

Forty Former Nittany Lions on NFL Training Camp Rosters  
Former Penn Staters on 25 NFL teams; Six former Lions on NFL coaching staffs

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; July 31, 2018 – A total of 40 Penn State football alumni – the most since 2012 - are populating the training camp rosters of 25 National Football League teams. The Nittany Lions annually are among the top 20 programs nationally in producing players in the NFL. In addition, five former Nittany Lions are members of NFL coaching staffs and two former non-football student-athletes are on rosters.

The last time Penn State had 40 or more alums on NFL rosters was in 2012 when 41 entered NFL training camps.

A fifth of the former Nittany Lions are on the Pittsburgh Steelers and Miami Dolphins, which boast a league-high four Penn Staters each. The Dolphins feature the returning trio of 10th-year defensive end Cameron Wake, linebacker Mike Hull and cornerback Jordan Lucas, as well as rookie tight end Mike Gesicki, who selected with the 42nd overall pick of the 2018 Draft. The Steelers also feature a former Penn State tight end with fourth-year vet Jesse James, who is joined in Latrobe this summer by safety Malik Golden and rookies Marcus Allen (safety) and Parker Cothren (defensive tackle).

The New York Giants have three Penn Staters – all rookies – on their camp roster, as No. 2 overall draft pick Saquon Barkley (running back) will be joined by undrafted free agents Grant Haley (cornerback) and Tyrell Chavis (defensive tackle).

A total of 14 players from Penn State's 2017 Fiesta Bowl-winning squad are vying to make NFL teams. In addition to Allen, Barkley, Chavis, Cothran, Gesicki, Haley, Christian Campbell (Arizona Cardinals), Tyler Davis (Buffalo Bills), Brendan Mahon (Carolina Panthers), DaeSean Hamilton (Denver Broncos), Curtis Cothran (Minnesota Vikings), Saeed Blacknall and Jason Cabinda (Oakland Raiders), and Troy Apke (Washington Redskins) are in training camps.

Six teams - Chicago Bears, Los Angeles Rams, Oakland Raiders, San Francisco 49ers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Tennessee Titans – each have two PSU alums. Fourth-year safety Adrian Amos enters Bears camp following a breakout campaign in 2017 and is now joined by former Jaguars wide receiver Allen Robinson, who is coming off an ACL injury suffered in last season's opening week. Fourteen-year veteran and San Francisco All-Pro placekicker Robbie Gould is Penn State's elder statesman in the NFL.

In the NFC East, Pro Bowl linebacker Sean Lee returns for his ninth season with the Dallas Cowboys, while sixth-year offensive lineman Stefen Wisniewski is looking to help the Philadelphia Eagles defend their Super Bowl title.

Former Penn State men's lacrosse player Chris Hogan also appeared in the most recent Super Bowl and is returning to the Patriots for his sixth season in the NFL. Additionally, former men's basketball player Ross Travis is with the Indianapolis Colts for his third NFL season.

Additionally, six former Nittany Lions are members of NFL coaching staffs: Tom Bradley (Pittsburgh, defensive backs); Gary Brown (Dallas, running backs); Bobby Engram (Baltimore, wide receivers); Al Golden (Detroit, linebackers); D'Anton Lynn (Houston, assistant defensive backs) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Mike Munchak (Pittsburgh, offensive line).

A total of 350 Nittany Lions have been selected all-time in the NFL Draft, which ranks seventh among Division I institutions, including 37 in the first round. The Nittany Lions have had at least three players drafted six of the last seven years. The six selections in April were the most since 2010 when six Nittany Lions were chosen.

Penn State has had at least one representative in 47 of 52 Super Bowls and 107 appearances overall, which is fifth among FBS institutions. Forty Nittany Lions have claimed 57 Super Bowl rings.

The Nittany Lions' home schedule features five Big Ten Conference games, including visits from 2017 Big Ten Championship Game participants Ohio State and Wisconsin. The Nittany Lions open the season at home against Appalachian State (Sept. 1; 3:30 p.m.) and host Kent State (Sept. 15; noon) in non-conference action. In Big Ten play, Penn State welcomes Ohio State (Sept. 29), Michigan State (Oct. 13; 3:30/4 p.m.), Iowa (Oct. 27), Wisconsin (Nov. 10) and Maryland (Nov. 24) to Happy Valley. More than 6,300 new season tickets have been sold for the 2018 season presented by PSECU. The public single game sale takes place beginning June 26. For information on joining the Nittany Lion Club, as well as club seating in Beaver Stadium, fans can visit [www.NittanyLionClub.com](http://www.NittanyLionClub.com), call 1-800-NITTANY weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or visit the Bryce Jordan Center ticket office weekdays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Former Penn State players on 2018 NFL training camp rosters (pro season in parentheses):

Arizona Cardinals (2): Christian Campbell (R), A.Q. Shipley (7)  
Atlanta Falcons (1): Jack Crawford (7)  
Buffalo Bills (1): Tyler Davis (R)  
Carolina Panthers (1): Brendan Mahon (R)  
Chicago Bears (2): Adrian Amos (4), Allen Robinson II (5)  
Cincinnati Bengals (1): Brandon Bell (2)  
Cleveland Browns (1): Carl Nassib (3)  
Dallas Cowboys (1): Sean Lee (9)  
Denver Broncos (1): DaeSean Hamilton (R)  
Detroit Lions (1): Anthony Zettel (3)  
Indianapolis Colts: Ross Travis (3; former MBB player)  
Kansas City Chiefs (1): Matt McGloin (5)  
Los Angeles Chargers (1): Trevor Williams (3)  
Los Angeles Rams (2): Sam Ficken (1), Garrett Sickels (1)  
Miami Dolphins (4): Mike Gesicki (R), Mike Hull (4), Jordan Lucas (3), Cameron Wake (10)  
Minnesota Vikings (1): Curtis Cothran (R)  
New England Patriots: Chris Hogan (6; former MLAX player)  
New Orleans Saints (1): Nate Stupar (6)  
New York Giants (3): Saquon Barkley (R), Tyrell Chavis (R), Grant Haley (R)  
Oakland Raiders (2): Saeed Blacknall (R), Jason Cabinda (R)  
Philadelphia Eagles (1): Stefen Wisniewski (6)  
Pittsburgh Steelers (4): Marcus Allen (R), Parker Cothren (R), Malik Golden (1), Jesse James (4)  
San Francisco 49ers (2): Garry Gilliam (5), Robbie Gould (14)  
Seattle Seahawks (1): Kyle Carter (2)  
Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2): Chris Godwin (2), Donovan Smith (4)  
Tennessee Titans (2): Austin Johnson (3), DaQuan Jones (5)  
Washington Redskins (1): Troy Apke (R)

## MSOC Announces 2018 Schedule Time and Date Changes

Updates to the 2018 Nittany Lion schedule include two road date changes and two home time changes.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. – The Penn State men’s soccer team has adjusted elements of its 2018 schedule in four games spread across the months of September and October.

The Nittany Lions’ match with Villanova at Talen Energy Stadium has been moved to Friday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. ET. On Wednesday, Sept. 26, the team will face Michigan State an hour earlier, at 6 p.m. ET, within the friendly confines of Jeffrey Field.

The Nittany Lions Oct. 14 match-up at Jeffery Field between Penn State and Big Ten foe Wisconsin has been moved up an hour to noon ET. The team will play their final road match of the regular season in College Park, Md., facing the Terps on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. ET.

Penn State men’s soccer opens the 2018 slate on Friday, Aug. 24 against UCF at 7 p.m. at Jeffrey Field.

Times and dates for all matches are subject to change. For the most up-to-date schedule information for Penn State men’s soccer, please follow visit [GoPSUsports.com](http://GoPSUsports.com) or on Twitter at [@PennStateMSOC](https://twitter.com/PennStateMSOC) and on Facebook at Penn State Men’s Soccer

## Purdue Fort Wayne Men's Basketball Team Ready to Study Abroad

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—The Purdue University Fort Wayne men’s basketball team is busy preparing for a study abroad trip to Italy next month. Team members have spent the past four years raising money and the past few months learning as much as they can for the trip. They will be in Italy from August 6 through August 16.

“We have been fundraising for the past four years to provide this unique opportunity overseas that will be 100% donor funded,” says Jon Coffman, head men’s basketball coach. “We are extremely grateful to everyone who has given time and donations to make this trip and class possible.”

Student-athletes are required to do a research project on the topic of Italian law and leadership, keep a daily journal throughout the trip, give an oral presentation about a specific assigned Italian landmark while they are on the trip and take three tests.

“We have also been educating them in the classroom,” says Kimberly O’Connor, associate professor of organizational leadership. “Throughout the summer, the team has been learning about Italian culture, etiquette, history, language, architecture, art, religion, business, and more. Several guest lecturers have also shared their expertise with the students on a variety of topics related to this study abroad.”

Carolyn Stumph, director of MBA programs, says several faculty members have been essential in preparing the team for the trip. “In sharing their passion for the subject, Steven Cody, assistant professor of art history, Jeffrey Casazza, associate professor of theatre, and Suzanne LaVere, associate professor of history, have given the students a scholarly appreciation for what they will see in Italy.”

The student-athletes are ready to experience first-hand everything they have been learning about in class.

“I’ve enjoyed studying about Italy prior to our trip and now I’m excited to see everything that we have

been discussing,” says Matt Holba (junior, finance). “I am extremely grateful for this opportunity.”

Coach Coffman says he decided very early in the planning process that this trip would be about more than playing basketball in another country. “I wanted our group to connect through a unique experience and also educate them on another part of the world. Our student-athletes will be well versed about Italy before we ever step foot overseas and I believe that this will provide them with the tools to truly enjoy and learn from their trip.”

Athletic director Kelley Hartley-Hutton says study abroad trips offer a tremendous opportunity to all students. “Some of our students have never and might never again travel overseas to experience another culture. We are grateful for the collaboration with our outstanding faculty and international services staff – people who believe in these rare educational experiences.”

The student-athletes will also be playing some basketball on the trip, which coach Coffman says is also a learning experience. “As a team, we will also gain the experience of playing games against foreign competition and learning about international basketball rules.”

“We have a lot of basketball alumni playing overseas and you hear the different stories about Europe from them when they come back to campus,” says Matt Weir (sophomore, business). “I’m excited to experience it myself and I’m looking forward to the great team building experience as well.”