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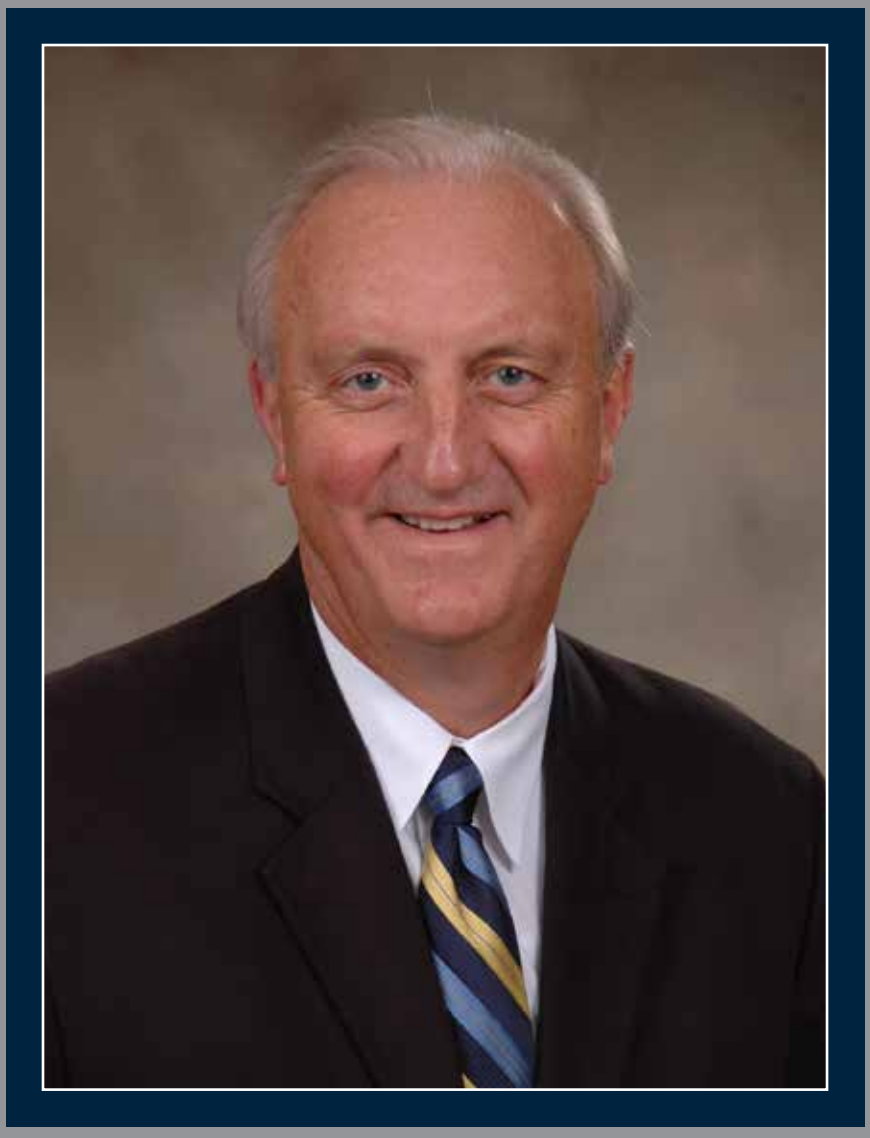

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December 23, 2013

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To the players, families, students, alumni and friends of both the East Carolina University Pirates and the Ohio University Bobcats, I hope you enjoy a week of festivities under the sun. While you are here, enjoy our lights and holiday events, and please take time to visit a few of our exciting attractions, great museums and lively downtown. St. Petersburg boasts 260 miles of shoreline and some of the best beaches in the United States, of which I am sure you will discover during your stay.

I invite you to return again soon. Next month, St. Petersburg will host the 89th East West Shrine Game at Tropicana Field. This March, the Grand Prix returns to the streets of St. Pete for world class IndyCar racing, and in April the Rays return home to the Trop for another season of major league baseball. When it comes to year-round sporting action, St. Petersburg scores.

Enjoy the game, and best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.

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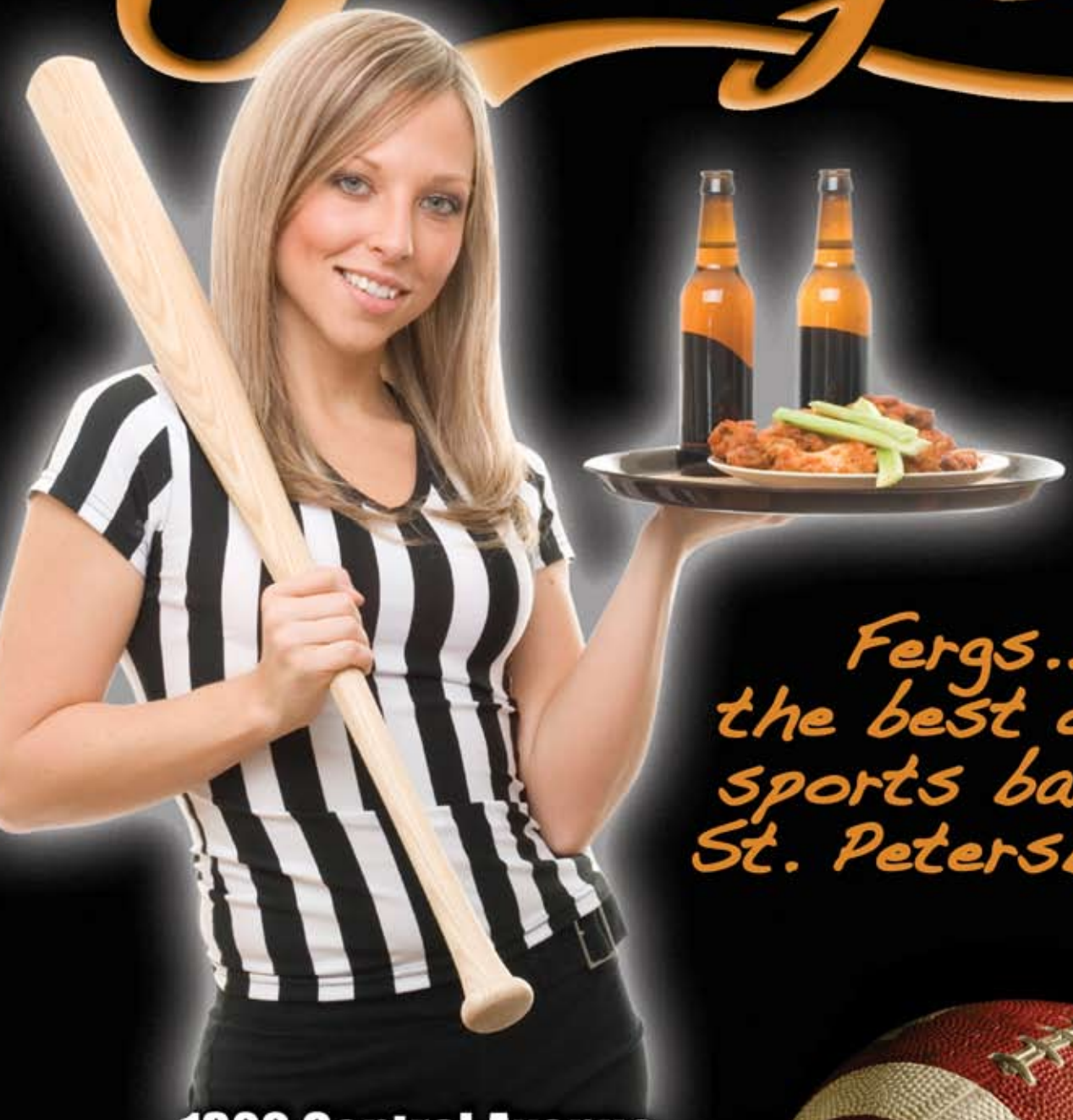

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December 23, 2013

On behalf of ESPN Events, Beef 'O' Brady's and our entire community, we welcome you to the sixth annual Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg.

We are excited to host East Carolina representing Conference USA and Ohio from the Mid-American Conference. ECU is playing in seventh bowl in the last eight years and Ohio is making its fifth consecutive bowl appearance.

It is our honor to showcase the city of St. Petersburg and the entire Tampa Bay area to the thousands of fans attending the bowl week events and game day as well as the national television audience on ESPN tuning in this afternoon. A successful event is the culmination of hard work on many levels.

Teams, ESPN Events bowl staff, board members, volunteers and city officials have put in countless hours to ensure the fun and fellowship of our fans as they visit this great destination. Thank you all for your tireless efforts.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our title sponsor Beef 'O' Brady's and all of our subsequent bowl partners. This game would not be the community event it is without your generous support.

As always, there are many other individuals who have assisted in the success of this bowl who have gone unnamed. Please know that we appreciate you and your efforts. Your drive and determination have not gone unnoticed and words cannot express our gratitude.

Thank you to the fans for your participation in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg. We have continuously committed ourselves to making this event a great experience and enjoyable to all. Please visit our website, "like" our facebook page and follow us on twitter throughout the year as we add new events to our calendar.

We welcome all of you to participate on any level in the future.

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We're delighted to have you as our guest for the 2013 Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl, and we look forward to hosting you again soon – either on the field or on the beach!

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There are two sit-down restaurants: the **Center Field Brewhouse** and the **Everglades BBQ Smokehouse**. The Everglades BBQ Smokehouse serves up authentic BBQ favorites and offers an extensive garden fresh salad bar, all with a spectacular view of the field. The Brewhouse is a sports-themed bar with food and beverages, including a selection of local craft beers.

In addition to generic vendors, there are also concession stands for **Checkers**, **Outback Steakhouse** and **Papa John's Pizza**. Both Checkers and Outback Steakhouse are Tampa-Bay based establishments.

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From the shorelines to the sidelines, the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg tagline is the ideal description for the Bowl game that is quickly developing into a favored bowl for the many teams and fans that have had the opportunity to celebrate Bowl Week in St. Petersburg.

The Bowl Game, which is owned by ESPN Events, a subsidiary of ESPN, is the beneficiary of one of the best resort locations in the nation and is able to showcase St. Petersburg, its award-winning beaches, beautiful Tampa Bay, and a tropical climate annually to thousands of college football fans in person and many more fans watching the game live on ESPN in the U.S. and beyond.

"We had a wonderful experience at the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl. Our team really enjoyed the activities such as the Beach Bash, the dinner cruise and all the hospitality from the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl staff leading up to the game. St. Petersburg is a great destination for this bowl and I believe our fans had a great time, not only at the game, but at all the other events surrounding it as well. We're certainly thankful for the opportunity to take part in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl and we appreciate the efforts of all involved to make it a first-class bowl game."

- Todd Stansbury,
Vice President & Director of Athletics at UCF

Established in 2008, the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg forged relationships with the Big East Conference (now the American Athletic Conference) and Conference USA to host representatives from each league for a late-December game played at Tropicana Field, the dome stadium that is also the home to Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Rays.

"There are so many positive factors working for us to establish and grow our Bowl from the location to the City of St. Petersburg Mayor's office and Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater staff to the many business and community leaders in Tampa Bay and of course the Tropicana Field and Tampa Bay Rays," says Brett Dulaney, Executive Director of the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg.

"My staff and I have worked diligently over the years with every entity from our local organizing group to the conferences and schools to our title sponsor and partner Beef 'O' Brady's to develop a Bowl Week experience we are proud to say is as good as it gets."

TITLE SPONSOR HISTORY

In 2010, Tampa Bay area headquartered restaurant franchise Beef 'O' Brady's signed on to become the title sponsor for the Bowl and the game has been the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg ever since. Beef 'O' Brady's, one of the fastest growing restaurant chains in the nation, has been a mutually beneficial match for the game which was named the magicJack St. Petersburg Bowl in its inaugural year and in 2009 was the St. Petersburg Bowl presented by Beef 'O' Brady's.

"Being associated with the Bowl and ESPN as the title sponsor has been a huge awareness builder for us as a brand. To give you an example, in a typical week during the year we will get 36,000 hits a week on our website. On the night of the game we get 28,000 and this year our traffic included hits from 42 countries.

We have a lot of our franchise community attending the games and it's a real team building effort for the entire organization. During Bowl week there is a glow around our brand and being able to do it in your own backyard, it just doesn't get any better than that."

- Chris Elliott,
Chief Executive Officer at Beef 'O' Brady's

THE MATCHUPS:

2012: UCF and Ball State provided the Bowl with a matchup of two nine-win teams, which was an impressive stat as only eight other bowl games had both teams entering their game with nine or more wins. UCF QB Blake Bortles displayed terrific poise, leadership and athletic ability in leading the Knights to a 38-17 win over Ball

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State, ending the Cardinals six-game win streak. Bortles earned MVP honors with three passing and one rushing touchdown. The Knights also became the second consecutive Conference USA team to win the game and the first team in Bowl history to make its second appearance in the game.

2011: Marshall claimed Conference USA's first-ever win at the Bowl taking down FIU 20-10. The Marshall defense held FIU scoreless in the second half while putting up 10 fourth quarter points for the win. FIU was led by future Indianapolis Colts star WR TY Hilton, who had eight receptions for 88 yards in the game.

"Conference USA members continue to thoroughly enjoy participation in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg. The community has embraced our teams in a way that has made this bowl experience second to none."

- Britton Banowsky,
Commissioner for ConferenceUSA

2010: Louisville edged Southern Mississippi, 31-28, in a game where the two offenses combined for 683 total yards. The bowl victory for the Cardinals capped off the successful rookie coaching campaign for Head Coach Charlie Strong. Future NFL quarterback

Austin Davis of Southern Miss passed Brett Favre for most career touchdowns in USM history with two touchdowns in the game.

2009: Rutgers claimed its fourth straight bowl game victory in defeating UCF 45-24. The Scarlet Knights, under the direction of Head Coach Greg Schiano, used a staunch defense to shut down UCF, holding them to 32 yards rushing on 30 attempts.

2008: The inaugural installment featured nearby USF and the Bulls didn't disappoint its hometown fans dominating Memphis 41-14. USF QB Matt Grothe threw for three touchdowns and the Bulls racked up 496 total yards on offense.

NFL TALENT

The Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl has been fortunate to feature top talent every year. Since its inception in 2008, 65 players who have appeared in the game have gone on to sign NFL contracts. As of the 2013 season, 39 of these former bowl participants were on NFL rosters. Super Bowl XLVIII with Baltimore and San Francisco in New Orleans had representation from past bowl games. Earning rings with the Ravens were Omar Brown (Marshall) and Jah Reid (UCF). Opponents in the 2009 game, Anthony Davis (Rutgers) and Bruce Miller (UCF) are now teammates for the 49ers. Additional top NFL performers include the Indianapolis Colts' T.Y. Hilton (FIU) and the New England Patriots' Devin McCourty (Rutgers).

BOWL WEEK TRADITIONS

St. Pete beach has been rated the No. 1 Beach in America and the No. 5 Beach in the World by TripAdvisor and was also Travelers' Choice Destinations 2012 Winner. In order to take advantage of the ideal beach location the Bowl has developed events to fully utilize one of the top sandy destinations in the world.

One of most talked-about days of bowl week is the Beach Bash, which marks the first competition between the two Bowl teams. The now storied events include the highly-popular Belly Flop Contest and a pool deck Talent Contest. Players have fully embraced the

contests and teams have started to strategize and practice their routines as soon as they find out they are headed to the Bowl.

The players aren't the only members of the schools competing on the beach as the day after the Beach Bash is the Battle of the Bands which is a fiercely competitive event. The bands have a play-off and the cheerleaders face off in dancing competitions and a tug-o-war.

"The Ball State team had an outstanding experience at the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg. We were treated with the best hospitality and all the arrangements were outstanding. The bowl committee had plenty of events planned for our week in St. Petersburg, and we enjoyed all the festivities."

- Jahwan Edwards,
RB, Ball State

Both events are free and open to the public and draw big crowds of fans as well as tourists in the area looking for the excitement on the beach.

KICKOFF LUNCHEON

The annual Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl Kickoff Luncheon takes place on the eve of the bowl and has attracted past football greats to be the keynote speaker. The luncheon speakers consistently provide terrific motivation as well as entertaining stories for the hundreds of attendees that includes both teams, bowl partners and VIPs. The 2012 speaker was Danny Wuerffel, the only player to ever win the Heisman Trophy and also receive the Draddy Trophy, which is presented annually to the nation's top football scholar-athlete. Past speakers include Vince Papale, the inspiration for the blockbuster Disney movie "Invincible", Kellen Winslow, member of the 1995 Pro Football Hall of Fame class.

"I've had some great experiences in my years as an NFL Player and Alum but on the of the grandest was having the opportunity to speak at the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl Kickoff Luncheon. Meeting the players and coaches from the opposing teams was awesome.

But, it was the atmosphere generated by the community and volunteers that set it apart and special. It goes without saying that Tampa/St. Pete's is a gem and my wife Janet and I liked the area and people so much we are considering settling there. Without a doubt the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl 2011 was the experience of a lifetime."

- Vince Papale,
former Philadelphia Eagles player &
inspiration for the Disney feature film
"Invincible"

HOSPITAL VISITS

Honorary Game Chairman and former NFL star Mike Alstott organizes and leads one of the most inspiring and passionate events of Bowl Week, the annual visit to a St. Petersburg hospital. Players, cheerleaders, and mascots from both schools make time the day prior the game to visit with patients posing for pictures, signing autographs and handing out gifts and memorabilia from each school. ■

HONORARY CHAIRMAN **MIKE ALSTOTT**

In his best-selling memoir Quiet Strength, Tony Dungy reveals the plan never really called for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to select Mike Alstott in the second round of the 1996 NFL Draft. Dungy and his staff wanted to take former Texas A&M running back Leeland McElroy. But the Arizona Cardinals took McElroy just before the Bucs pick.

Six Pro Bowls, 5,088 rushing yards, 2,284 receiving yards and 71 total touchdowns later, Alstott has become one of the Tampa Bay area's very favorite sons and there has been a mutual embrace between him and the Bay Area community that continues to grow.

It was only natural that ESPN Regional Television, Inc., a subsidiary of ESPN, announced an agreement with Alstott, a St. Petersburg resident, to be named the honorary chairman for the 2008 magicJack St. Petersburg Bowl.

Alstott serves as a representative of the postseason college football bowl game and has made numerous appearances on behalf of the event. His participation benefits the Mike Alstott Family Foundation.

"It's such an honor to be involved in this great event," Alstott said of his association with the Beef 'O' Brady Bowl St. Petersburg. "Football has been such a huge part of my life and I am thrilled to be able to continue to support the sport I love, along with the city my family and I call home. This event not only brings a lot of excitement to the teams playing in it and the city as a whole, but is also supporting the community through the Mike Alstott Family Foundation."

Pete Derzis, Senior Vice President & General Manager, ERT, added: "The St. Petersburg and Tampa Bay area already is synonymous with sports, and we are thrilled to have local sports icon Mike Alstott represent the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg. Mike Alstott is a household name in St. Pete and he definitely will add to the fans' excitement about and enjoyment of this bowl game."

A native of Joliet, Ill., and a graduate of Purdue, Alstott played professional football with the Bucs for 12 years, retiring in 2007. He helped lead Tampa Bay to victory in Super Bowl XXXVII in 2003 against the Oakland Raiders, scoring the first Super Bowl touchdown in Buccaneers history.

His career with the Bucs – and even before that at Purdue – could have been choreographed with a Chris Berman voice-over of the 1960s Batman episode on television.

"Holy Guadalajara, Batman. Did you see that run? BAM! POW! KER-PLOP! FLRRB!"

Despite an incredible career at Purdue, where he ran for 3,635 yards and 39 touchdowns while earning the team MVP three straight years, Alstott and his Boilermakers never reached a bowl game between 1992 and 1995. So his affiliation with the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg grants him yet one more first in his remarkable career.

But it is Alstott's devotion to community that stands at the very top of every stop he has made through his career. He and his wife Nicole, continue to make community their hallmark through the Mike Alstott Family Foundation. The foundation was formed to allow the Alstotts to assist others in uplifting the minds, hearts and spirits of families and children on their way to realizing their full potential through various events, assistance programs and celebrations. ■

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DEC. 19, 2009	Rutgers 45, UCF 24
DEC. 21, 2010	Louisville 31, Southern Miss 28
DEC. 20, 2011	Marshall 20, FIU 10
DEC. 21, 2012	UCF 38, Ball State 17

GAME MVPS

2008 Matt Grothe (USF)
Duke Calhoun (Memphis)

2009 Mohamed Sanu (Rutgers)
Kamar Aiken (UCF)

2010 Jeremy Wright (UL)
Austin Davis (Southern Miss)

2011 Aaron Dobson (Marshall)
T.Y. Hilton (FIU)

2012 Blake Bortles (UCF)
Jahwan Edwards (Ball State)

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2012 - Game (2)

UCF (2)

A.J. Bouye	CB	Houston Texans
Latavius Murray	RB	Oakland Raiders

BALL STATE (1)

Austin Holtz	OL	Detroit Lions

2011 - Game (7)

MARSHALL (3)

Omar Brown	DB	Baltimore Ravens
Vinny Curry	DE	Philadelphia Eagles
Aaron Dobson	WR	New England Patriots

FIU (4)

Johnathan Cyprien	S	Jacksonville Jaguars
Caylin Hauptmann	OT	Seattle Seahawks
T.Y. Hilton	WR	Indianapolis Colts
Tourek Williams	DE	San Diego Chargers

2010 - Game (8)

LOUISVILLE (5)

Alex Kupper	C	Houston Texans
Bilal Powell	RB	New York Jets
Johnny Patrick	DB	San Diego Chargers
Greg Scruggs	DE	Seattle Seahawks #
Byron Stingily	OT	Tennessee Titans

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (3)

Jamie Collins	OLB	New England Patriots
Austin Davis	QB	St. Louis Rams
Lamar Holmes	OG	Atlanta Falcons

2009 - Game (14)

RUTGERS (10)

Steve Beauharnais	LB	New England Patriots
Marcus Cooper	CB	Kansas City Chiefs
Anthony Davis	OT	San Francisco 49ers
Jonathan Freeny	LB	Miami Dolphins
Ka'lial Glaud	LB	Tampa Bay Buccaneers*
Khaseem Greene	OLB	Chicago Bears
Duron Harmon	S	New England Patriots
Devin McCourty	CB	New England Patriots
Mohamed Sanu	WR	Cincinnati Bengals
Tim Wright	TE	Tampa Bay Buccaneers

UCF (4)

Bruce Miller	FB	San Francisco 49ers
Adam Nissley	TE	Atlanta Falcons #
Jah Reid	OT	Baltimore Ravens
Josh Robinson	CB	Minnesota Vikings

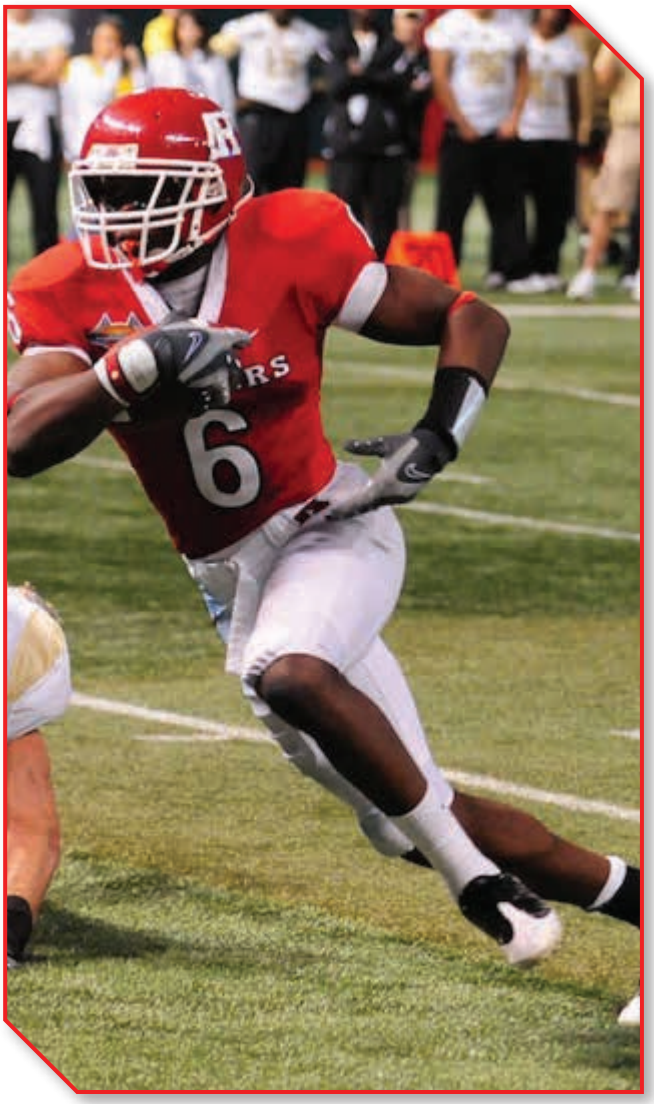
2008 - Game (5)

USF (3)

Nate Allen	CB	Philadelphia Eagles
Mistral Raymond	CB	Minnesota Vikings
George Selvie	DE	Dallas Cowboys

MEMPHIS (2)

Ronald Leary	OL	Dallas Cowboys
Clinton McDonald	DT	Seattle Seahawks



2013 GAME MATCH-UP

By: Chris Girandola

OHIO UNIVERSITY **BOBCATS**

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY **PIRATES**

ST. PETERSBURG – If you're a fan of grind it out football and a smash-mouth run game, you've come to the wrong place. Today's matchup with East Carolina and Ohio has the makings of a record-setting contest for points.

The ECU Pirates enter the Beef O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg averaging 40.4 points per game and the Ohio Bobcats have put up 34 or more points in six games this season. Both coaches run fast-break style offenses and get the ball snapped quickly, so don't blink or you might miss something spectacular.

East Carolina (9-3) is making its seventh bowl appearance in the past eight years and is looking to earn its first 10-win season since going 11-1 in 1991. The Pirates, who rank 10th in the FBS with a school-record 40.4 points per game and passing yards per game (331.5), established program records for total points (485) and first downs (316). They're averaging more points than Auburn, Oklahoma State and Boise State. Pretty good for a college that also boasts 10 players on NFL rosters, including Tennessee Titans running back and 2009 Offensive Player of the Year Chris Johnson. With 50-plus points scored in five contests this season, ECU expects to use the perfect conditions and turf of Tropicana Field to its full advantage.

The two players from ECU who should benefit the most are junior quarterback Shane Carden and junior wide receiver Justin Hardy. Carden, who was named C-USA's Most Valuable Player this season, led the nation with a 71.0 completion percentage and ranked in the top 10 in several categories, including completions (5th/29.83), passing yards (6th/3,866 yards) and TD passes (8th/32). Carden has plenty of targets but his go-to guy is definitely Hardy, who was selected to the All-Conference USA First Team along with senior OL Will Simmons for the second straight year. Hardy, a former walk-on, has blazing speed and works out of the slot as well as lining up wide. Clocked as fast as 4.43 seconds in the 40, Hardy had many coaches gushing over him this season.

"He's a dynamic player," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer told reporters earlier this season. "He's a punt returner for them, too, and I mean, he's legit."

Hardy, who ranks fifth nationally with 8.8 receptions per game,

established new single-season records for receptions (105) and receiving yards (1,218) and set an ECU career record for receiving touchdowns with 25. He had four games with 126 receiving yards or more this year, including a 17 catch, 230-yard performance against Tulane, which coincidentally was also indoors.

Ohio's defensive backfield is more than capable, though, of holding its own against ECU's aerial attack. Sophomore Devin Bass and senior Travis Carrie, who were named to the 2013 Mid-American Conference First Team for kickoff and punt return specialists, are two corners who helped contribute to a defensive unit that produced 14 interceptions. Bass, who also received All-MAC Second Team honors as a cornerback, led the team with 15 passes defended and ranked 12th in the nation with 1.4 passes defended per game, which ranked third in the MAC. Carrie, who also earned Third Team honors as a cornerback, led the team with four interceptions and finished the season with 103 interception return yards. Bass and Carrie also are a threat to make a difference in the return game. Bass averaged 21.3 yards per kick return and finished the season with 395 yards. Carrie had 267 punt return yards, averaging 12.7 yards per return, which led the conference for much of the season.

If Ohio's defensive backfield is able to keep Carden in check by air, Ohio's 78th ranked rush defense might allow Pirates senior running back Vintavious Cooper to go off and be a difference-maker. Cooper

led the team with 995 yards rushing and 11 TDs, followed by Carden with 10 rushing touchdowns.

While not as spectacular but surely as capable, Ohio's offense is led by senior signal-caller Tyler Tettleton who owns 27 school records. Tettleton, who enters the game with 2,623 yards passing and 20 TDs this season, could take advantage of ECU's 87th ranked pass defense in passing yards allowed. A downfield-passer, he's had completions of over

30 yards in 10 of the 12 games this season. In four of those games his long completions were for 60 or more yards. While he's utilized many of his receivers, seven different players have 10-plus pass receptions this season, Tettleton's key target is Donte Foster. A MAC Second Team honoree, Foster posted a single-season career best 858 receiving yards. The 6-foot-1 receiver also had six receptions for touchdowns, giving him a school-record 20 TDs for his career.

Pass protection, though, will be a prime concern for the Bobcats as they will be lining-up against the C-USA leaders in sacks with 35. ECU LBs Derrell Johnson and Montese Overton have combined for 12.5 sacks.

Beau Blankenship, a high school teammate of Tettleton, will try to lead a balanced running attack against the stout defensive front of ECU, which finished the regular season 15th best in rushing defense and 30th overall, just one spot behind Ohio State. Blankenship, who had 868 rushing yards this year, hopes to duplicate his performance from last year when he set an Independence Bowl record with four touchdowns.

If this expected shoot-out comes down to an end of the game field goal attempt, look for Ohio kicker Josiah Yazdani to come through. Yazdani earned Second Team honors after going a perfect 12-for-12 on field goals. The sophomore walk-on finished the 2013 campaign as one of only four kickers in the FBS without missing a field goal. He also was perfect on extra points. ■

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Conference USA officially gets a new look July 1, 2013, while maintaining the same commitment to excellence, integrity and leadership in athletics, academics and in our communities.

Eight institutions, including the return of charter member Charlotte along with FIU, Florida Atlantic, Louisiana Tech, Middle Tennessee, North Texas, Old Dominion and UTSA, will join with East Carolina, Marshall, Rice, Southern Miss, Tulane, Tulsa, UAB and UTEP.

From its beginning in 1995, Conference USA's dedication to excellence has been the league's guiding principle and remains a common thread today and for a promising future. Throughout the changes during the C-USA history, the conference has held onto its strong foundation that reflects the league's national presence. These 16 schools have compiled numerous athletic and academic achievements. Additionally, the C-USA footprint will grow by nearly 20 percent, while providing the geography that allows for a divisional scheduling model that will be beneficial to the student-athletes, fan-friendly and cost effective.

Conference USA sponsors competition in 20 sports - nine for men (baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, tennis and indoor and outdoor track and field) and 11 for women (basketball, cross country, golf, rowing, softball, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field and volleyball).

The league sponsors numerous academic awards, including the Commissioner's Honor Roll and the Commissioner's Academic Medal, indicative of outstanding achievement in the classroom, in addition to sport specific All-Academic teams.

C-USA annually awards 12 postgraduate scholarships, along with the Sport Academic Award, Scholar Athletes of the Year and the Institutional Academic Excellence Award. Conference USA also added a Spirit of Service Award, recognizing student-athletes three times a year for a combination of significant community service efforts, good academic standing and participation in their elected sport.

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

- 72 teams have earned bowl bids
- Member of the Bowl Championship Series
- Bowl tie-ins with the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl, Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, Heart of Dallas Bowl, Military Bowl, R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl and Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Consistently rated as one of the top basketball leagues in the country
- 108 postseason teams (50 NCAA, 42 NIT, 8 CBI, 8 CIT)
- One National Championship title game appearance
- Three Final Four teams
- Seven Elite Eight NCAA Tournament teams
- One NIT Champion and four NIT semifinalists
- Inaugural CBI Champion
- CIT Champion

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- 48 NCAA Tournament appearances
- 43 WNIT appearances
- One team in the NCAA Sweet 16
- Two WNIT semifinalists
- One WBI Champion

BASEBALL

- 58 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 nine of the last 12 seasons

In addition, 37 volleyball teams, 67 men's and women's soccer teams and 39 softball teams have earned NCAA Tournament bids. C-USA has sent three 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 Sweet 16. The league has also had nine 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 more than 700 NCAA appearances.

SUCCESS OFF THE FIELD

C-USA institutions are among the nation's best in academic performance among 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 18 years, 176 student-athletes earned national Capital One Academic All-America honors, while 618 were named All-District. In addition, more than 26,000 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 FOX Sports Media Group, CBS Sports Network and ESPN. The multi-tiered selection process that is rooted in partnering with all three networks has substantially increased the number of national and regional appearances for football, men's and women's basketball, and all other conference sports.

As one the largest FBS conferences in 2013, C-USA membership will include institutions in 12 of the Top 65 television markets, eight in the Top 40 and four in the Top 25 media markets according to Nielson. C-USA home markets next year will include more than 14.5 million TV households, a 43 percent increase from a year ago.

C-USA DIGITAL NETWORK

The C-USA Digital Network officially launched in August of 2011. Network programming includes live streaming of non-televised events, video on demand, a weekly C-USA studio show, podcasting, regular-season and championship event highlights and conference-produced feature stories. In its first year, 1,164 events were streamed live and 8,126 videos were posted and available on the C-USA Digital Network, and that number just keeps growing. Monthly and yearly subscriptions offer fans access to events offered on all of the C-USA member institution's athletic websites as well as C-USA network programming.

C-USA IN THE COMMUNITY

The conference's current footprint is concentrated with 16 members in nine states and a combined area population of nearly 17 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.

GOVERNANCE

Conference USA has significant representation in the NCAA governance structure. The Presidents of the member institutions serve as the league's Board of Directors.

A PROUD HISTORY

Conference USA was formed in 1995 and quickly emerged as one of the nation's top conferences. The conference unveiled its name, logo and commissioner April 24, 1995 in Chicago. The league's charter members included Charlotte, Cincinnati, DePaul, Houston, Louisville, Marquette, Memphis, Saint Louis, Southern Miss, Tulane, UAB and USF. Eleven of the institutions began athletic participation in 1995, while Houston joined competition in the fall of 1996.

The league's headquarters were established in Chicago and, after nine years, relocated to the current office in Irving, Texas. Britton Banowsky was named Commissioner in October 2002, succeeding Mike Slive, the league's first commissioner.

C-USA added East Carolina (September, 1996) and the United States Military Academy (March, 1997) as football members. ECU began league competition in 1997; Army in 1998 and UAB began football play in 1999. The league added TCU and ECU (1999) for all sports and they began competition in 2001. USF started C-USA football in 2003. Marshall, Rice, SMU, Tulsa, UCF and UTEP became full-time members of Conference USA in 2005.

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

For more than a century, East Carolina University has served the people of North Carolina and the nation. From modest beginnings as a school for training teachers, ECU has grown to become an emerging national research university with an enrollment of 27,000 students.

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With a mission of teaching, research, and service, East Carolina University is a dynamic institution connecting people and ideas, finding solutions to problems, and seeking the challenges of the future.

Each year, more than 8,000 East Carolina students contribute in excess of 100,000 hours of volunteer service to more than 125 community health and human service organizations.

East Carolina leads the University of North Carolina system in distance learning enrollment. Additionally, ECU's distance education program is the 12th largest in the United States, according to U.S. News & World Report. During the 2012-13 academic year, ECU's distance education students completed 128,648 credit hours.

The ECU Honors College provides students of high academic caliber and strong character with a valuable opportunity to maximize their academic performance and college experience. Equipped with four-year renewable scholarships and study-abroad stipends, selected students pursue research interests, embark on international journeys, live and study in a unique living-learning community on campus, and cultivate leadership skills through service.

Notable East Carolina alumni include Pulitzer Prize winners Rick Atkinson and Dan Neil; Emmy Award-winning composer Velton Ray Bunch; actors Sandra Bullock, Beth Grant, and Emily Procter; BB&T chief operating officer Kelly King; former president and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Bob Greczyn; former North Carolina secretary of state Janice Faulkner; Kevin Williamson, creator of Scream, I Know What You Did Last Summer and Dawson's Creek; former U.S. senator Robert Morgan; current NFL All-Pro performers Chris Johnson and Vonta Leach; Broadway star Manley Pope; Ronnie Barnes, Senior Vice President/Medical Services for the New York Giants; St. Louis Cardinals reliever Seth Maness; and Golden Corral restaurant chain founder James Maynard.

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During the BCS era, college football grew from a regional sport into a wildly popular national sport.

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2010

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2011

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2012

#1, #2, #3

The last three national championship games were the most watched cable TV events ever.[1] [2]

15 OUT OF 15

The BCS did what it was designed to do. The top two teams played each other 15 times in 15 years by BCS measurements and 12 times in 15 years according to the AP poll – including the last nine years in row. Before the BCS was formed, the top two teams in the AP poll met only eight times in the preceding 56 years.[3]

Since the BCS was created, college football has continued to thrive. The move to the College Football Playoff, beginning in the 2014 postseason, will create even more interest in an already great game.

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EAST CAROLINA HEAD COACH

RUFFIN McNEILL

When former Pirate defensive back and assistant coach Ruffin McNeill came home four years ago, the return offered a promise of renewed Purple and Gold passion.

Not to mention, plenty of excitement with a plethora of points on offense, a resurgency on the defense side of the ball and more bowl destinations as well.

McNeill, who starred as a four-year letterman in the late 1970s, was appointed East Carolina's 20th head football coach on January 21, 2010 after completing a 10-year stay at Texas Tech.

The Lumberton native has delivered on those pledges during his initial four campaigns, which also marked his 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th overall seasons coaching at the collegiate level.

After rewriting the school's offensive record books in 2010 and consistently adding more entries each following year, McNeill's efforts on the recruiting trail, dedicated off-season commitment and family approach resulted in a competitive balance that allowed the Pirates to match their highest regular season win total since 1991 this fall.

Equally as impressive as ECU's 9-3 overall mark so far in 2013 was the Pirates' first-ever same-season sweep of in-state Atlantic Coast Conference opponents North Carolina and NC State after posting convincing 55-31 and 42-28 triumphs over the Tar Heels and Wolfpack, respectively. McNeill's offensive unit broke a standard he set in 2010 with 485 points, while both sides of the ball ranked among the Top 30 nationally in total offense and defense.

During his initial season in 2010, the self-described football "lifer" guided East Carolina to six wins and qualification for a bowl game, despite inheriting a program which lost 34 lettermen off the previous year's squad - the most of any FBS program in America. Capacity crowds at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium were also treated to a thrilling, high-scoring and prolific spread offensive scheme which literally enjoyed a record-breaking campaign - shattering or at least matching 29 team or individual standards.

McNeill orchestrated an impressive defensive turnaround with a newly-implemented 3-4 scheme a year later as ECU allowed 102.5 fewer yards per game in 2011 to improve 64 places on the statistical rankings to finish among the top half of all FBS programs.

McNeill's 2012 edition, young by most standards with 17 juniors and nine sophomores who made starts throughout the season, posted an 8-5 record and owned a share of the C-USA East Division title by matching a program best with a 7-1 league slate.

His success and leadership abilities at ECU have enabled McNeill to be a two-time recipient of the Fritz Pollard Alliance Foundation's Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Salute to Excellence Award for college head coaches, earning the honor in 2011 and 2013.

Before returning to his alma mater, McNeill concluded the 2009 season as the Red Raiders' interim head coach by rallying No. 21 Texas Tech to a 41-31 victory over Michigan State at the Valero Alamo Bowl Jan. 2 after the dismissal of Mike Leach.

The 2009 campaign was his 10th season as a member of Leach's staff and second full year as the defensive coordinator. He served the final nine games of 2007 in that role on an interim basis, before taking over officially in 2008. McNeill, who also coached the linebackers, was regarded as one of the most versatile coaches on the staff and also one of the most beloved by the Red Raider football team.

McNeill began his coaching career as a defensive coach at Lumberton (N.C.) High School from 1980-84, before taking collegiate assistant positions at Clemson, Austin Peay State, North Alabama, Appalachian State, East Carolina, ULNV, Fresno State, and finally, Texas Tech.

A four-year letterwinner at ECU from 1976-80 under the legendary Pat Dye, McNeill was a three-year starter at defensive back where he helped lead the Pirates to the Southern Conference Championship in 1976 and an Independence Bowl berth in 1978.

McNeill, 55, and his wife, Erlene, have two daughters - Renata and Olivia - and a granddaughter (Isabella), born to Renata McNeill-Petrikin and her husband Lincoln. ■

EAST CAROLINA COACHING STAFF

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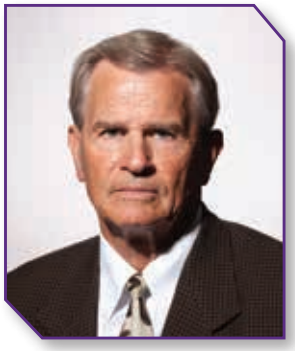
& Inside Linebackers



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EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

1 Chip Thompson

2 Justin Hardy

3 Adonis Armstrong

3 Lance Ray

4 Detric Allen

5 Shane Carden

6 Kurt Benkert

6 DaShawn Benton

7 Lamar Ivey

7 Isaiah Jones

8 Cedric Thompson

9 Cam Worthy

11 Damon Magazu

13 Jonathon Weymann

14 Warren Harvey

15 Reese Wiggins

19 Nate Mays

20 Kyle Tudor

21 Vintavious Cooper

22 Chris Hairston

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53 Jeremy Grove

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55 Cameron White

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77 Jonathan Powers

78 Jordan Davis

80 Bryce Williams

82 DaQuan Barnes

87 Zico Pasut

89 Brandon Bishop

92 Mike Myers

93 Chrishon Rose

94 Johnathon White

96 Demetri McGill

99 Fred Presley

EAST CAROLINA TEAM ROSTER

#	NAME	POS/HT/WT/CL	HOMETOWN
1	Chip Thompson	DB/6-0/216/Sr-1L	Jackson, Miss.
2	Justin Hardy	IWR/6-0/186/Jr-2L	Vanceboro, N.C.
3	Adonis Armstrong	DB/5-10/182/Sr-1L	Clinton, Miss.
3	Lance Ray	OWR/6-2/208/Sr-1L	Quincy, Fla.
4	Detric Allen	DB/6-0/200/ Jr-1L	Norwood, N.C.
5	Shane Carden	QB/6-2/218/Jr-1L	Houston, Texas
6	Kurt Benkert	QB/6-3/215/Fr-HS	Cape Coral, Fla.
6	DaShawn Benton	DB/6-0/175/Fr-HS	Atlanta, Ga.
7	Lamar Ivey	DB/6-1/196/Jr-2L	Mebane, N.C.
7	Isaiah Jones	IWR/6-1/170/Fr-HS	Austin, Texas
8	Cedric Thompson	IWR/5-9/183/So-SQ	Kings Mountain, N.C.
9	Cam Worthy	OWR/6-2/217/Jr-RS	Blair, S.C.
11	Damon Magazu	DB/5-11/204/Sr-3L	Charlotte, N.C.
13	Jonathon Weymann	QB/6-0/200/So-HS	Charlotte, N.C.
14	Warren Harvey	PK/5-11/225/Jr-1L	Greenville, N.C.
15	Reese Wiggins	OWR/5-11/193/Sr-2L	Durham, N.C.
19	Nate Mays	DB/5-10/190/Fr-RS	Huntersville, N.C.
20	Kyle Tudor	ILB/6-3/242/Sr-3L	Augusta, Ga.
21	Vintavious Cooper	RB/5-9/200/Sr-1L	Homerville, Ga.
22	Chris Hairston	RB/6-0/194/So-1L	Winston-Salem, N.C.
23	Desi Brown	ILB/6-2/215/Jr-2L	Webster Groves, Mo.
24	Brandon Williams	ILB/6-1/240/Jr-2L	Rock Hill, S.C.
25	Breon Allen	RB/5-8/190/Jr-TR	Daytona Beach, Fla.
26	Cory Hunter	RB/5-10/201/So-SQ	Fuquay-Varina, N.C.
26	Terrell Richardson	DB/6-0/214/Fr-RS	Raleigh, N.C.
28	Josh Hawkins	DB/5-10/183/So-1L	Winston-Salem, N.C.
30	Davis Plowman	PK-P/5-10/185/So-TR	Roswell, Ga.
31	Chris Cacciola	IWR/6-0/196/So-1L	Wrentham, Mass.
31	Domonique Lennon	DB/6-2/212/So-SQ	Suffolk, Va.
34	Devaris Brunson	RB/6-1/210/Fr-HS	Lake City, S.C.
35	Michael Dobson	DB/6-0/191/Sr-3L	Mount Airy, N.C.
35	Greg Robinson	DB/5-11/202/Jr-SQ	Fayetteville, N.C.
38	Trent Tignor	H-P/6-5/212/Sr-3L	Hoschton, Ga.
39	DaShaun Amos	DB/6-1/182/Fr-RS	Midlothian, Va.
40	Brendan Rowland	P/6-2/164/Sr-SQ	Mission Viejo, Calif.
41	Dayon Pratt	OLB/6-4/224/Fr-RS	Washington, D.C.
42	John Barnes-Smith	RB/5-11/225/Jr-SQ	Wendell, N.C.
42	Gabe Woullard	OLB/6-3/227/Sr-1L	Valencia, Calif.
43	Drayvon Fairley	ILB/6-3/217/Fr-RS	Red Springs, N.C.
44	Zeek Bigger	ILB/6-2/228/So-1L	Gastonia, N.C.
45	Jake Geary	OLB/6-3/243/Jr-2L	Hillsborough, N.C.
46	Jimmy Booth	FB/6-2/308/Sr-2L	Greenville, N.C.
47	Jeton Beavers	DE/6-5/263/So-SQ	Virginia Beach, Va.
48	Maurice Falls	OLB/6-2/247/Jr-2L	Belmont, N.C.
49	Ty Holmes	ILB/6-1/235/Sr-3L	Lexington, N.C.
50	C.J. Struyk	DS/OL/6-2/296/So-1L	Morehead City
51	Montese Overton	OLB/6-3/220/So-1L	Greenville, N.C.
53	Jeremy Grove	ILB/6-1/240/Jr-2L	Frederick, Md.
54	Terry Williams	NT/6-1/322/Jr-2L	Loganville, Ga.
55	Cameron White	ILB/5-11/213/Fr-HS	Apex, N.C.
55	Larry Williams	OL/6-4/290/Fr-HS	Wilmington , N.C.
56	Derrell Johnson	OLB/6-2/264/Sr-3L	Baltimore, Md.
57	Joe Allely	DE/6-1/223/Fr-HS	Vienna, Va.
57	Adhem Elsawi	OL/6-5/308/Sr-2L	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
58	Lee Pegues	DE/6-2/294/Sr-3L	Wallace, S.C.
59	Reece Speight	OLB/6-3/236/Fr-RS	Wilson, N.C.
60	Charlie Coggins	DS/6-3/200/Jr-1L	Albemarle, N.C.
64	Keifer Neal	OL/6-5/316/Jr-RS	Anaheim, Calif.
65	J.T. Boyd	OL/6-4/302/Fr-RS	Fort Mill, S.C.
66	Terrell Stanley	DE/6-2/266/So-1L	Southport, N.C.
68	Tre Robertson	OL/6-5/325/So-SQ	Roxboro, N.C.
69	Ike Harris	OL/6-7/304/So-1L	Irmo, S.C.
70	Will Simmons	OL/6-5/342/Sr-3L	Ahoskie, N.C.
73	Drew Gentry	OL/6-6/317/Jr-2L	Tallahassee, Fla.
74	Taylor Hudson	OL/6-5/300/Jr-2L	Greenville, S.C.
75	Chaz Lowery	OL-TE/6-5/297/So-1L	Virginia Beach, Va.
76	Stewart Hinson	OL/6-7/296/So-SQ	Monroe, N.C.
77	Jonathan Powers	OL/6-2/333/Jr-SQ	Wilmington, N.C.
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EAST CAROLINA SEASON IN REVIEW

During a record-setting 2013 season, East Carolina posted a 9-3 overall ledger and earned their 19th bowl appearance in program history and the seventh in the last eight years.

The Pirates claimed second place in Conference USA's East Division after winning six of eight league games, marking the seventh time in the last nine years ECU has finished in one of the top two spots since C-USA transitioned to a divisional format in 2005. East Carolina also defended its home field with a near-perfect 5-1 record at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and topped all non-AQ BCS conference members in attendance with an average of 43,985 and led C-USA for the sixth-straight season.

The 2013 campaign saw East Carolina set school records in points (485), points per game (40.4) and first downs (316). The Pirates also collected road wins over in-state rivals North Carolina and NC State, marking the first time in history the Pirates defeated both ACC schools in the same season.

ECU's success was recognized individually with the selection of 24 All-Conference USA performers, including first-team picks quarterback Shane Carden, wide receiver Justin Hardy and offensive tackle Will Simmons. Named to the second team were running back Vintavious Cooper, offensive guard Jordan Davis, outside linebacker Derrell Johnson, free safety Damon Magazu and defensive end Lee Pegues.

Thirteen players received honorable mentions accolades, including offensive lineman Adhem Elsawi, tight end Bryce Williams, wide receivers Lance Ray and Reese Wiggins, nose tackle Chrishon Rose, defensive end Terrell Stanley, inside linebackers Zeek Bigger and Kyle Tudor, outside linebacker Gabe Woullard, cornerback Adonis Armstrong, strong safety Chip Thompson, punter Trent Tignor and long snapper Charlie Coggins.

The field general for the Pirates' offense, Carden received the highest individual honor handed down by the league with his selection as C-USA's Most Valuable Player. The Houston, Texas prep product has thrown for 3,866 yards and 32 touchdowns to go along with 10 more scores on the ground. Perhaps Carden's most impressive statistic is his FBS-leading 71-percent completion percentage. A semifinalist for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award, he also ranks in the top 10 nationally in total points responsible for (3rd), completions per game (5th), passing yards (6th) and touchdown passes (8th).

Carden's most consistent target has been Hardy, a two-time first-team all-league pick who set the ECU career record for receiving touchdowns during the 2013 campaign with 25 while establishing new single-season records for receptions (105) and receiving yards (1,218). He also became the first Pirate to record back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving seasons and his 8.8 receptions per game currently ranks fifth nationally heading into bowl play.

Cooper, a junior college transfer finishing his second and final season with the Pirates, will enter the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl just five yards shy of becoming the third player in program history to record consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons. In addition to his 12 total touchdowns, Cooper produced three 100-yard rushing games under his belt this season, which includes a career-high 186-yard performance at North Carolina on Sept. 28.

In addition to owning one of the longest starting streaks nationally with 48, senior Derrell Johnson leads Conference USA with 7.5 sacks to go along with his team-best 79 stops, 13.5 tackles for lost yardage and eight quarterback pressures.

The 2013 Pirates, under the direction of head coach Ruffin McNeill, will try to become only the second team in the program's 81-year history to capture 10 wins in a single season when they face Ohio in St. Petersburg, Florida. ■

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Next season college football will enter a new playoff era. The best four teams will square off in semifinals at two historic bowl venues to determine who meets for the ultimate title in college football.

The Best Four Teams

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will choose the best four teams. What a Selection Sunday that will be.

A New Year's Spectacular

Over New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, fans will enjoy back-to-back triple headers – two semifinals and four other premier bowl games. New Year's will never be the same.

College Football National Championship

The National Championship Game will rotate among different cities, bringing the game closer to its fans. Mark your calendar for the second Monday in January – the National Championship Game will be a highlight of the year in sports.

College Football Playoff Schedule

	SUGAR	ROSE	ORANGE	COTTON	ATLANTA	FIESTA	CHAMPIONSHIP
2014-15	Semi-Final (Jan. 1)	Semi-Final (Jan. 1)	Orange (Dec. 31)	Cotton (Jan. 1)	Atlanta (Dec. 31)	Fiesta (Dec. 31)	Arlington, TX (Jan. 12)

Chick-fil-A Bowl ACC vs SEC

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Tostitos Fiesta Bowl

Discover Orange Bowl

Rose Bowl Game presented by Vizio

Allstate Sugar Bowl

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OFFENSE

WR (X)	15	Reese Wiggins 5-11, 193, Sr-2L
	9	Cam Worthy 6-2, 217, Jr-RS
IR (H)	7	Isaiah Jones 6-1, 170, Fr-HS
	8	Cedric Thompson 5-9, 183, So-SQ
LT	69	Ike Harris 6-7, 304, So-1L
	55	Larry Williams 6-4, 290, Fr-HS
LG	78	Jordan Davis 6-3, 297, Sr-3L
	65	J.T. Boyd 6-4, 302, Fr-RS
C	50	C.J. Struyk 6-2, 296, So-1L
	74	Taylor Hudson 6-5, 300, Jr-2L
	65	J.T. Boyd 6-4, 302, Fr-RS
RG	70	Will Simmons 6-5, 342, Sr-3L
	73	Drew Gentry 6-6, 317, Jr-2L
RT	68	Tre Robertson 6-5, 325, So-SQ
	57	Adhem Elsawi 6-5, 308, Sr-2L
	76	Stewart Hinson 6-7, 296, So-SQ
QB	5	Shane Carden 6-2, 218, Jr-1L
	6	Kurt Benkert 6-3, 215, Fr-HS
RB	21	Vintavious Cooper 5-9, 200, Sr-1L
	25	Breon Allen 5-8, 190, Jr-TR
	22	Chris Hairston 6-0, 194, So-1L
IR (Y)	2	Justin Hardy 6-0, 186, Jr-2L
	80	Bryce Williams 6-6, 240, So-SQ
OR (Z)	3	Lance Ray 6-2, 208, Sr-1L
	82	DaQuan Barnes 6-1, 186, Fr-RS

DEFENSE

DE	66	Terrell Stanley 6-2, 266, So-1L
	94	Johnathon White 6-4, 283, So-1L
NT	93	Chrishon Rose 6-4, 299, Jr-2L
	96	Demetri McGill 6-1, 300, Fr-HS
	54	Terry Williams 6-1, 322, Jr-2L
DE	58	Lee Pegues 6-2, 294, Sr-3L
	99	Fred Presley 6-3, 323, Fr-RS
OLB (S)	42	Gabe Woullard 6-3, 227, Sr-1L
	51	Montese Overton 6-3, 220, So-1L
	41	Dayon Pratt 6-4, 224, Fr-RS
ILB (M)	44	Zeek Bigger 6-2, 228, So-1L
	53	Jeremy Grove 6-1, 240, Jr-2L
	49	Ty Holmes 6-1, 235, Sr-3L
ILB (B)	20	Kyle Tudor 6-3, 242, Sr-3L
	24	Brandon Williams 6-1, 240, Jr-2L
OLB (W)	56	Derrell Johnson 6-2, 264, Sr-3L
	59	Reece Speight 6-3, 236, Fr-RS
	48	Maurice Falls 6-2, 247, Jr-2L
FC	3	Adonis Armstrong 5-10, 182, Sr-1L
	7	Lamar Ivey 6-1, 196, Jr-2L
	39	DaShaun Amos 6-1, 182, Fr-RS
SS	1	Chip Thompson 6-0, 216, Sr-1L
	35	Michael Dobson 6-0, 191, Sr-3L
FS	11	Damon Magazu 5-11, 204, Sr-3L
	31	Domonique Lennon 6-2, 212, So-SQ
BC	4	Detric Allen 6-0, 200, Jr-1L
	28	Josh Hawkins 5-10, 183, So-1L
	6	DaShawn Benton 6-0, 175, Fr-HS

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	14	Warren Harvey 5-11, 225, Jr-1L
	30	Davis Plowman 5-10, 185, So-TR
H	38	Trent Tignor 6-5, 212, Sr-3L
	40	Brendan Rowland 6-2, 164, Sr-SQ
P	38	Trent Tignor 6-5, 212, Sr-3L
	40	Brendan Rowland 6-2, 164, Sr-SQ
DS	60	Charlie Coggins (LS) 6-3, 200, Jr-1L
	50	C.J. Struyk (SS) 6-2, 296, So-1L
PR	2	Justin Hardy 6-0, 186, Jr-2L
	25	Breon Allen 5-8, 190, Jr-TR
KR	3	Lance Ray 6-2, 208, Sr-1L
	7	Isaiah Jones 6-1, 170, Fr-HS

Providing leadership in education and diversity, the Mid-American Conference moves into its 67th year of service to the student-athlete.

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 ten 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 championships by expanding to seven its number of neutral site post season events – football (Ford Field, Detroit), volleyball (SPIRE Academy, Geneva, Ohio), men's and women's basketball (Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland), softball (Firestone Stadium, Akron) and baseball (All Pro Freight Stadium, Avon, Ohio). In addition, the SPIRE facility will also serve as the site for the 2014 women's swimming & diving championship and 2015 men's swimming & diving championship.

In 2013, the MAC had five programs receive bowl invitations: Bowling Green (Little Caesars Pizza Bowl), Northern Illinois (San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl), Ball State (GoDaddy Bowl), Buffalo (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl) and Ohio (Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg).

The MAC had three teams with 10 wins or more (Northern Illinois 12-1; Ball State 10-2; Bowling Green 10-3) which tied for second among FBS conferences with the ACC, Big 12 and Pac 12 and only trailed the SEC (4). Northern Illinois quarterback Jordan Lynch was invited to the Heisman Trophy Award ceremony in New York City becoming only the third MAC student-athlete to receive an invitation to the ceremony – Marshall QB Chad Pennington (1999) and Marshall WR Randy Moss (1997).

In 2012, the MAC witnessed a record setting seven teams receive a bowl invitation, 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.

The dramatic 2012 football season was capped as Central Michigan offensive tackle Eric Fisher was selected as the first overall selection by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 2013 NFL Draft, becoming the first football player from the MAC with such an honor.

Earlier this year, 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 Boca Raton, 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 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 Bahamas Bowl will be played at Thomas A. Robinson Stadium. The Miami Beach Bowl will be played at Marlins Park. The 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 2014, 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.

Starting in the 2014 season, the MAC will have a minimum five guaranteed bowl opportunities. The MAC has long-term primary contracts with the GoDaddy Bowl (based in Mobile, Ala.) through the 2017 season and Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (based in Boise, Ida.) through the 2019 season.

In its partnership with ESPN, the MAC is in the fifth year of its eight-year rights agreement (through 2016-2017 academic years) for football, as well as men's and women's basketball. The deal is the most extensive in the 67-year history of the conference. The agreement calls for a minimum of 25 events annually to be produced and aired on an ESPN platform including the men's and women's basketball championships, a regular-season MAC presence on ESPN, the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game and a minimum of 11 regular-season football games.

In men's basketball, the MAC witnessed Akron reach the FirstEnergy MAC Men's Basketball Tournament for the seventh consecutive season, as the Zips won their third title in five years. Also, Ohio University earned an invitation to the NIT, while Western Michigan reached the College Basketball Invitational Final Four after wins over North Dakota State and Wyoming. Kent State received an invitation to the CollegeInsider.com Tournament and defeated Fairfield in the opening round. Akron center Zeke Marshall and Ohio point guard D.J. Cooper were selected to play in the 2013 Reese's Division I College All-Star Game, as Cooper garnered MVP game honors.

From two-time Super Bowl quarterback winning Ben Roethlisberger (Miami University), NFL Defensive MVP James Harrison (Kent State University), four NFL Pro Bowlers (OT Joe Staley, KR Josh Cribbs, TE Antonio Gates, LB James Harrison), British Open winner Ben Curtis (Kent State University), World Series winning manager Bob Brenly (Ohio University) and Olympic bobsled team member Brock Kreitzburgh (University of Toledo), the Mid-American Conference continues to excel in producing leaders in the world of athletics.

HISTORY OF THE MAC

Based in Cleveland since July 1999 following a 15-year stay in Toledo, Ohio, the MAC has established historic measurements in both football and men's and women's basketball since moving to Northeast Ohio. The MAC was founded as a five-school league on February 24, 1946 in Columbus, Ohio with Ohio, Butler, Cincinnati, Wayne State and Western Reserve admitted as charter members. The Mid-American Conference has 12 full-time schools and a 13th, UMass for football only beginning in 2012.

In 1946 men's basketball was the first competitive sport in the MAC, which now sponsors a total 23 sports. Women's sports were brought into the conference's structure in 1980. For men, championships (11) are sponsored in football, basketball, baseball, cross country, soccer, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, wrestling, golf and tennis. For women, championships (12) are sponsored in basketball, softball, volleyball, cross country, field hockey, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, gymnastics, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and tennis. ■

OHIO UNIVERSITY

Officially established in 1804, Ohio University opened its doors in 1808 with one professor, one building and three students as the Northwest Territory's first educational institution. After 200 years, it continues to be distinguished as a leader in education.

The university traces its history to the Ordinance of 1787 that established the Northwest Territory and decreed that "... schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." Because it was the first institution of higher education in the territory, Ohio University justly claims the distinction of being "Ohio's First University."

Today, Ohio University is a comprehensive, coeducational, state-assisted institution serving more than 28,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students on its main campus in Athens and its regional campuses in Chillicothe, Ironton, Lancaster, St. Clairsville and Zanesville.

The university is proud of its diverse student body, which includes students from every state in the nation and approximately 100 countries around the world. This creates a cosmopolitan atmosphere and an international flair, which add important dimensions to campus life.

Ohio University is a residential campus and, as a result, students and faculty alike enjoy a special sense of community - a kind of "family feeling" that is unusual at most colleges. Few students commute and most stay on campus during weekends to take advantage of a variety of social, recreational and entertainment opportunities. University residence halls are grouped on "greens" adjacent to the main campus area. Each of the greens is like a small neighborhood, complete with its own distinctive character and attributes. Students quickly develop intense loyalties to "their" hall and green.

The impressive natural beauty of southeastern Ohio adds yet another distinction to the university, providing a setting that visitors often describe as "looking like a college ought to look."

Academically, Ohio University has professional schools clustered around a core of traditional, liberal arts coursework. The university-wide general education curriculum provides all students with basic writing and quantitative skills, breadth of knowledge - in applied science and technology - cross-cultural perspectives, fine arts and humanities, natural sciences, mathematics and social sciences - and synthesis.

Ohio University offers more than 250 areas of undergraduate study through the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Education, Engineering and Technology, Fine Arts, Health and Human Services and Honors Tutorial. University College offers two baccalaureate degrees.

At the graduate level, Ohio University offers master's and doctoral degrees in nearly all disciplines. The College of Osteopathic Medicine - the only one in the state of Ohio - trains physicians who often specialize in family practice medicine.

In 1994, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching designated Ohio University as a "Research University II." Only 125 of the 3,600 schools assessed by the Foundation are classified as Research Universities.

The Ohio University Athens campus consists of over 1,700 acres and more than 200 major buildings. Cutler Hall, which currently serves as the main administrative building, was built in 1816 and is registered as a National Historic Landmark.

The City of Athens, located 75 miles southeast of Columbus, is a classic college town, with brick-paved roadways, street vendors, restored storefronts and quaint specialty shops. "Uptown" Athens is literally just across the street from campus and there is a comfortable relationship between "town and gown." Twelve state parks and thousands of acres of state and national forest surround Athens County and provide extensive recreational opportunities. ■

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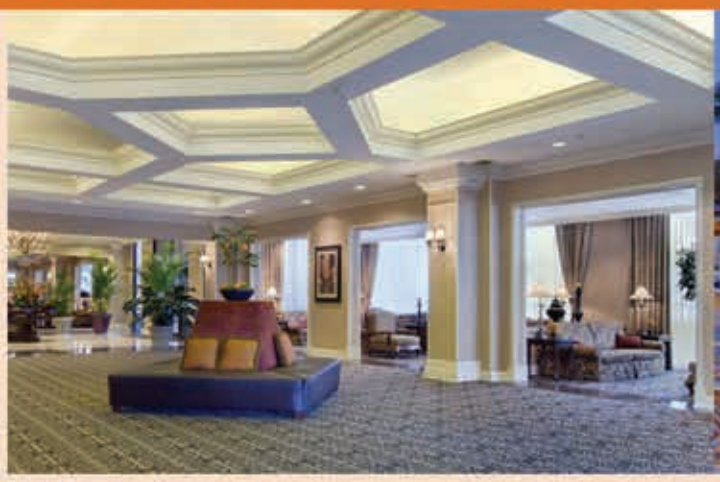

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OHIO HEAD COACH

FRANK SOLICH

Head Coach Frank Solich has continued a storybook turnaround during his tenure at Ohio University. Now in his ninth season (15th overall), the Bobcats have been bowl-eligible in seven of the last nine years, having won 62 games since 2006 - the most among any team in the Mid-American Conference East Division - and have had student-athletes selected in the NFL Draft in five of the past six seasons.

This past season, Solich guided the Bobcats to their fifth-consecutive bowl appearance. Under Solich's leadership in 2013, the Bobcats scored 336 points, which currently ranks eighth on Ohio's all-time Top 10 list. Defensively, Ohio tallied 34 sacks, which is currently tied for second all-time in a single season.

Following the year, Ohio earned six slots on the 2013 MAC All-Conference with Devin Bass (kick returner) and Travis Carrie (punt returner) both earning spots on the All-MAC First Team. Since his first season in Athens in 2005, Solich has coached 63 All-MAC players.

In 2012, Solich directed Ohio to its best start to a season since the 1968 campaign as the Bobcats opened the year 7-0. The Bobcats' 7-0 start also included a thrilling 24-14 victory over Penn State in front of a nationally-televised audience.

After opening the year 7-0, Ohio earned a spot in all three major college football polls for the first time in school history. Following the 2012 campaign, Ohio placed six individuals on the 2012 MAC All-Conference teams and earned a bid to the 2012 Advocare V100 Independence Bowl.

In the Independence Bowl, Ohio did not disappoint as it defeated Louisiana-Monroe 45-14 to pick up its second-straight bowl victory. The Bobcats also set or tied 11 bowl records in the win, including the mark for total yards as they finished with 556.

In his seven previous seasons as Ohio's head coach, Solich guided the Bobcats to an impressive 50-40 record. In 2011, Solich led the Bobcats to their first-ever bowl win as Ohio defeated Utah State 24-23 in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl to finish the year 10-4.

Ohio's win over the Aggies gave the Bobcats their first 10-win season since 1968. Solich's 2011 Bobcat squad set 47 school records and had a league-best 11 players on the MAC All-Conference teams.

In 2006, Solich guided Ohio to its first MAC East Division championship, the program's first MAC title of any kind since 1968, earning the Bobcats a spot in the GMAC Bowl, which marked the Bobcats' first bowl game since that same 1968 season.

Following the year, Solich was rewarded with MAC Coach of the Year honors, marking the third time in eight seasons in which he had won his league's coach of the year award.

His players have also gained national recognition on numerous All-America teams. In 2005, Dion Byrum became Ohio's first non-special teams All-American since 1968, and three rookies have been honored on The Sporting News Freshman All-America squads.

Solich was named the Bobcats' head coach on Dec. 17, 2004. Prior to his arrival in Athens, Solich spent six seasons as the head coach at the University of Nebraska where he spent nearly 30 years as part of the Nebraska program as a player, assistant coach and head coach. A Big 12 Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2001, Solich produced nine-win seasons in five of his six years as head coach of the Huskers. In 1999, 2000 and 2001, he generated 12, 10 and 11 win seasons, respectively. He also generated six-consecutive bowl appearances including a 2001 run at the national championship against Miami in the Rose Bowl. ■

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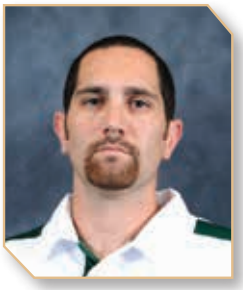

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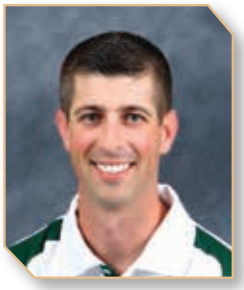

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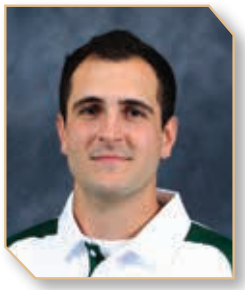

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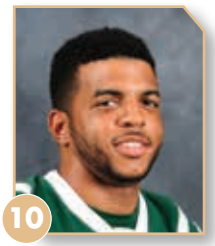
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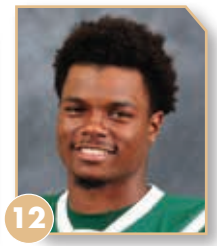
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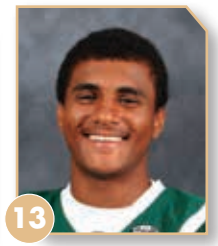
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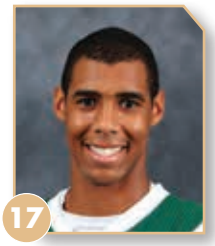
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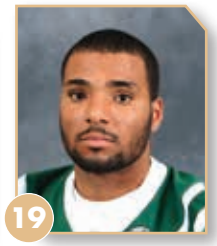
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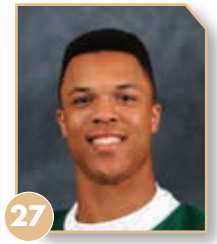
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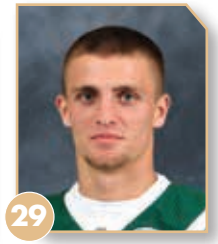
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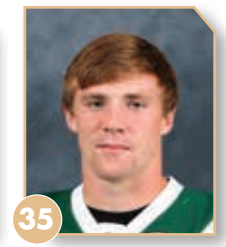
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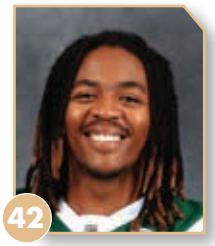
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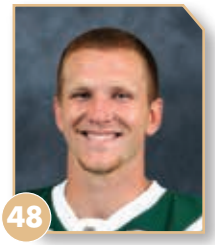
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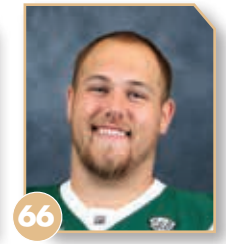
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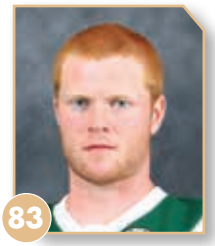
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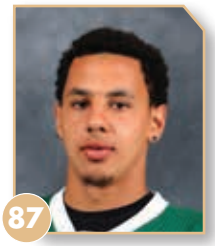
87 Landon Smith

89 Anthony Talbert

91 Antwan Crutcher

92 Cleon Aloese

93 Tarell Basham

94 Cameron McLeod

95 Brandon Purdum

96 Kendric Smith

97 Nic Barber

98 Tony Davis

99 Kurt Laseak

OHIO TEAM ROSTER

#	NAME	POS/HT/WT/CL	HOMETOWN
2	Shaw, Jamil	CB/6-0/196/Rs-Sr.	Alexandria, Va.
3	Foster, Donté	WR/6-1.5/200/Rs-Sr.	Guthrie, Okla.
4	Tettleton, Tyler	QB/6-0/207/Rs-Sr.	Norman, Okla.
5	Rodriguez, Malik	WR/6-3/205/Rs-Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
6	Smith, Sebastian	WR/6-3/190/Fr.	Columbus, Ohio
7	Patterson, Daz'mond	RB/5-7/185/So.	Plant City, Fla.
8	Cochran, Chase	WR/6-2/192/Rs-Jr.	Lebanon, Ohio
9	Kristoff, Josh	S/6-0/200/Rs-Jr.	Pickerington, Ohio
10	Grady, Jr., A.J.	LB/6-1/220/Rs-Jr.	Woodbridge, Va.
11	Hill, Troy	TE/6-5/245/Rs-Sr.	New Kensington, Pa.
12	Reid, Jordan	WR/6-3/200/Rs-Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
13	Jones, Devin	S/6-1/208/Rs-So.	Sandusky, Ohio
14	Dixon, Ian	WR/5-7/170/Rs-So.	Athens, Ohio
15	Vick, Derrius	QB/6-1/200/Rs-So.	Lincoln, Neb.
17	Anderson, C.J.	DB/6-2/195/Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
18	Carrie, Travis	CB/5-11.5/212/Rs-Sr.	Antioch, Calif.
18	Sprague, JD	QB/6-1/190/Rs-Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
19	Dovell, Mario	WR/6-0/205/Rs-Sr.	Columbus, Ohio
19	Stewart, Dyquan	CB/5-10/182/Fr.	Stafford, Va.
20	Boykin, Ryan	RB/6-1/225/Rs-Sr.	Woodstock, Ga.
21	Atwell, Brandon	LB/6-2/226/Rs-Jr.	Wytheville, Va.
22	Blankenship, Beau	RB/5-9/206/Rs-Sr.	Norman, Okla.
23	Hughes, Xavier	S/6-1/172/Rs-Sr.	Germantown, Md.
23	Johnson, Jake	WR/5-11/170/Fr.	Springboro, Ohio
24	Davis, Toran	S/6-0/210/RS Fr.	Lithonia, Ga.
24	Marhefka, Jerrid	WR/5-11/174/Fr.	St. Clairsville, Ohio
25	Ingol, Thad	S/6-0/215/RS Jr.	Barberton, Ohio
25	Corcoran, Max	WR/5-11/185/Fr.	Chillicothe, Ohio
26	Quallen, Corey	S/6-1/201/Fr.	Mason, Ohio
27	Macer, Aaron	S/6-0/195/Rs-So.	Twinsburg, Ohio
29	Terpin, Mike	CB/5-10/170/Rs-So.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
30	Schany, Jake	LB/6-3/225/Rs-Fr.	Blair, Neb.
31	Amicone, Matt	K/5-6/173/Rs-Fr.	Zanesville, Ohio
31	Edmond, Tim	RB/5-11/240/Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
33	Brown, Blair	LB/6-0/220/Rs-Fr.	Moreno Valley, Calif.
34	Tautuiaki, Watson	DL/6-2/290/So.	Sacramento, Calif.
35	Carpenter, Nathan	S/5-9/200/Rs-Jr.	Lancaster, Ohio
36	Russell, Ben	LB/6-1/230/Rs-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio
37	Bass, Devin	CB/5-9/185/Rs-So.	Omaha, Neb.
38	Moore, Keith	LB/6-0/220/Rs-Sr.	Grove City, Ohio
39	Yazdani, Josiah	K/5-10/200/Rs-So.	Albany, Ohio
40	Teipel, Nieco	LB-P/6-1.5/230/Rs-Sr.	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.
41	Wells, Ian	CB/5-11.5/195/Rs-So.	Dayton, Ohio
42	Scipio, Blake	DB/5-11.5/190/So.	Hilliard, Ohio
42	Ray, James	S/5-10/188/RS Jr.	Akron, Ohio
43	Johnson, William	LB/6-2/215/Rs-Fr.	Compton, Calif.
44	Sayles, Casey	DL/6-3/263/Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
45	Saunders, Devin	TE/6-5/245/Rs-Jr.	Columbus, Ohio
46	Green, Matt	K/6-2/225/Rs-So.	Lexington, Ky.
47	Chapman, Miles	LS/6-1/210/Rs-So.	Tiffin, Ohio
48	Summers, Zane	LB/6-1/200/Rs-Jr.	Athens, Ohio
48	Venham, Grant	P/6-3/210/Rs-So.	Belpre, Ohio
49	Asher, Alex	TE/6-4/240/Rs-Sr.	Charlottesville, Va.
51	Johnson, Jovon	LB/6-0/224/Rs-So.	Solon, Ohio
52	Smith, Mark	OL/6-4/285/Rs-Jr.	Sarasota, Fla.
53	Haser, Justin	OL/6-6/285/Rs-So.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
54	Powell, Lucas	OL/6-3/295/Rs-So.	Edgerton, Kan.
54	Porter, Tony	DL/6-1/307/Fr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.
54	Donovan, Davon	LB/6-2/225/Rs-Fr.	Baltimore, Ohio
56	Makuch, Josh	LB/6-0/210/Rs-Fr.	Baltimore, Ohio
57	Wood, Durrell	OL/6-3/344/Fr.	Columbus, Ohio
58	Everhart, Seth	OL/6-4/311/Rs-So.	Carlisle, Ohio
59	Price, Eric	DL/6-4/250/Rs-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio
60	McGrath, Ryan	OL/6-6.5/300/Rs-Sr.	Duncansville, Pa.
63	Johnson, Sam	OL/6-3/310/Rs-Sr.	Baltimore, Ohio
65	Schilke, Joel	OL/6-4/295/Fr.	Lima, Ohio
66	Lechner, Jon	OL/6-6/315/Rs-Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
67	Lucas, Mike	OL/6-4/311/Rs-So.	Chicago, Ill.
68	Welter, Jacob	OL/6-4/295/Rs-So.	Danville, Ca.
71	Williams, Bubba	OL/6-2/285/Rs-Jr.	Loveland, Ohio
72	Curtis, Michael	OL/6-4.5/295/Rs-So.	Mishawaka, Ind.
73	Branz, Ty	DE/6-2/244/Rs-Sr.	York, Neb.
74	Prior, John	OL/6-6/300/Rs-Sr.	Portsmouth, Ohio
75	McQueen, Mike	OL/6-6/300/Rs-So.	Garfield Heights, Ohio
78	Gibbons, Nick	OL/6-5/308/Rs-Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
79	Watson, Troy	OL/6-6/290/Rs-Fr.	Aurora, Ohio
80	Waters, Matt	WR/6-0/201/Rs-Sr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa
81	Henry, Davon	TE/6-3/240/Rs-Fr.	Round Rock, Texas
82	Mangen, Troy	TE/6-5/252/Fr.	Union, Ohio
83	Tanner, John	TE/6-4/255/Rs-Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
84	Sawyer, Kawmae	WR/6-0/194/Rs-So.	Cleveland, Ohio
85	Cope, Brendan	WR/6-2/183/Fr.	Warren, Ohio
86	Morgan, Mason	TE/6-6/232/Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
87	Smith, Landon	WR/6-0/185/Jr.	Girard, Ohio
89	Talbert, Anthony	TE/6-4/245/Rs-Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
91	Crutcher, Antwan	DL/6-2/300/Jr.	Cleveland, Ohio
92	Aloese, Cleon	DL/6-0/296/Fr.	Pago Pago, A.S.
93	Basham, Tarell	DL/6-4/250/Fr.	Rocky Mount, Va.
94	McLeod, Cameron	DL/6-5/285/Jr.	McLain, Miss.
95	Purdum, Brandon	DL/6-3/275/Rs-So.	London, Ohio
96	Smith, Kendric	DL/6-3/260/Rs-Jr.	Harker Heights, Texas
97	Barber, Nic	DL/6-3.5/240/Rs-Sr.	Newark, Ohio
98	Davis, Tony	DL/6-3/285/Jr.	Wyoming, Ohio
99	Laseak, Kurt	DE/6-4/242/Rs-Fr.	Mentor, Ohio

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OHIO SEASON IN REVIEW

The Ohio University football team completed another successful season under the direction of ninth year head coach Frank Solich in 2013.

The Bobcats closed the year with a 7-5 record and earned a spot in a bowl game for the fifth-consecutive season and in the process became just the third school in league history to appear in five straight bowls.

With its appearance in the 2013 Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg, Ohio became one of only 21 schools in the nation that have played in five-consecutive bowls.

Ohio's quest for a fifth-consecutive bowl appearance began with a challenging non-conference slate that featured matchups against Louisville, North Texas and Marshall – all three of which will take to the gridiron during the 2013 bowl season. Despite the early season tests, the Bobcats came away with a 2-1 record, defeating North Texas and Marshall.

Following the wins, Ohio flexed its defensive muscles against Austin Peay and Akron, defeating the two squads by a combined score of 81-3.

The 38-0 win over Austin Peay marked the first shutout for Ohio since Sept. 25, 2004. The win over Akron was equally impressive from a defensive standpoint as the Bobcats held the Zips to just 157 yards of total offense and tallied a season-best eight sacks.

After opening up the year with a 4-1 mark, the Bobcats appeared to be more than living up to their preseason ranking as the MAC East's top team. However, in the Bobcats' annual Homecoming game, Ohio suffered a 26-23 setback to Central Michigan. Despite the loss, quarterback Tyler Tettleton surpassed 300 yards through the air for the first time in 2013.

Tettleton helped the Bobcats rebound from their setback to the Chippewas in a big way as he would go on to lead Ohio to convincing wins over Eastern Michigan against arch rival Miami.

During the Bobcats' meeting against Central Michigan (Oct. 12), Eastern Michigan (Oct. 19) and Miami (Oct. 26), Tettleton passed for 1,000 yards and six touchdowns. The Bobcats' three-game stretch toward the end of October was equally impressive for senior Donte' Foster, who was on the receiving end of 28 Tettleton passes for 383 yards and four touchdowns.

Heading into November, Ohio owned a 6-2 record, but dropped its first three games of the month to drop to 6-5 on the year. However, the Bobcats – like they have all year – would respond to adversity as they dominated Massachusetts 51-23 to conclude the season.

Senior cornerback Travis Carrie highlighted the Bobcats 2013 season finale versus UMass as he scored a pair of touchdowns on interception returns.

Following the season, Ohio received six spots on the 2013 MAC All-Conference squad. Carrie and teammate Devin Bass headlined the list of honorees from Ohio as they were selected All-MAC First Team as a punt returner and kick returner, respectively. Bass also earned All-MAC Second Team honors as a cornerback, while Carrie would go on to earn All-League Third Team honors as a cornerback.

Foster and redshirt sophomore kicker Josiah Yazdani would also earn All-MAC Second Team honors.

Yazdani earned the 'Cats starting job midway through the year then proceeded to connect on all 12 of his field goal attempts. Foster finished the year with 858 receiving yards and six touchdowns to earn the All-League bid.

Despite not earning All-MAC honors, Tettleton also posted a strong 2013 campaign as he surpassed 2,500 yards passing for the third-consecutive season.

True freshman Tarell Basham also made an immediate impact as he led all MAC freshmen with 6.5 sacks. His 6.5 sacks were also a team-best. ■

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OFFENSE

F-WR	87	Landon Smith (Rs-Fr., 6-0, 185)
	7	Daz' Patterson (So., 5-7, 185)
	12	Jordan Reid (Rs-Fr., 6-3, 200)
X-WR	3	Donté Foster (Rs-Sr., 6-1.5, 200)
	6	Sebastian Smith (Rs-Fr., 6-3, 190)
Z-WR	8	Chase Cochran (Rs-Jr., 6-2)
	19	Mario Dovell (Rs-Sr., 6-0, 205)
LT	74	John Prior (Rs-Sr., 6-6, 300)
	75	Mike McQueen (Rs-So., 6-6, 300)
LG	67	Mike Lucas (Rs-So., 6-4, 311)
	58	Seth Everhart (Rs-So., 6-4, 311)
C	54	Lucas Powell (Rs-So., 6-3, 295)
	52	Mark Smith (Rs-Jr., 6-4, 285)
RG	66	Jon Lechner (Rs-Sr., 6-6, 315)
	57	Durrell Wood (Fr., 6-3, 344)
RT	60	Ryan McGrath (Rs-Sr., 6-6.5, 300)
	79	Troy Watson (Rs-Fr., 6-6, 290)
TE	11	Troy Hill (Rs-Sr., 6-5, 245)
	82	Troy Mangen (Fr., 6-5, 252)
QB	4	Tyler Tettleton (Rs-Sr., 6-0, 207)
	15	Derrius Vick (Rs-So., 6-1, 200)
TB	22	Beau Blankenship (Rs-Sr., 5-9, 206)
	20	Ryan Boykin (Rs-Sr., 6-1, 225)

DEFENSE

DE	93	Tarell Basham (Fr., 6-4, 250)
	96	Kendric Smith (Rs-Jr., 6-3, 260)
NG	91	Antwan Crutcher (Jr., 6-2, 300)
	34	Watson Tautuiaki (So., 6-2, 290)
DT	94	Cameron McLeod (Jr., 6-5, 285)
	95	Brandon Purdum (Rs-So., 6-3, 275)
	98	Tony Davis (Jr., 6-3, 285)
DE	99	Kurt Laseak (Rs-Fr., 6-4, 242)
	44	Casey Sayles (Fr., 6-3, 263)
WLB	38	Keith Moore (Rs-Sr., 6-0, 220)
	21	Brandon Atwell (Rs-Jr., 6-2, 226)
MLB	36	Ben Russell (Rs-So., 6-1, 230)
	33	Blair Brown (Rs-Fr., 6-0, 220)
SLB	51	Javon Johnson (Rs-So., 6-0, 224)
	40	Nieco Teipel (Rs-Sr., 6-1.5, 230)
	35	Nathan Carpenter (Rs-Jr., 5-9, 200)
	13	Devin Jones (Rs-So., 6-1, 208)
CB	37	Devin Bass (Rs-So., 5-9, 185)
	41	Ian Wells (Rs-So., 5-11.5, 195)
CB	18	Travis Carrie (Rs-Sr., 5-11.5, 212)
	13	Devin Jones (Rs-So., 6-1, 208)
SS	23	Xavier Hughes (Rs-Sr., 6-1, 172)
	9	Josh Kristoff (Rs-Jr., 6-0, 200)
	27	Aaron Macer (Rs-So., 6-0, 195)
FS	9	Josh Kristoff (Rs-Jr., 6-0, 200)
	25	Thad Ingol (Rs-Jr., 6-0, 215)
	24	Toran Davis (Rs-Fr., 6-0)

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	46	Matt Green (R-So., 6-1, 223)
	48	Grant Venham (R-So., 6-3, 210)
PK	39	Josiah Yazdani (R-So., 5-10)
	46	Matt Green (R-So., 6-1, 223)
KO	39	Josiah Yazdani (R-So., 5-10)
	46	Matt Green (R-So., 6-1, 223)
LS-P	47	Miles Chapman (R-So., 6-1, 210)
	35	Nathan Carpenter (R-Jr., 5-9, 200)
LS-FG	47	Miles Chapman (R-So., 6-1, 210)
	58	Seth Everhart (Rs-So., 6-4, 311)
H	48	Grant Venham (R-So., 6-3, 210)
	80	Matt Waters (R-Sr., 6-0, 201)
KR	37	Devin Bass (R-So., 5-9, 185)
	35	Nathan Carpenter (R-Jr., 5-9, 200)
PR	18	Travis Carrie (R-Sr., 5-11.5, 212)
	37	Devin Bass (R-So., 5-9, 185)

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