jenks HS
77	Adam Notestine	OL	r-Fr.	6-3	314	Pickerington, Ohio/Pickerington North HS
78	Samson Jackson	OL	Fr.	6-4	302	Tarpon Springs, Fla./Palm Harbor HS
79	Kyle Kuhar	OL	r-So.	6-4	299	Avon Lake, Ohio/Avon Lake HS
80	Jerrid Marhefka	WR	r-Sr.	6-0	191	St. Clairsville, Ohio/St. Clairsville HS
81	Matt Seymour	WR	r-Fr.	6-2	190	New Westminster, B.C./New Westminster Secondary
82	Troy Mangen	TE	r-Sr.	6-6	256	Union, Ohio/Northmont HS
83	Connor Brown	TE	r-Jr.	6-6	251	Miamisburg, Ohio/Miamisburg HS
84	Austin Conrad	TE	r-Jr.	6-2	250	Grafton, Ohio/Keystone HS
85	Brendan Cope	WR	r-Sr.	6-2	198	Warren, Ohio/Howland HS
86	Mason Morgan	TE	r-Sr.	6-7	253	Cincinnati, Ohio/Sycamore HS
87	Bryan Long, Jr.	WR	r-Fr.	5-8	170	Marietta, Ga./Hillgrove HS
+88	Ryan Luehrman	TE	r-Fr.	6-5	241	Athens, Ohio/Athens HS
+88	Amos Ogun-Semore	DL	Fr.	6-5	235	Dacula, Ga./Mill Creek HS
89	Heath Wiseman	WR	r-Fr.	5-9	172	Athens, Ohio/Athens HS
90	Trent Smart	DE	r-Sr.	6-4	260	Wilmington, Ohio/Clinton-Massie HS
91	Wyatt Shallman	DL	r-Sr.	6-3	266	Hartland, Mich./Michigan
92	Cleon Aloese	DL	r-Sr.	6-0	295	Pago Pago, A.S./Tafuna HS
94	Andrew Cree II	DL	r-Fr.	6-2	226	Warren, Ohio/LaBrae HS
95	Amir Miller	DL	r-Fr.	6-5	244	Cleveland, Ohio/Worcester (Mass.) Academy
96	Kevin Robbins	DL	r-Sr.	6-4	250	District Heights, Md./Iowa Western CC
97	Kent Berger	DL	r-Jr.	6-5	277	Mentor, Ohio/Mentor HS
98	Chukwudi Chukwu	DL	r-So.	6-1	249	Willingboro, N.J./Linsly (W.Va.) School
99	Brian Arp	DL	r-So.	6-4	292	Kearney, Neb./Kearney HS

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## OHIO PRONUNCIATIONS

### PLAYERS

Cleon Aloese	ALOE-ES-SAY
David Burroughs	BUR-0s
Kaieem Caesar	CHI-EEM
Chukwudi Chukwu	CHECK-WOO-DE CHECK-WOO
Cody Grilliot	GRILL-EE-O
Drew Keszei	KAY-SAI
Jerrid Marhefka	MAR-HEF-KAH
Hagen Meservy	MIZZ-ER-VEE

Ilyaa Motley	Elias
Xavior Motley	rhymes with savior
AJ Ouellette	O-LETT
Jake Pruehs	PREEZE - rhymes with freeze
Siurpry Rinvil	SIR-PREE
Julton Tusha	TUSH-AH
Papi White	POP-EE

### COACHES

Scott Isphording	IS-FUR-DING
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## OHIO QUICK FACTS

Location	Athens, Ohio	President	Dr. M. Duane Nellis
Founded	1804	Director of Athletics	Jim Schaus
Enrollment	40,025	Stadium/Capacity	Peden Stadium/24,000
Nickname	Bobcats	Surface	FieldTurf
Colors	Hunter Green and White	Bowl Appearance	11th
Conference	Mid-American Conference	Last Bowl	2016 Dollar General Bowl



### UAB BLAZERS DEPTH CHART

#### OFFENSE

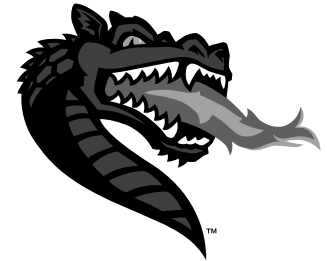
<b>WR</b> 1	JONATHAN HADEN	5-6	180	r-Jr.
- or - 13	COLLIN LISA	5-10	166	r-Jr.
- or - 10	SEDERIAN COPELAND	6-0	163	r-Jr.
<b>WR</b> 8	RONNIE TURNER JR.	6-4	190	r-Jr.
- or - 7	XAVIER UBOSI	6-3	218	r-Jr.
<b>WR</b> 3	ANDRE WILSON	5-9	179	r-Jr.
- or - 18	KAILON CARTER	6-3	205	r-Sr.
84	Justin Walker	6-5	190	r-Jr.
<b>LT</b> 51	JAMES DAVIS	6-2	300	r-Jr.
50	David Galten	6-3	300	r-So.
<b>LG</b> 71	RISHARD COOK	6-3	340	Jr.
59	Chris Schleuger	6-4	305	r-Sr.
<b>C</b> 72	LEE DUFOUR	6-3	300	r-So.
53	Zach Sims	6-1	300	r-Jr.
<b>RG</b> 59	CHRIS SCHLEUGER	6-4	305	r-Sr.
58	Malique Johnson	6-3	320	r-Jr.
<b>RT</b> 57	JUSTICE POWERS	6-3	300	Jr.
74	Bryant Novick	6-5	325	r-Jr.
<b>TE</b> 44	LOGAN SCOTT	6-5	240	r-Jr.
- or - 38	HAYDEN PITTMAN	6-4	236	r-Fr.
86	Nick Holman	6-1	235	r-So.
<b>QB</b> 11	A.J. ERDELY	6-4	220	r-Jr.
17	Tyler Johnston III	6-2	215	r-Fr.
<b>RB</b> 28	SPENCER BROWN	6-0	235	Fr.
24	James Noble III	5-7	180	r-Jr.
- or - 4	Donnie Lee	6-2	228	r-Jr.
- or - 32	Carlos Stephens	5-7	190	r-Fr.

#### DEFENSE

<b>DE</b> 97	STACY KEELY	6-7	240	r-Jr.
5	Zachary Williams	6-2	250	r-Jr.
19	Darryl Waters	6-4	255	r-Sr.
<b>NT</b> 47	ANTHONY RUSH	6-5	340	Jr.
- or - 41	QUINDARIUS THAGARD	6-4	285	r-Jr.
<b>DT</b> 93	TEKO POWELL	6-3	320	r-Sr.
- or - 44	GARRETT MARINO	6-2	285	r-So.
92	Roderick McKinney	6-3	250	r-Sr.
<b>JACK</b> 42	SHAQ JONES	6-3	250	r-Sr.
25	Craig Kanyangarara	6-0	235	Jr.
15	Tré Crawford	6-3	225	Jr.
<b>MIKE</b> 23	TEVIN CREWS	6-2	230	r-Sr.
27	Chris Woolbright	6-3	230	r-Jr.
<b>WILL</b> 52	FITZGERALD MOFOR	5-11	245	r-So.
- or - 7	THOMAS JOHNSTON	6-2	230	Fr.
26	Noah Jones	6-4	245	r-Jr.
<b>CB</b> 1	DARIOUS WILLIAMS	5-10	180	r-Sr.
14	Dy'Jonn Turner	5-11	205	Fr.
<b>FS</b> 22	BRODERICK THOMAS	6-1	195	r-Jr.
17	Jordan Petty	5-9	190	r-Jr.
<b>SS</b> 3	WILL DAWKINS	5-10	200	r-So.
2	Mar'sean Diggs	6-2	212	r-Jr.
<b>CB</b> 9	D.A. WILLIAMS	5-10	180	r-Jr.
33	Brontae Harris	5-10	172	r-Fr.
<b>STAR</b> 8	DUKE CULVER	6-0	190	r-Jr.
- or - 10	GARRISON MITCHELL	6-0	200	r-So.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b> 37	JOEL DIXON	6-2	204	r-So.
<b>PK</b> 19	NICK VOGEL	5-10	185	r-So.
43	T.J. McGettigan	5-9	190	r-Fr.
<b>H</b> 47	JACOB CLARK	5-10	220	r-Fr.
<b>LS</b> 64	KYLE VARNELL	6-5	215	r-Fr.
- or - 39	JACOB FUQUA	6-2	228	r-Fr.
<b>KR</b> 3	ANDRE WILSON	5-9	179	r-Jr.
- or - 13	COLLIN LISA	5-10	166	r-Jr.
- or - 1	JONATHAN HADEN	5-6	180	r-Jr.
- or - 18	KAILON CARTER	6-3	205	r-Sr.
<b>PR</b> 3	Andre Wilson	5-9	179	r-Jr.
- or - 13	Collin Lisa	5-10	166	r-Jr.



### OHIO BOBCATS DEPTH CHART

#### OFFENSE

<b>RB</b> 45	A.J. OUELLETTE	5-9	205	r-Jr.
28	Dorian Brown	5-11	208	r-Sr.
<b>TE</b> 82	TROY MANGEN	6-6	258	r-Sr.
86	Mason Morgan	6-7	253	r-Sr.
<b>QB</b> 12	NATHAN ROURKE	6-2	209	So.
7	Quinton Maxwell	6-3	224	r-So.
<b>LT</b> 65	JOE LOWERY	6-7	305	r-Jr.
60	Austen Pleasants	6-7	328	r-So.
<b>LG</b> 63	JOE ANDERSON	6-6	340	r-Jr.
61	Brett Kitrell	6-3	287	Fr.
<b>C</b> 52	JAKE PRUEHS	6-1	316	Sr.
73	Steven Hayes	6-4	308	r-So.
<b>RG</b> 76	HAGEN MESERVY	6-3	293	Fr.
53	Marques Grimes	6-6	306	r-So.
<b>RT</b> 60	AUSTEN PLEASANTS	6-7	328	r-So.
79	Kyle Kuhar	6-4	299	r-So.
<b>X-WR</b> 85	BRENDAN COPE	6-2	198	r-Sr.
3	Cameron Odom	6-1	188	r-Fr.
<b>F-WR</b> 4	PAPI WHITE	5-9	168	r-Jr.
19	DL Knock	5-8	195	r-So.
<b>Z-WR</b> 9	ANDREW MEYER	6-0	187	r-Jr.
81	Matt Seymour	6-2	190	r-Fr.

#### DEFENSE

<b>DE</b> 96	KEVIN ROBBINS	6-4	250	r-Sr.
98	Chukwudi Chukwu	6-1	249	r-So.
<b>DT</b> 54	TONY PORTER	6-1	278	r-Sr.
48	Andrew Payne	6-2	276	r-Jr.
<b>NT</b> 92	CLEON ALOESE	6-0	295	r-Sr.
97	Kent Berger	6-5	277	r-Jr.
<b>DE</b> 90	TRENT SMART	6-4	260	r-Sr.
51	Will Evans	6-2	243	r-Fr.
<b>SLB</b> 38	CHAD MOORE	6-0	222	r-Sr.
35	Dylan Conner	5-11	216	r-Fr.
<b>MLB</b> 32	QUENTIN POLING	6-0	235	r-Sr.
36	Austin Clack	6-0	224	r-So.
<b>WLB</b> 47	EVAN CROUCH	6-0	227	Jr.
40	Cody Grilliot	6-1	229	r-Sr.
<b>RCB</b> 3	BRADD ELLIS	5-10	177	r-Sr.
22	Marlin Brooks	5-10	165	Fr.
<b>SS</b> 2	JAVON HAGAN	6-0	207	r-So.
31	Grant Cunningham	6-0	205	r-Sr.
<b>FS</b> 23	KYLAN NELSON	5-10	192	r-Jr.
25	Tyler Gullett	6-3	211	r-Jr.
<b>LCB</b> 21	JALEN FOX	5-11	186	r-Jr.
4	Jamal Hudson	5-11	192	Fr.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b> 5	MICHAEL FARKAS	6-3	195	r-So.
44	Corey Hare	5-10	218	r-Fr.
<b>PK</b> 2	LOUIE ZERVOS	5-9	174	r-So.
5	Michael Farkas	6-3	195	r-So.
<b>KO</b> 5	MICHAEL FARKAS	6-3	195	r-So.
2	Louie Zervos	5-9	174	r-So.
<b>LS-P</b> 30	JAKE HALE	6-1	230	Jr.
59	David Bryan	6-2	215	Fr.
<b>LS-FG</b> 30	JAKE HALE	6-1	230	Jr.
59	David Bryan	6-2	215	Fr.
<b>PH</b> 5	MICHAEL FARKAS	6-3	195	r-So.
85	Brendan Cope	6-2	198	r-Sr.
<b>KR</b> 19	DL KNOCK	5-8	195	r-So.
22	DAVID BURROUGHS	5-7	182	r-Jr.
10	Julian Ross	5-9	186	Fr.
<b>PR</b> 23	KYLAN NELSON	5-10	192	r-Jr.
19	DL Knock	5-8	195	r-So.



### GAME OFFICIALS (American Athletic Conference)

Referee..... Charles Lamertina  
 Umpire..... Ken Huffhines  
 Center Judge..... Mark Mobra  
 Head Linesman..... Dan Harrington

Line Judge..... Baron Ballester  
 Field Judge..... Chris Bikowski  
 Side Judge..... Ken Bushey  
 Back Judge..... Jim Sima

Alternate..... Charles Lewis  
 Replay Official..... Paul Zukis  
 Replay Communicator..... Alex Vaughn  
 Instant Replay Technician..... Mitch Wilkens (DVSPORT)





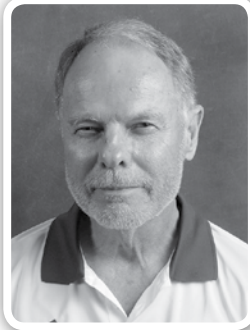
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**Frank Solich**  
Head Coach



## ASSISTANT COACHES/STAFF

- Jimmy Burrow - Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
- Tim Albin - Assistant Head Coach/Co-Offensive Coordinator/Pass Game Coordinator/Running Backs
- Ron Collins - Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
- Dave Johnson - Co-Offensive Coordinator/Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line
- Dwayne Dixon - Wide Receivers
- Pete Germano - Defensive Line
- Brian Haines - Special Teams Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator/Tight Ends
- Scott Ispording - Quarterbacks
- De'Angelo Smith - Cornerbacks
- Chris Rodgers - Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations



**#12 QB Nathan Rourke**

## KEY PLAYERS



**#32 LB Quentin Poling**



**#38 LB Chad Moore**



**#45 RB A.J. Ouellette**

## The Prime Minister's Trophy

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

Former 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 bowl in 2016. Mr. Christie handed the newly named trophy to 2016 champion Old Dominion.

Designed and manufactured by Crown Awards of Hawthorne, New York, in consultation with the bowl's staff, the Bahamas Bowl championship trophy stands 30 inches tall and weighs nearly 30 pounds.

The trophy has a black acrylic base and a turquoise stand that represents the water. The trophy is mounted with acrylic and metal 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 metal laser-cut palm trees adorn both sides of the pillars.

The 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.



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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.

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# Giving Back to the Bahamas

Part of the 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 20 in Nassau to give back to the children of the Bahamas, thanks to the student-athletes, coaches and spirit groups of UAB and Ohio.

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 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 [RanfurlyHome.org](http://RanfurlyHome.org).*

Also on December 20, a group of student-athletes from both schools traveled to the old Thomas Robinson Stadium adjacent to the location of today’s game to conduct a Youth Football Clinic in conjunction with USA Football and the 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<sup>SM</sup> 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 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 Bowl Tailgate Extravaganza

Before the game, fans can take part in the Bahamas Tailgate Extravaganza in the Eastern Parking Lot next to the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium.

#### Bahamas All-Stars

A youth development organization that uses performing arts as a vehicle to train, mentor and empower young people, 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 Bahamas Bowl.



### DURING THE GAME

Band members from both the UAB Marching Blazers and the Ohio University Marching 110 will perform during the game to entertain the crowd at today’s Bahamas Bowl.

### HALFTIME

#### Royal Bahamas Police Force Band

Adorned in colorful uniforms, the world-famous Royal Bahamas Police Force Band will perform their precision routine at halftime of the Bahamas Bowl.



### Between Quarters

#### Junkanoo Rush Out – Valley Boys

The Bahamas national festival of Junkanoo is a kaleidoscope of colors and sound. One of the biggest Junkanoo groups in New Providence, the Valley Boys, will combine to show off their moves during a rush out between quarters of today’s game that is a preview of Junkanoo. It is a performance you can’t miss!

### POSTGAME

Immediately following the Bahamas Bowl, the bowl will present the Prime Minister’s Trophy to the championship team as well as awards to the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Game.





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