



# GAME NOTES

4.21.18  
7 P.M.  
WELLS FARGO CENTER  
GAME #2  
AWAY GAME #1

The Brigade (1-0) will take on the defending-champion Soul (1-0) this Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, Pa. The game represents both the first road game of the season for the Brigade and a rematch of last season's AFL semifinals. Baltimore looks to build on their Week 1 win over the Washington Valor while Philadelphia looks to do the same after defeating Albany last weekend.

**BRIGADE PLAYER TO WATCH:** QB Randy Hippeard— The 2017 AFL MMVP and Week 1 Offensive Player of the Week is coming off a seven-score game against the Valor. Hippeard led the Brigade offense to a score on every possession in their season opener, including a 31-yarder to wide receiver and longtime teammate Kendrick Ings on the game's opening possession. Hippeard, notched a pair of scores on the ground in addition to his five passing TDs. Hippeard faced off with the Soul four times last season, recording 290+ yards and six TDs in two of those matchups.

**SOUL PLAYER TO WATCH:** QB Dan Raudabaugh – The Philly signal-caller threw for 236 yards and six TDs against the Empire in Week 1. Raudabaugh has led Philadelphia to six-straight wins, dating back to last season, including Philadelphia's second-consecutive ArenaBowl title.

**MATCHUP TO WATCH:** Brigade DBs vs. Soul WRs – Baltimore's defensive backfield put on a strong showing in Week 1, led by Defensive Player of the Game Joe Powell, who registered five tackles and a fumble recovery. Fred Obi, a three-year AFL vet, tallied 5.5 tackles and a pass break-up. The Brigade DBs will be tasked with stopping a talented Soul receiving corps, which includes Darius Prince, who caught 12 passes for 112 yards and three TDs in Philly's Week 1 win. Darius Reynolds and Shawn Kauleinamoku combined for nine receptions, 111 yards and three TDs.

**BALTIMORE BRIGADE (1-0)**  
VS.  
**PHILADELPHIA SOUL (1-0)**

## 2018 STAT LEADERS

BALTIMORE					PHILADELPHIA				
<b>PASSING</b>					<b>PASSING</b>				
NAME	C/A	YDS	TD		NAME	C/A	YDS	TD	
Hippeard	22/31	240	5		Raudabaugh	22/37	236	6	
<b>RECEIVING</b>					<b>RECEIVING</b>				
NAME	REC.	YDS	TD		NAME	REC.	YDS	TD	
Collins	6	57	1		Prince	12	112	3	
Williams	5	46	1		Reynolds	6	70	1	
Sims	5	43	1		Kauleinam...	3	41	2	
Thompkins	4	61	1		Wascha	1	13	0	
Ings	1	31	1						
<b>RUSHING</b>					<b>RUSHING</b>				
NAME	ATT.	YDS	TD		NAME	ATT.	YDS	TD	
Nixon	6	26	1		Richardson	7	-2	1	
Brown	1	6	1		Raudabaugh	3	-6	0	
Hippeard	3	6	2						
<b>DEFENSE</b>					<b>DEFENSE</b>				
NAME	TOT	SCK	INT		NAME	TOT	SCK	INT	
Obi	5.5	0	0		Wascha	6.0	0	0	
Powell	5	0	0		Hollis	5.5	0	0	
Gray	3	0	0		Jones	5.5	0	1	
					Goosby	2.5	0	0	
					Romain	1.5	0	1	

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	REC	HOME	AWAY	+/-	WEEK	DATE	OPP.	TIME	TV/RESULT
PHI	1-0	0-0	1-0	+21	1	4/13	WAS	7 p.m.	W, 61-56
BAL	1-0	1-0	0-0	+5	2	4/21	@ PHI	7 p.m.	CBSSN
WAS	0-1	0-0	0-1	-5	3	4/28	ALB	3 p.m.	MSN
ALB	0-1	0-1	0-0	-21	4	5/4	PHI	7 p.m.	MSN

## 2018 BRIGADE SCHEDULE

5	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
6	5/19	@ WAS	3 p.m.	CBSSN
7	5/25	PHI	7 p.m.	MSN
8	6/2	@ ALB	7 p.m.	MSN
9	6/9	@ ALB	7 p.m.	CBSSN
10	6/15	WAS	7 p.m.	CBSSN
11	6/23	ALB	7:30 p.m.	CBSSN
12	6/30	@ PHI	7 p.m.	MSN
13	7/7	@ WAS	3 p.m.	MSN

## NOTABLES

### HIPPEARD MAKES IMMEDIATE IMPACT

QB Randy Hippeard, who signed with the Brigade this offseason, led the way for BAL in his first game with the team. The Brigade jumped out to an early 14-point lead on the Valor thanks to two Hippeard touchdowns. Hippeard found former Tampa Bay teammate Kendrick Ings for a 31-yard touchdown on the game's opening possession. Hippeard tallied his first rushing touchdown of the season on the team's second possession.

### BALANCED ATTACK

All five of Hippeard's passing touchdowns in the team's Week 1 win went a different receiver. Brandon Collins, Milton Williams, Quentin Sims, Brandon Thompkins and Kendrick Ings all found the end zone through the air.

### NINE-FOR-NINE

BAL scored on all nine of their offensive possessions in their Week 1 win over Washington, excluding the final possession of the game, allowing the clock to run out.

### RUSHING RECORD

BAL's four team rushing touchdowns set a team record for single-game rushing touchdowns, breaking a previous record of two, which was set six times last season.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Obi.....oh-BEE  
Hippeard.....HIP-erd  
LaFrance.....Luh-FRANCE  
Monte.....mon-TAY

## OFFICIALS

REFEREE.....Dave Cutaia  
UMPIRE.....Rick Lowe  
HEAD LINESMAN.....Matt Kukar  
LINE JUDGE.....Paul Engelberts  
BACK JUDGE.....Bradley Brunet

# BRIGADE ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	POS.	PLAYER	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	AFL EXP.	COLLEGE
44	OL	Rodney Austin	6'4	310	12/4/1988	R	Elon
6	DB	Willie Bailey	6'2	185	4/30/1993	R	Florida
8	QB	Shane Boyd	6'1	220	9/18/1982	8	Kentucky
11	WR	Lamark Brown	6'4	225	7/5/1989	3	Minnesota State
17	WR	Brandon Collins	6'1	180	4/21/1989	3	Texas
4	DB	Virgil Gray	5'10	185	3/7/1984	6	Rhode Island
12	QB	Randy Hippeard	6'3	230	12/6/1985	5	Virginia Wise
7	WR	Kendrick Ings	5'10	180	6/17/1990	3	N/A
55	LB	Dexter Jackson	6'2	285	3/19/1988	8	Bethune Cookman
48	DL	Royce Lafrance	6'3	275	7/17/1993	R	Tulane
99	DL	Justin Lawrence	6'2	305	6/19/1987	6	Morgan State
19	K	Mark Lewis	5'9	200	3/25/1979	13	Florida International
90	DL	Monte Lewis	6'4	260	10/14/1988	2	Jacksonville State
63	OL	Jordan McCray	6'3	315	5/31/1992	2	Central Florida
50	OL	Raymond McNeil	6'2	340	10/14/1984	7	Fort Valley State
23	FB	Rory Nixon	6'1	305	9/10/1991	4	St. Augustine
2	DB	Fred Obi	6'1	190	9/7/1990	3	San Diego
1	DB	Joe Powell	6'1	210	2/25/1994	1	Globe Tech
75	OL	Kyron Samuels	6'2	330	4/20/1994	R	Jacksonville State
18	WR	Quentin Sims	6'3	210	7/11/1990	3	Tennessee Martin
67	DL	Terrance Taylor	6'1	305	5/14/1986	7	Michigan
14	WR	Brandon Thompkins	5'10	195	10/9/1987	7	Arkansas State
60	OL	Jeremiah Warren	6'3	320	9/20/1987	1	South Florida
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# DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

## DEFENSE

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>QB</b>	12	Hippeard	8	Boyd	<b>DE</b>	67	Taylor	90	Mo. Lewis	<b>K</b>	19	Ma. Lewis
<b>FB</b>	23	Nixon	75	Samuels	<b>NG</b>	99	Lawrence	67	Taylor	<b>H</b>	8	Boyd
<b>C</b>	50	McNeil	75	Samuels	<b>DE</b>	48	LaFrance	90	Mo. Lewis	<b>LS</b>	60	Warren
<b>G</b>	60	Warren	44	Austin	<b>LB</b>	55	Jackson	90	Mo. Lewis	<b>KR</b>	14	Thompkins
<b>TE</b>	63	McCray	44	Austin	<b>LB</b>	11	Brown	90	Mo. Lewis			
<b>WR</b>	18	Sims	84	Williams	<b>DB</b>	2	Obi	6	Bailey			
<b>WR</b>	14	Thompkins	7	Ings	<b>DB</b>	1	Powell	6	Bailey			
<b>WR</b>	17	Collins	7	Ings	<b>DB</b>	4	Gray	6	Bailey			

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## PLAYER BIOS

FULL BIOS, CAREER STATS AND INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE MEDIA GUIDE

## 4.4 RODNEY AUSTIN

POS: OL // H: 6-4 // W: 310 // DOB: 12/4/1988 // College: Elon // AFL EXP: R

## 6 WILLIE BAILEY

POS: DB // H: 6-2 // W: 185 // DOB: 4/30/1993 // College: Florida // AFL EXP: R

### 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	WAS	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....	1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)
AST.....	2 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)
TOT.....	2 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)
SACK.....	N/A
PBU.....	N/A
INT.....	N/A
TD.....	N/A

#### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....	1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)
AST.....	2 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)
TOT.....	2 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)
SACK.....	N/A
PBU.....	N/A
INT.....	N/A
TD.....	N/A

# 8 SHANE BOYD

POS: QB // H: 6-1 // W: 220 // DOB: 9/18/1982 // College: Kentucky // AFL EXP: 8

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	PASSING							RUSHING		
		COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT	RAT	ATT	YDS	TD
1	WAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

COMP.....N/A  
 ATT.....N/A  
 %.....N/A  
 PASS YDS.....N/A  
 PASS TD.....N/A  
 INT.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

COMP.....29 (4/12/14 at IA)  
 ATT.....42 (7/27/13 at JAX)  
 %.....70.7 (4/12/14 at IA)  
 PASS YDS.....387 (4/12/14 at IA)  
 PASS TD.....7 (3x)  
 INT.....4 (6/20/14 at SPO)

# 11 LAMARK BROWN

POS: WR // H: 6-4 // W: 225 // DOB: 7/5/1989 // College: Minnesota State // AFL EXP: 3

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	RECEIVING			RUSHING		
		REC	YDS	TD	ATT	YDS	TD
1	WAS	-	-	-	1	6	1
<b>CAREER</b>		-	-	-	1	6	1

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....N/A  
 REC YDS.....N/A  
 REC TDS.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

REC.....11 (2x)  
 REC YDS.....142 (4/22/17 vs. CLE)  
 REC TDS.....3 (5/7/17 at BAL)

# 17 BRANDON COLLINS

POS: WR // H: 6-0 // W: 180 // DOB: 4/21/1989 // College: Texas // AFL EXP: 3

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	REC	YDS	TD
1	WAS	6	57	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		6	57	1

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....6 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 REC YDS.....57 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 REC TDS.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

REC.....11 (2x)  
 REC YDS.....142 (4/22/17 vs. CLE)  
 REC TDS.....3 (5/7/17 at BAL)

# 4 VIRGIL GRAY

POS: DB // H: 5-10 // W: 185 // DOB: 3/7/1984 // College: Rhode Island // AFL EXP: 6

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	WAS	3	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....3 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 AST.....N/A  
 TOT.....3 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....10 (2x)  
 AST.....7 (8/12/11 vs. JAX)  
 TOT.....11 (5/19/12 at UTA)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....8 (7/26/14 vs. PHI)  
 INT.....3 (3x)  
 TD.....2 (7/27/13 at IA)

# 12 RANDY HIPPEARD

POS: QB // H: 6-3 // W: 230 // DOB: 12/6/1985 // College: Virginia Wise // AFL EXP: 5

## 2018 GAME LOG

### PASSING

### RUSHING

WEEK	OPP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT	ATT	YDS	TD
1	WAS	22	31	.709	240	5	0	3	6	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>.709</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

COMP.....22 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 ATT.....31 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 %.....70.9 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 PASS YDS.....240 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 PASS TD.....5 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 INT.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

COMP.....37 (4/22/17 vs. CLE)  
 ATT.....51 (7/8/17 at CLE)  
 %.....89.7 (4/18/15 at ORL)  
 PASS YDS.....397 (4/25/15 at SPO)  
 PASS TD.....9 (2x)  
 INT.....4 (3/21/14 at SA)

# 7 KENDRICK INGS

POS: WR // H: 5-10 // W: 180 // DOB: 6/17/1990 // College: N/A // AFL EXP: 3

## 2018 GAME LOG

### RECEIVING

### RETURNING

WEEK	OPP	REC	YDS	TD	RET	YDS	TD
1	WAS	1	31	1	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 REC YDS.....31 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 REC TDS.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

REC.....12 (4/24/15 at CLE)  
 REC YDS.....172 (4/24/15 at CLE)  
 REC TDS.....3 (3x)

# 55 DEXTER JACKSON

POS: LB // H: 6-2 // W: 285 // DOB: 3/19/1988 // College: Bethune Cookman // AFL EXP: 8

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	WAS	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....N/A  
 AST.....2 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 TOT.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....N/A  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....4 (5/26/11 vs. MIL)  
 AST.....4 (4/15/17 vs. PHI)  
 TOT.....4 (5/26/11 vs. MIL)  
 SACK.....2 (5/26/11 vs. MIL)  
 PBU.....1 (7x)  
 INT.....1 (3/28/11 at MIL)  
 TD.....N/A

# 4.8 ROYCE LAFRANCE

POS: DL // H: 6-3 // W: 275 // DOB: 7/17/1993 // College: Tulane // AFL EXP: R

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	WAS	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 AST.....N/A  
 TOT.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....N/A  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 AST.....N/A  
 TOT.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....N/A  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

# 99 JUSTIN LAWRENCE

POS: DL // H: 6-2 // W: 305 // DOB: 6/19/1987 // College: Morgan State // AFL EXP: 6

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	WAS	-	1	.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		-	1	.5	-	-	-	-	-	-

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....N/A  
 AST.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 TOT.....0.5 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....N/A  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....4 (2x)  
 AST.....3 (3x)  
 TOT.....4.5 (6/16/12 at PIT)  
 SACK.....2 (7/15/17 vs. WAS)  
 PBU.....2 (5/14/11 at UTA)  
 INT.....1 (7/15/11 at IA)  
 TD.....1 (7/15/11 at IA)

# 19 MARK LEWIS

POS: K // H: 5-9 // W: 200 // DOB: 3/25/1979 // College: Florida International // AFL EXP: 13

## CAREER STATS

WEEK	OPP	FGM	FGA	FG%	XPM	XPA	XP%
1	WAS	-	-	-	7	9	.777
<b>TOTAL</b>		-	-	-	7	9	.777

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

FGM.....N/A  
 FGA.....N/A  
 XPM.....7 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 XPA.....9 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

FGM.....4 (Week 14, 2006 vs. AUS)  
 FGA.....5 (Week 16, 2006 vs. SJ)  
 XPM.....11 (2x)  
 XPA.....12 (2x)

# 90 MONTE LEWIS

POS: DL // H: 6-4 // W: 260 // DOB: 10/14/1988 // College: Jacksonville State // AFL EXP: 2

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	WAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....N/A  
 AST.....N/A  
 TOT.....N/A  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....N/A  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....4 (8/26/17 at PHI)  
 AST.....3 (7/30/16 vs. PHI)  
 TOT.....4 (8/26/17 at PHI)  
 SACK.....3 (5/20/17 vs. WAS)  
 PBU.....1 (2x)  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

# 63 JORDAN MCCRAY

POS: OL // H: 6-3 // W: 315 // DOB: 5/31/1992 // College: Central Florida // AFL EXP: 2

# 50 RAYMOND MCNEIL

POS: OL // H: 6-2 // W: 340 // DOB: 10/14/1984 // College: Fort Valley State // AFL EXP: 7



# 23 RORY NIXON

POS: FB // H: 6-1 // W: 305 // DOB: 9/10/1991 // College: St. Augustine // AFL EXP: 4

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WEEK	OPP	RECEIVING			RUSHING		
		REC	YDS	TD	ATT	YDS	TD
1	WAS	-	-	-	6	27	1
<b>CAREER</b>		-	-	-	6	27	1

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....N/A  
 REC YDS.....N/A  
 REC TDS.....N/A  
 RUSH ATT.....6 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 RUSH YDS.....27 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 RUSH TD.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

REC.....3 (4x)  
 REC YDS.....41 (7/16/16 vs. CLE)  
 REC TD.....1 (7x)  
 RUSH ATT.....7 (2x)  
 RUSH YDS.....27 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 RUSH TD.....3 (8/7/16 vs. CLE)

# 2 FRED OBI

POS: DB // H: 6-1 // W: 190 // DOB: 9/7/1990 // College: San Diego // AFL EXP: 3

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	WAS	4	3	5.5	-	1	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		4	3	5.5	-	1	-	-	-	-

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....4 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 AST.....3 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 TOT.....5.5 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....11 (2x)  
 AST.....3 (6x)  
 TOT.....11 (3x)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....3 (3x)  
 INT.....2 (6/21/15 at LV)  
 TD.....1 (2x)

# 1 JOE POWELL

POS: DB // H: 6-1 // W: 210 // DOB: 2/25/1994 // College: Globe Tech // AFL EXP: 1

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	WAS	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		5	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	-

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....5 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 AST.....N/A  
 TOT.....5 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....N/A  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....7 (4/29/16 vs. ORL)  
 AST.....8 (5/23/16 at TB)  
 TOT.....9 (4/29/16 vs. ORL)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....2 (2x)  
 INT.....2 (2x)  
 TD.....1 (4/1/16 vs. PHI)

# 75 KYRON SAMUELS

POS: OL // H: 6-2 // W: 330 // DOB: 4/20/1994 // College: Jacksonville State // AFL EXP: R

# 18 QUENTIN SIMS

POS: WR // H: 6-3 // W: 210 // DOB: 7/11/1990 // College: Tennessee Martin // AFL EXP: 3

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	REC	YDS	TD
1	WAS	5	43	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....5 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 REC YDS.....43 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 REC TDS.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

REC.....14 (2x)  
 REC YDS.....205 (4/22/17 at TB)  
 REC TDS.....5 (x4)

# 67 TERRANCE TAYLOR

POS: DL // H: 6-1 // W: 305 // 5/14/1986 // College: Michigan // AFL EXP: 7

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	WAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....N/A  
 AST.....N/A  
 TOT.....N/A  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....N/A  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....3 (3x)  
 AST.....3 (5x)  
 TOT.....4.5 (7/19/13 vs. SA)  
 SACK.....3 (7/19/13 vs. SA)  
 PBU.....1 (6x)  
 INT.....1 (2x)  
 TD.....1 (7/26/13 vs. PIT)

# 14 BRANDON THOMPKINS

POS: WR // H: 5-10 // W: 195 // DOB: 10/9/1987 // College: Arkansas State // AFL EXP: 7

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	RECEIVING			RETURNING		
		REC	YDS	TD	RET	YDS	TD
1	WAS	4	61	1	5	149	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....4 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 REC YDS.....61 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
 REC TDS.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

REC.....13 (5/21/16 at PHI)  
 REC YDS.....184 (8/10/13 at AZ)  
 REC TDS.....7 (5/5/12 at UTA)

# 60 JEREMIAH WARREN

POS: OL // H: 6-3 // W: 320 // DOB: 9/20/1987 // College: South Florida // AFL EXP: 1

# 84 MILTON WILLIAMS

POS: WR // H: 6-3 // W: 215 // DOB: 3/7/1994 // College: Delaware State // AFL EXP: 1

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	REC	YDS	TD
1	WAS	5	46	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....5 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
REC YDS.....46 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)  
REC TDS.....1 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

REC.....7 (2x)  
REC YDS.....90 (5/27/17 vs. CLE)  
REC TDS.....3 (5/27/17 vs. CLE)

# COACHING STAFF

## OMARR SMITH HEAD COACH

Smith is one of the most successful players and coaches in AFL history, earning a combined seven AFL championships. Named to the Arena Football Hall of Fame for his storied playing career, Smith enters his second season as the Brigade's head coach. Baltimore qualified for the playoffs in the team's inaugural season, falling to the eventual-champion Philadelphia Soul in the semifinals. Prior to joining the Brigade coaching staff, Smith spent one season (2016) as the head coach of the LA KISS, earning a home playoff appearance after finishing second in the National Conference. As an assistant coach, Smith won an ArenaBowl title with the Arizona Rattlers in 2012 and 2013 and the San Jose SaberCats in 2015. Smith won Assistant Coach of the Year in 2013 with the Arizona Rattlers as the team's defensive coordinator. In 2012 and 2013, the Rattlers won consecutive ArenaBowl Championships with a defense ranked second in points allowed per game every season Smith led the defensive unit.

During his nine-year playing career, Smith won four ArenaBowl titles (2002, 2003, 2004, 2007) and finished his career with 35 interceptions, 88 pass break-ups and eight defensive touchdowns. The Torrance, California native graduated from San Jose State University and is tied for second on the school's career interceptions list with 13. The Torrance, Calif., native graduated from San Jose State University and is ranked second on the school's list in career interceptions (13).

AS A COACH...

YEAR	TEAM	REGULAR SEASON				POSTSEASON			
		WON	LOST	%	FINISH	WON	LOST	%	RESULT
2016	LA	7	9	.438	2nd in NC	0	1	.000	Lost to CLE in Conference Semifinals
2017	BAL	4	10	.286	4th in AFL	0	1	.000	Lost to PHI in AFL Semifinals
2018	BAL	1	0	1.00	3rd in AFL				
CAREER		12	19	.387		0	2	.000	

## WALT HOUSMAN ASSISTANT HEAD COACH

Housman returns as assistant head coach and has over 16 years of coaching experience in the AFL, including last season with the Brigade. Housman spent the 2016 season alongside Smith in Los Angeles. In 2006, he served as defensive coordinator for the ArenaBowl-champion Chicago Rush. Before moving to the sidelines, Housman played for the AFL's New York Knights, Denver Dynamite and New Orleans Night.

## CEDRIC WALKER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Walker, who will lead the defense as defensive coordinator, boasts nearly 20 years of arena football experience, including ten years as a player (Charlotte, Orlando, Arizona, Albany, Chicago, Austin, Las Vegas) and nine as a coach (Bakersfield, Everett, Tri-Cities, Green Bay, Milwaukee, San Jose), including the last six seasons of his coaching career as a defensive coordinator. Walker won ArenaBowl XXVIII as defensive coordinator of the San Jose SaberCats in 2015 and ArenaBowl XI as a player with the Arizona Rattlers in 1997.

## JAMES ROE OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Roe enters his second seasons as the Brigade's offensive coordinator. During his playing career, Roe won three ArenaBowl titles (2002, 2004, 2007), all with the San Jose SaberCats. He earned All-Ironman Team honors in 2003, 2004, and 2005 and was named Ironman of the Game following San Jose's ArenaBowl win in 2004. Roe spent three years as a member of the Baltimore Ravens.

## SCOTT BAILEY SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Bailey, in his second season as the Brigade's special teams coordinator, brings extensive player personnel experience to the team. He, along with Housman, helped the Chicago Rush win the ArenaBowl Championship in 2006. Bailey was later promoted as the team's assistant special teams coach. Prior to joining the Brigade, Bailey also spent time on the LA KISS coaching staff.

# TRANSACTIONS

DATE	TRANSACTION	POS.	NAME
April 19	Act. from recallable reassignment	OL	Kyron Samuels
April 19	Placing on refuse to report	FB	Mykel Benson
April 17	Have been assigned	FB	Mykel Benson
April 17	Placing on recallable reassignment	OL	Kyron Samuels
April 9	Placing on league suspension	WR	Daniel Adams
April 9	Placing on league suspension	DB	Qumain Black
April 9	Placing on league suspension	DL	Kendall Montgomery
April 9	Placing on league suspension	DL	Rykeem Yates
April 8	Have been assigned	WR	Brandon Collins
April 6	Have been assigned	DB	Willie Bailey
April 6	Placing on injured reserve	DB	Cleshawn Page
April 6	Placing on league suspension	WR	Rashaun Simonise
April 6	Placing on recallable reassignment	WR	Daniel Adams
April 6	Placing on recallable reassignment	DL	Kendall Montgomery
April 6	Placing on recallable reassignment	DL	Silverberry Mouhon
April 6	Placing on recallable reassignment	DB	Kent Richardson
April 6	Placing on recallable reassignment	DL	Rykeem Yates
April 6	Placing on reassignment	DB	Qumain Black
April 6	Placing on reassignment	DB	Corey Butler-Byrd
April 5	Activating from refuse to report	K	Mark Lewis
April 5	Placing on league suspension	OL	Zach Voytech
April 4	Placing on league suspension	DL	Miles Grooms
April 3	Have been assigned	DB	Kent Richardson
April 2	Have been assigned	DL	Silverberry Mouhon
April 2	Activating from refuse to report	WR	Quentin Sims
April 2	Placing on PUP	DB	Qumain Black
April 2	Placing on PUP	WR	Corey Butler-Byrd
April 2	Placing on recallable reassignment	DL	Miles Grooms
March 30	Have been assigned	WR	Brandon Thompkins
March 30	Have been assigned	OL	Jeremiah Warren
March 30	Activating from refuse to report	DB	Joe Powell
March 30	Placing on refuse to report	DL	Rodney Fritz
March 30	Placing on recallable reassignment	OL	Reuben Carter
March 28	Have been assigned	OL	Rodney Austin

DATE	TRANSACTION	POS.	NAME
March 28	Have been assigned	DL	Royce LaFrance
March 28	Have been assigned	WR	Rashaun Simonise
March 28	Placing on PUP	DB	Cleshawn Page
March 28	Placing on refuse to report	DB	Joe Powell
March 28	Placing on recallable reassignment	DL	Andre Monroe
March 28	Placing on reassignment	WR	Dominique Reed
March 26	Have been assigned	OL	Raymond McNeil
March 26	Have been assigned	DB	Cleshawn Page
March 26	Placing on refuse to report	K	Mark Lewis
March 26	Placing on refuse to report	WR	Dominique Reed
March 26	Placing on refuse to report	WR	Quentin Sims
March 22	Have been assigned	DL	Rodney Fritz
March 22	Have been assigned	LB	Dexter Jackson
March 22	Have been assigned	DB	Joe Powell
March 22	Have been assigned	WR	Quentin Sims
March 21	Have been assigned	DB	Virgil Gray
March 21	Have been assigned	DL	Justin Lawrence
March 21	Have been assigned	K	Mark Lewis
March 21	Have been assigned	FB	Rory Nixon
March 21	Have been assigned	WR	Dominique Reed
March 21	Have been assigned	DL	Terrance Taylor
March 20	Have been assigned	WR	Daniel Adams
March 20	Have been assigned	DB	Qumain Black
March 20	Have been assigned	QB	Shane Boyd
March 20	Have been assigned	WR	Lamark Brown
March 20	Have been assigned	WR	Corey Butler-Byrd
March 20	Have been assigned	OL	Reuben Carter
March 20	Have been assigned	DL	Miles Grooms
March 20	Have been assigned	QB	Randy Hippeard
March 20	Have been assigned	WR	Kendrick Ings
March 20	Have been assigned	DL	Monte Lewis
March 20	Have been assigned	OL	Jordan McCray
March 20	Have been assigned	DL	Andre Monroe
March 20	Have been assigned	DL	Kendall Montgomery



# 2018 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATS	BAL	OPP
SCORING	61	56
Points Per Game	61.0	56.0
Points Off Turnovers	7	0
FIRST DOWNS	20	19
Rushing	6	4
Passing	13	13
Penalty	1	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	38	31
Yards gained rushing	39	31
Yards lost rushing	1	0
Rushing Attempts	10	6
Average Per Rush	3.8	5.2
Average Per Game	38.0	31.0
TDs Rushing	4	2
PASSING YARDAGE	232	197
Comp-Att-Int	22-31-0	18-27-0
Average Per Pass	7.5	7.3
Average Per Catch	10.5	10.9
Average Per Game	232.0	197.0
TDs Passing	5	6
TOTAL OFFENSE	270	228
Total Plays	43	33
Average Per Play	6.3	6.9
Average Per Game	270.0	228.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	5-149	7-126
FG RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	29.8	18.0
FG RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	0.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	0-0	1-1
PENALTIES-Yards	7-38	3-12
Average Per Game	38.0	12.0
KICKOFFS-Yards	8-420	9-425
Average Per Kick	52.5	47.2

Net kick average	36.8	29.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/ Game	33:17	26:43
3RD-DOWN Conversions	6/9	2/3
3rd-Down Pct	67%	67%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/2	1/1
4th-Down Pct	100%	100%
SACKS BY-Yards	0-0	2-8
MISC YARDS	-4	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	9	8
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	0-0	0-0
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(6-7) 86%	(5-5) 100%
RED-ZONE TOUCH- DOWNS	(6-7) 86%	(5-5) 100%
4-point drop-kick FGs	0-0	0-0
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(7-9) 78%	(8-8) 100%
2-point drop-kick PATs	0-0	0-0
ATTENDANCE	5358	0
Games/Avg Per Game	1/5358	0/0
Neutral Site Games		0/0

## 2018 PLAYER STATS

<b>RUSHING</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Att</b>	<b>Gain</b>	<b>Loss</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Avg/G</b>
Nixon, Rory	1	6	27	1	26	4.3	1	19	26.0
Hippeard, Randy	1	3	6	0	6	2.0	2	3	6.0
Brown, Lamark	1	1	6	0	6	6.0	1	6	6.0
Total.....	1	10	39	1	38	3.8	4	19	38.0
Opponents.....	1	6	31	0	31	5.2	2	17	31.0
<b>PASSING</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Cmp-Att-Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Avg/G</b>	
Hippeard, Randy	1	133.1	22-31-0	71.0	240	5	31	240.0	
TEAM	1	39.6	0-0-0	0.0	-8	0	0	-8.0	
Total.....	1	132.0	22-31-0	71.0	232	5	31	232.0	
Opponents.....	1	127.6	18-27-0	66.7	197	6	38	197.0	
<b>RECEIVING</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Avg/G</b>		
Collins, Brandon	1	6	57	9.5	1	15	57.0		
Williams, Milton	1	5	46	9.2	1	22	46.0		
Sims, Quentin	1	5	43	8.6	1	16	43.0		



Thompkins, Brandon	1	4	61	15.2	1	28	61.0		
Ings, Kendrick	1	1	31	31.0	1	31	31.0		
McCray, Jordan	1	1	2	2.0	0	2	2.0		
Total.....	1	22	240	10.9	5	31	240.0		
Opponents.....	1	18	197	10.9	6	38	197.0		
<b>FG RETURNS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>				
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0				
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0				
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>				
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0				
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0				
<b>KICK RETURNS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>				
Thompkins, Brandon	5	149	29.8	0	52				
Total.....	5	149	29.8	0	52				
Opponents.....	7	126	18.0	0	36				
<b>FUMBLE RETURNS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>				
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0				
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0				
<b>SCORING</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>FGs</b>	<b>Kick</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Rev</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>2PT</b>	<b>Saf</b>	<b>Points</b>
Hippeard, Randy	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Lewis, Mark	0	0-0	7-9	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	7
Sims, Quentin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ings, Kendrick	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Brown, Lamark	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Nixon, Rory	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Collins, Brandon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Williams, Milton	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Thompkins, Brandon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	9	0-0	7-9	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	61
Opponents.....	8	0-0	8-8	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	56
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Plays</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Avg/G</b>			
Hippeard, Randy	1	34	6	240	246	246.0			
Nixon, Rory	1	6	26	0	26	26.0			
Brown, Lamark	1	1	6	0	6	6.0			
TEAM	1	0	0	-8	-8	-8.0			
Total.....	1	41	38	232	270	270.0			
Opponents.....	1	33	31	197	228	228.0			
<b>KICKOFFS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>OB</b>	<b>Retn</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>YdLn</b>	
Lewis, Mark	8	420	52.5	0	0				

Total.....	8	420	52.5	0	0	18.0	36.8	13	
Opponents.....	9	425	47.2	2	2	29.8	29.6	20	
<b>ALL PURPOSE</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Rcv</b>	<b>FG</b>	<b>KR</b>	<b>IR</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Avg/G</b>	
Thompkins, Brandon	1	0	61	0	149	0	210	210.0	
Collins, Brandon	1	0	57	0	0	0	57	57.0	
Williams, Milton	1	0	46	0	0	0	46	46.0	
Sims, Quentin	1	0	43	0	0	0	43	43.0	
Ings, Kendrick	1	0	31	0	0	0	31	31.0	
Nixon, Rory	1	26	0	0	0	0	26	26.0	
Hippeard, Randy	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.0	
Brown, Lamark	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.0	
McCray, Jordan	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	2.0	
Total.....	1	38	240	0	149	0	427	427.0	
Opponents.....	1	31	197	0	126	0	354	354.0	

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Tackles			TFL-Yds	Sacks		Pass Defense		QBh	Fumbles	
		Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yds	Int-Yds	BU	PD		Rcv-Yds	FF
Obi, Fred	1	4	3	5.5				1	1			
Powell, Joe	1	5	.	5.0							1-0	
Gray, Virgil	1	3	.	3.0				1	1			
Sims, Quentin	1	1	2	2.0								
Brown, Lamark	1	2	.	2.0				1	1			
Bailey, Willie	1	1	2	2.0								
Jackson, Dexter	1	.	2	1.0						2		
Lafrance, Royce	1	1	.	1.0								
Williams, Milton	1	.	1	0.5								
Lawrence, Justin	1	.	1	0.5								
Lewis, Mark	1	.	1	0.5								
Total.....	1	17	12	23.0				3	3	2	1-0	
Opponents.....	1	23	14	30.0	3-9	2-8		2	2			

# 2018 HIGHS AND LOWS

## 2018 INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	6	Nixon, Rory vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Rushing	26	Nixon, Rory vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Rushes	2	Hippeard, Randy vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Long Rush	19	Nixon, Rory vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass attempts	31	Hippeard, Randy vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass completions	22	Hippeard, Randy vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Passing	240	Hippeard, Randy vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Passes	5	Hippeard, Randy vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Long Pass	31	Hippeard, Randy vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Receptions	6	Collins, Brandon vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Receiving	61	Thompkins, Brandon vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Receptions	1	Ings, Kendrick vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		Thompkins, Brandon vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		Collins, Brandon vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		Sims, Quentin vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		Williams, Milton vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Long Reception	31	Ings, Kendrick vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	52	Thompkins, Brandon vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Tackles	5.5	Obi, Fred vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)

## 2018 TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	10	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Rushing	38	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	3.8	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Rushes	4	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass attempts	31	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass completions	22	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Passing	232	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	7.5	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Passes	5	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Total Plays	41	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Total Offense	270	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Play	6.6	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Points	61	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
First Downs	20	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Penalties	7	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Penalty Yards	38	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)

## 2018 OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	2	DAVILA,NICK, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		CORBIN,WILL, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		GORDON,JAMES, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Rushing	20	DAVILA,NICK, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Rushes	1	DAVILA,NICK, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		GORDON,JAMES, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Long Rush	17	DAVILA,NICK, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass attempts	27	DAVILA,NICK, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass completions	18	DAVILA,NICK, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Passing	197	DAVILA,NICK, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Passes	6	DAVILA,NICK, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Long Pass	38	DAVILA,NICK, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Receptions	9	WINDSOR,ROD, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Receiving	87	WINDSOR,ROD, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Receptions	3	WINDSOR,ROD, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Long Reception	38	REESE,JOSH, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)

Long Kickoff Return	36	DUVALT,CHRIS, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Tackles	6.0	ADDISON,DOMINIC, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Sacks	1.0	COLLINS,LANFORD, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		GORDON,JAMES, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	1.0	COLLINS,LANFORD, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		GORDON,JAMES, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		SMITH,KHREEM, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)

## **OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	6	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Rushing	31	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	5.2	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Rushes	2	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass attempts	27	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass completions	18	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Passing	197	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	7.3	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Passes	6	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Total Plays	33	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Total Offense	228	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Play	6.9	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Points	56	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Sacks By	2	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
First Downs	19	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Penalties	3	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Penalty Yards	12	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Turnovers	1	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)

# GAME AWARDS

## MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

WEEK	TEAM	POS	NAME	STATS	OPP
1	BAL	QB	Randy Hippeard	Completed 22/31 passes for 240 yards and five TDs, ran for two TDs	WAS

## OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

WEEK	TEAM	POS	NAME	STATS	OPP
1	WAS	QB	Nick Davila	Completed 18/27 passes for 197 yards and six TDs, ran for one TD	BAL

## DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

WEEK	TEAM	POS	NAME	STATS	OPP
1	BAL	DB	Joe Powell	Tallied five solo tackles, registered a fumble recovery in the first quarter	WAS

# AFL WEEKLY AWARDS

## OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

WEEK	TEAM	POS	NAME	STATS	OPP
1	BAL	QB	Randy Hippeard	Completed 22/31 passes for 240 yards and five TDs, ran for two TDs	WAS

## DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

WEEK	TEAM	POS	NAME	STATS	OPP
1	PHI	DB	Torez Jones	5.5 total tackles, an interception, fumble recover and two pass break-ups	ALB

# LAST TIME OUT

## WEEK 1 VS. WASHINGTON

Washington Valor vs Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018 at Baltimore, MD)

Washington Valor (0-1) vs. Baltimore Brigade (1-0)

Date: Apr 13, 2018 • Site: Baltimore, MD • Arena: Royal Farms Arena • Attendance: 5358

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Washington Valor	7	21	14	14	56
Baltimore Brigade	20	20	7	14	61

1st	09:23	BAL	Ings, Kendrick 31 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 7 plays, 44 yards, TOP 6:16	0 - 7	
	06:11	BAL	Hippeard, Randy 1 yd run (Lewis, Mark kick) 3 plays, 1 yard, TOP 2:33	0 - 14	
	02:44	WSH	Duvalt, Chris 4 yd pass from Davila, Nick (Clarke, Pat kick) 4 plays, 29 yards, TOP 2:39	7 - 14	
2nd	00:29	BAL	Thompkins, Brandon 11 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark rush fumbld) 2 plays, 23 yards, TOP 1:37	7 - 20	
	09:17	WSH	Windsor, Rod 4 yd pass from Davila, Nick (Clarke, Pat kick) 7 plays, 41 yards, TOP 5:43	14 - 20	
	05:37	BAL	Brown, Lamark 6 yd run (Lewis, Mark kick) 4 plays, 28 yards, TOP 2:48	14 - 27	
	02:50	WSH	Gordon, James 1 yd run (Clarke, Pat kick) 3 plays, 41 yards, TOP 2:00	21 - 27	
	00:56	BAL	Nixon, Rory 2 yd run (Lewis, Mark kick) 2 plays, 2 yards, TOP 0:59	21 - 34	
	00:43	WSH	Gray, Reggie 12 yd pass from Davila, Nick (Clarke, Pat kick) 1 play, 12 yards, TOP 0:13	28 - 34	
	00:00	BAL	Hippeard, Randy 2 yd run (Lewis, Mark kick failed) 6 plays, 15 yards, TOP 0:43	28 - 40	
	3rd	11:36	WSH	Davila, Nick 17 yd run (Clarke, Pat kick) 4 plays, 40 yards, TOP 3:24	35 - 40
		06:48	BAL	Collins, Brandon 6 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 5 plays, 40 yards, TOP 4:09	35 - 47
01:24		WSH	Reese, Josh 16 yd pass from Davila, Nick (Clarke, Pat kick) 6 plays, 39 yards, TOP 4:43	42 - 47	
4th	10:28	BAL	Sims, Quentin 2 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 8 plays, 45 yards, TOP 5:16	42 - 54	
	07:29	WSH	Windsor, Rod 9 yd pass from Davila, Nick (Clarke, Pat kick) 3 plays, 21 yards, TOP 2:07	49 - 54	
	02:59	BAL	Williams, Milton 22 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 5 plays, 45 yards, TOP 3:54	49 - 61	
	00:40	WSH	Windsor, Rod 7 yd pass from Davila, Nick (Clarke, Pat kick) 5 plays, 25 yards, TOP 1:34	56 - 61	

Kickoff time: 7:06 pm • End of Game: 9:37 pm • Total elapsed time: 2:31

Referee: Bradley Brunet • Umpire: R. Colosimo • Linesman: Kenny Leffie • Line judge: Terri Valenti • Back judge: M. Griffith •

Most Valuable Player: BAL #12 Randy Hippeard, QB

Offensive Player of the Game: WSH #10 Nick Davila, QB

Defensive Player of the Game: BAL #1 Joe Powell, DB

## BRIGADE STATS

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.
Nixon, Rory	6	27	1	26	1	19	4.3
Hippeard, Randy	3	6	0	6	2	3	2.0
Brown, Lamark	1	6	0	6	1	6	6.0
Totals...	10	39	1	38	4	19	3.8

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Hippeard, Randy	22-31-0	240	5	31	2
TEAM	0-0-0	-8	0	0	0
Totals...	22-31-0	232	5	31	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Collins, Brandon	6	57	1	15
Williams, Milton	5	46	1	22
Sims, Quentin	5	43	1	16
Thompkins, Brandon	4	61	1	28
Ings, Kendrick	1	31	1	31
McCray, Jordan	1	2	0	2
Totals...	22	240	5	31

##	Baltimore Brigade	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blkd	Sack/Yds	QBH
2	Obi, Fred	4	3	5.5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
1	Powell, Joe	5	.	5.0	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.
4	Gray, Virgil	3	.	3.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
11	Brown, Lamark	2	.	2.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
18	Sims, Quentin	1	2	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Bailey, Willie	1	2	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Lafrance, Royce	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Jackson, Dexter	.	2	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
99	Lawrence, Justin	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Lewis, Mark	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84	Williams, Milton	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

## BRIGADE BEAT VALOR, 61-56, IN SEASON OPENER

Hippeard named MVP for seven-touchdown game

BALTIMORE, MD — The Baltimore Brigade (1-0) opened their 2018 season with a win, topping the Washington Valor (0-1), 61-56, Friday night at Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore, Md. Brigade quarterback Randy Hippeard threw for five touchdowns and ran for another two on his way to winning the game's Most Valuable Player award.

"We came out and we found a way to win," Brigade Head Coach Omarr Smith said after the game. "I'm proud of the way we played offensively...to be able to go out and win the first game is important for us. We're all about trying to improve from last year. It feels good to be 1-0, but we have to enjoy it for 24 hours and then get back to work."

Baltimore got on the board first when quarterback Randy Hippeard, the AFL MVP in 2017, connected with wide receiver Kendrick Ings for the game's first score, giving the Brigade a 7-0 advantage. Minutes later, Hippeard notched his first rushing touchdown of the season and gave the Brigade a two-score lead early in the first quarter. Davila found wide receiver Chris Duvalt for Washington's first score of the season late in the opening quarter. Another Hippeard passing touchdown, this time to Brandon Thompkins, who is playing in his second season with the Brigade, gave Baltimore a 20-7 lead after the first quarter. Davila tossed his second score of the game to Rod Windsor to bring the game back within one score. Baltimore and Washington traded scores throughout the remainder of second quarter, which ended with another Hippeard rushing touchdown as time expired on the first half, giving the Brigade a 40-28 lead.

Davila started off the second half scoring with a 17-yard rushing touchdown, cutting the Baltimore lead to 40-35. Wide receiver Brandon Collins answered for the Brigade, hauling in another Hippeard touchdown to make the score 47-35. Davila and Hippeard traded passing touchdowns, keeping the game within two scores for the entirety of the fourth quarter. With under one minute remaining, Davila found Windsor for their third scoring connection of the game, setting the final score at 61-56.

# THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT



## PHILADELPHIA SOUL

Founded.....2004  
 Arena.....Wells Fargo Center  
 Address.....3601 S Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19148  
 Capacity.....19,500  
 Colors.....Soul Blue, Silver  
 Website.....www.philadelphiasoul.com  
 Phone Number.....215.253.4900  
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 .....(gtownsend@philadelphiasoul.com)  
 Twitter.....@soulfootball  
 Instagram.....phildadelphia\_soul  
 Facebook.....Philadelphia Soul

### 2018 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPP.	TIME
1	4/14	@ ALB	7 p.m.
2	4/21	BAL	7 p.m.
3	4/28	WAS	7:30 p.m.
4	5/4	@ BAL	7 p.m.
5	BYE	BYE	BYE
6	5/19	ALB	6 p.m.
7	5/25	@ BAL	7 p.m.
8	6/2	@ WAS	6 p.m.
9	6/10	WAS	4 p.m.
10	6/16	@ ALB	6 p.m.
11	6/22	@ WAS	7 p.m.
12	6/30	BAL	7 p.m.
13	7/7	@ ALB	7 p.m.

### 2017 RESULTS

WEEK	DATE	OPP.	RESULT	MVP
1	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
2	4/15	@TB	W, 56-52	Reynolds (PHI)
3	4/22	@WAS	W, 49-31	Raudabaugh (PHI)
4	4/29	BAL	W, 69-34	McDaniel (PHI)
5	5/6	@CLE	W, 69-67	Raudabaugh (PHI)
6	5/13	BAL	W, 61-56	Raudabaugh (PHI)
7	5/20	CLE	W, 64-46	Raudabaugh (PHI)
8	5/27	@WAS	W, 48-47	Raudabaugh (PHI)
9	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
10	6/10	CLE	W, 59-49	Raudabaugh (PHI)
11	6/17	TB	W, 62-41	Reynolds (PHI)
12	6/24	@CLE	W, 59-28	Raudabaugh (PHI)
13	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
14	7/8	@BAL	L, 42-49	Carden (BAL)
15	7/15	WAS	W, 68-41	Raudabaugh (PHI)
16	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
17	7/29	@BAL	W, 70-21	Raudabaugh (PHI)
18	8/5	TB	W, 41-28	Raudabaugh (PHI)
Rd. 1	8/12	BAL	W, 69-54	Raudabaugh (PHI)
AB	8/26	TB	W, 44-40	Prince (PHI)

### COACHING STAFF

Clint Dolezel.....Head Coach  
 Phil Bogle.....General Manager/Assistant Head Coach, Line Coach  
 Bernie Nowotarski.....Defensive Backs Coach  
 Shawn Cronin.....Equipment Manager



# SERIES SUMMARY

2017

2018

## STATS:

	PHI	BAL
WINS	4	1
LOSSES	1	4
POINTS SCORED/GAME	62.2	42.8
POINTS ALLOWED/GAME	42.8	62.2
PASSING/REC YARDS/GAME	245.6	253.4
RUSHING YARDS/GAME	28.0	8.8
PASSING/REC TD/GAME	6.6	5.0
RUSHING TD /GAME	1.6	1.0

## RESULTS:

Baltimore Brigade (1-2) vs. Philadelphia Soul (3-0)

Date: Apr 29, 2017 • Site: Philadelphia, Pa. • Arena: Wells Fargo Center •

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Baltimore Brigade	0	21	7	6	34
<b>Philadelphia Soul</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>69</b>

Baltimore Brigade (1-4) vs. Philadelphia Soul (5-0)

Date: May 13, 2017 • Site: Philadelphia, Pa. • Arena: Wells Fargo Center •

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Baltimore Brigade	14	14	7	21	56
<b>Philadelphia Soul</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>61</b>

Philadelphia Soul (10-1) vs. Baltimore Brigade (4-6)

Date: Jul 08, 2017 • Site: Baltimore, MD • Arena: Royal Farms Arena •

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Philadelphia Soul	7	21	7	7	42
<b>Baltimore Brigade</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>49</b>

Philadelphia Soul (12-1) vs. Baltimore Brigade (4-9)

Date: Jul 29, 2017 • Site: Baltimore, Md. • Arena: Royal Farms Arena •

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
<b>Philadelphia Soul</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>70</b>
Baltimore Brigade	0	7	7	7	21

Baltimore Brigade (4-11) vs. Philadelphia Soul (14-1)

Date: Aug 12, 2017 • Site: Philadelphia, Pa. • Arena: Wells Fargo Center •

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Baltimore Brigade	13	7	20	14	54
<b>Philadelphia Soul</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>69</b>

# NEWS CLIPS

## **BRIGADE ADDS REIGNING AFL MVP FOR SEASON NO. 2 (ABC2 WMAR)**

BALTIMORE, Md. (WMAR) - In the offense heavy Arena Football League the quarterback is everything. Now the Brigade has the best QB in the AFL.

*"To come here and to be a part of what they were doing and to see who they were bringing in and the pieces they were putting together, it seemed like the right spot for me," said Randy Hippeard.*

*He is Baltimore's new signal caller and is the reigning AFL Most Valuable Player and Offensive Player of the Year. He comes over from the Tampa Bay Storm.*

*"We want to be combative, mentally tough, maximum effort, detail sound and accountable," Hippeard added.*

*"His leadership, his dedication to the game and his willingness to give of himself to win is remarkable," said Brigade Head Coach Omarr Smith.*

*The Brigade posted a 4-10 record in the franchise's first season. This year Coach Smith says he wants the defense to play more of a role in deciding games.*

*That defense now includes Virgil Gray. The 34-year-old, six-year veteran stepped away from the field to coach on the Brigade staff last season. His plan was to retire but he had a change of heart.*

*"I felt like I could still play the game," he said. "My parents, they both wanted me to play and I felt like I kind of owed it to them to continue to play because that's what they wanted me to do too."*

*"That playing bug wasn't out of his system and now, having that year of coaching experience under his belt, he's going to see the game completely differently," said Smith.*

*Just like in its inaugural season there is some local flavor on the Brigade roster.*

*Receiver Daniel Adams is a Maryland native and played for the Terrapins.*

*Defensive lineman Justin Lawrence went to Morgan State and is one of the best defensive lineman in AFL. He joins the Brigade after winning back-to-back titles with Philadelphia.*

*"I spent most of my adult life here. I've been here since 2005. I actually live in Columbia now. Baltimore is my second home," said Lawrence. "I won two championships. I want to bring one back to Baltimore, rep my school really well."*

*The Brigade opens the season on Friday, April 13 when they host the Washington Valor.*

## **IN SECOND ARENA FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEASON, BRIGADE WILL ENCOUNTER FAMILIAR COMPANY (BALTIMORE SUN)**

*The Baltimore Brigade will kick off their second Arena Football League season Friday night at Royal Farms Arena against the Washington Valor, but if you can't make it to the first meeting of the Ted Leonsis-owned franchises, don't worry.*

*There will be a second meeting. And a third. And a fourth. And possibly a fifth and sixth in a playoff matchup, too.*

*With the Tampa Bay Storm folding in December and the Cleveland Gladiators suspending operations for the next two seasons, the AFL is down to four teams, its fewest since the league's inaugural 1987 season: the second-year Brigade and Valor, the expansion Albany Empire and the two-time defending champion Philadelphia Soul.*

*The Brigade will play each team four times, twice at home and twice on the road, before a guaranteed home-and-home semifinal series. (After finishing 4-10 overall and fourth in the five-team AFL last season, the Brigade lost a one-and-done semifinal to top-seeded Philadelphia.)*

*The league's veterans are by now accustomed to these scheduling quirks. They also know what such familiarity breeds. First-year Brigade quarterback Randy Hippeard recalled that when his Storm faced the Valor four times in an eight-week span last season, each game seemed increasingly competitive. The result never changed, but Tampa Bay's margin of victory did, from eight and six points in their first two meetings to one and four points in the final two.*

*"We are creatures of habit," Brigade defensive lineman Justin Lawrence (Morgan State) said. "It's not like we're going to change the way we play one week from week to week. Maybe the schemes will change, but you as a player, you are going to be you."*

The teams themselves, though, Hippeard speculated, will look completely different by year's end. Come playoff time, "there's going to be so many new wrinkles that there's no point almost in watching the first half of the season" on film, he said.

That wasn't always the case, of course. Not long ago, the regular season was more than just a runway to the postseason. Brigade coach Omarr Smith played in the AFL during its heyday in the 2000s, when as many as 19 teams vied for an ArenaBowl title. And now?

"We've got four teams," he said. He carried on as if it didn't matter. "On July 28, there's going to be a team that's on a podium, holding a trophy, and on a ring, it doesn't say how many teams are in the league."

Hippeard, the Brigade's top offseason acquisition, is the AFL's reigning Most Valuable Player. The team he won it playing for no longer exists. Among all the AFL's returning players, it's probably the league's best quarterback who best understands what it means to have a career in arena football.

In 2013, Hippeard's AFL tenure began in Tampa Bay. Two seasons later, he signed with the Orlando Predators. After two years there, the franchise suspended operations. Hippeard returned to Tampa Bay last season, leading the league in passing yards and completions and ranking second in passing touchdowns. Then the Storm ceased to exist, too.

"To have to up and leave what we have there, even if it's just for five, six months at a time, it's still a struggle," he said.

Hippeard, 32, and his girlfriend were considering buying a home in Florida when his career rerouted him to Maryland. Those plans are on hold for now, he said. He's living in Annapolis with his girlfriend, an environmental engineer, and a couple of pets. What comes next, he cannot say.

"It's kind of up in the air because if I'm going to continue to play for the next three to five years, where do we want to be?" he said. "So that's kind of where we're looking at now, toward the future."

With only 11 days of training camp under the Brigade's belt, the team is far from a finished product. But Smith highlighted cornerback Virgil Gray, who served on the team's coaching staff last season and last played in the AFL three years ago, and veteran linebacker Dexter Jackson as early standouts.

On offense, wide receivers Milton Williams, Kendrick Ings and Quentin Sims have been impressive, Smith said.

## **NEW AFL COMMISSIONER RANDALL BOE, A MONUMENTAL EXECUTIVE, OPTIMISTIC ABOUT INNOVATIONS (THE WASHINGTON TIMES)**

You've heard that professional football is dying. You've also heard about the leagues, new or reborn, who want to defy that assumption. The XFL, the Alliance of American Football, the Spring League and the Pacific Pro League have all made recent headlines.

As the market grows ever more crowded, the Arena Football League will kick off its 31st season Friday night when two teams owned by Ted Leonsis' Monumental Sports and Entertainment, the Washington Valor and Baltimore Brigade, play in Baltimore.

Randall Boe, Monumental executive vice president and general counsel, was named the league's new commissioner for 2018, and he is not fazed about competition from other football startups. He and the league's executives see an opportunity to "reboot" the league.

"The opportunity to grow the Arena Football League is really very exciting. It's kind of like being in a startup business in a lot of ways," Boe, 55, told *The Washington Times*. "Fans get excited, it's very engaging, it's fast-paced, so it just seemed like an exciting opportunity at a good moment in time."

The AFL was in danger of folding last month when negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement weren't going well. Ivan Soto led the players' union and Boe, before being officially announced as commissioner March 27, headed the league's efforts.

"Like every negotiation, there were some ups and downs, and we certainly took it to the last possible minute before reaching a deal, which is typically what happens in any deal," Boe said.

The new CBA includes a 40 percent increase in player compensation and addition of health-care coverage, according to Boe.

"Our goal is to have the highest quality football out there on the field, and you can't do that if you don't fairly compensate your players," he said.

Originally from Iowa City, Iowa, Boe graduated law school at the University of Pennsylvania and went into private practice in Washington. He joined America Online in 1996 and served as its executive vice president and general counsel for 11 years, leading cases during the internet's formative years.

He joined Lincoln Holdings in 2008, before it became Monumental Sports and Entertainment via merger — and long before being a commissioner of a football league was imaginable. He remembers the early days of the AFL with fondness, watching some games during the era of the Orlando Predators' dominance and thinking it was a "pretty novel and exciting version of football."

Now that he is the Roger Goodell of the AFL, don't think Boe will be flustered at the possibly thankless task ahead.

*“I remember how fans used to boo David Stern at the NBA Draft every year. I just think that’s part of fun,” Boe said. “The funny thing about sports, part of being a fan is being critical of the leagues and the teams and the way they’re run. ... That passion tells you how engaged the fans are and how knowledgeable they are and how much they pay attention.”*

*Boe said there was no formal search for a new commissioner to replace Scott Butera, who left the post after four years. Nor does Boe have a formal contract of determined length for the position. Everyone’s focus, he said, is to put on a great season of football and start growing the league again.*

*The AFL has had as many as 19 teams, but by 2017 the number dwindled down to five. Of those, the Cleveland Gladiators and Tampa Bay Storm suspended operations, but could return in the future. Despite the contraction, an expansion team — the Albany Empire — will debut in 2018 and join the Valor, Brigade and Philadelphia Soul. Boe thinks the league will add new teams in the Eastern U.S. before expanding west again.*

*Why should audiences choose to watch the AFL over the XFL, the AAF or the next string of letters to come along? Boe believes the AFL’s product is different — a faster-paced, higher-scoring brand of football, in a league not primarily meant to develop players for the NFL like others do.*

*And the league’s strategy promises innovation. Cameras in players’ helmets are being considered, and in a recently announced partnership, DraftKings will stream AFL games on its app and add AFL fantasy sports contests starting in 2019.*

*“Everyone is looking around the corner at the advent of legalized sports betting on a much wider basis in this country than has existed in the past,” Boe said. “We can foresee the day when you’ll be watching the game ... and being able to place wagers, proposition bets, on the next play, on different players.”*

*Depending on what else Boe and league leadership foresee and choose to do, they could be poised to turn the AFL around.*

## **ABOUT THE BALTIMORE BRIGADE:**

*The AFL's Baltimore Brigade is owned and operated by Monumental Sports & Entertainment, which is one of the largest integrated sports and entertainment companies in the country with one of the most diverse partnership groups in all of sports. The company also owns and operates the NBA's Washington Wizards, NHL's Washington Capitals, the WNBA's Washington Mystics, the NBA G League's Capital City Go-Go, the AFL's Washington Valor, NBA 2K League's Wizards District Gaming, as well as Capital One Arena, the premier sports and entertainment venue in Washington, D.C. Monumental Sports & Entertainment is also co-owner of aXiomatic, which has controlling interest in global esports franchise Team Liquid, and oversees the management of Kettler Capitals Iceplex--the training facility for the Washington Capitals--and the Eagle Bank Arena at George Mason University.*

## **ABOUT MONUMENTAL SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT:**

*Monumental Sports & Entertainment (MSE), located in Washington, D.C., is one of the largest integrated sports and entertainment companies in the country with one of the most diverse partnership groups in all of sports. MSE owns and operates seven professional sports teams: the AFL's Baltimore Brigade and Washington Valor, NBA's Washington Wizards, NBA G League's Capital City Go-Go, NBA 2K League's Wizards District Gaming, NHL's Washington Capitals and the WNBA's Washington Mystics. The company is also co-owner of aXiomatic, which has controlling interest in global esports franchise Team Liquid, and owns and operates Capitol One Arena in Washington, D.C. Monumental Sports & Entertainment also manages Kettler Capitals Iceplex, the state-of-the-art training facility for the Capitals and EagleBank Arena on George Mason University's campus. The District of Columbia and Events DC are building a new sports and entertainment facility in Southeast DC on the St. Elizabeth's East campus. The facility will feature a state-of-the-art training facility for the Washington Wizards and Washington Mystics and will also include a 4,200-seat arena which will become the new home of the Mystics and Go-Go. The facility is scheduled to open in the fall of 2018. Monumental Sports & Entertainment also co-owns and operates Monumental Sports Network (MSN) with the NBC Sports Group. MSN is the mid-Atlantic region's top destination for exclusive fan experiences and original sports content across desktop, tablet, mobile and OTT streaming devices. Visit [www.monumentalsports.com](http://www.monumentalsports.com).*

## **ABOUT THE ARENA FOOTBALL LEAGUE:**

*The Arena Football League will enter its 31st Season in 2018. Since its inception in 1987, the Arena Football League has showcased a fast-paced and exciting game to millions of fans in a myriad of markets across the country. Teams slated for 2018 include: Albany, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. CBS Sports Network nationally broadcasts AFL games each week, culminating with the ArenaBowl. The AFL launched AFLNow, the League's streaming "Over-the-Top" network to give fans even more access to the League on [arenafootball.com](http://arenafootball.com). For all the latest news and discussion on the Arena Football League follow the AFL on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@aflarenaball).*