



WASHINGTON
VALOR

GAME NOTES

5.5.18 // 7:30 P.M. // TIMES UNION CENTER
GAME #3 // AWAY GAME #3

The Washington Valor take on the Albany Empire this Saturday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Times Union Center in Albany, New York.

VALOR PLAYER TO WATCH: QB Warren Smith Jr. - Smith Jr. will make his first start of the season this weekend against Albany, replacing Nick Davila, who will miss the remainder of the season with a neck injury. A three-year AFL veteran and graduate of the University of Maine, Smith Jr. spent the final two games of the regular season with the Valor in 2017, including a start in the season finale, where he threw for 229 yards and five touchdowns in a 41-35 win over Baltimore.

EMPIRE PLAYER TO WATCH: WR Joe Hills - Hills made his Empire debut in Week 3 against Baltimore, hauling in 11 catches for 108 yards and four touchdowns. Hills is now leads the team in receiving yards and is tied for the team lead in receptions.

MATCHUP TO WATCH: Valor WR Josh Reese vs. Empire DB Varmah Sonie - Reese comes into Week 4 looking to build on the best performance of his career: 10 receptions for 80 yards and three touchdowns. 10 receptions and three receiving touchdowns both represent career highs for Reese. Tasked with keeping him in check will be Empire defensive back Varmah Sonie, who ranks fifth in the league in total tackles despite playing one game less than each of the top four performers.

BROADCAST INFORMATION: Saturday night's matchup will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.



WASHINGTON VALOR (0-2)
AT
ALBANY EMPIRE (0-2)



2018 STAT LEADERS

ALBANY

PASSING			
NAME	%	YDS	TD
Grady	66.2	512	11

RECEIVING			
NAME	REC.	YDS	TD
Jones	11	164	2
Hills	11	108	4
Taylor	9	92	2
Carr	8	74	2
McNeil	5	44	1

RUSHING			
NAME	ATT.	YDS	TD
Mauia	2	1	0
Moore	2	3	0
Taylor	1	1	1

DEFENSE			
NAME	TOT	SCK	INT
Sonie	14.0	0	0
Norman	10.5	0	0
Moore	9.0	0	0
Hobbs	6.0	0	0
Sykes	4.5	2	0
Cato-Bi...	4.0	0	0
Summers	3.5	0	0
Seither	2.0	0	0

WASHINGTON

PASSING			
NAME	%	YDS	TD
Davila	62.3	353	10
Smith Jr.	80.0	37	1

RECEIVING			
NAME	REC.	YDS	TD
Reese	15	161	4
Windsor	13	138	5
Gray	4	54	1
Duvalt	3	26	1

RUSHING			
NAME	ATT.	YDS	TD
Davila	3	21	2
Corbin	3	8	0
Gordon	2	3	1

DEFENSE			
NAME	TOT	SCK	INT
Addison	11.5	0	0
Knight	5.5	0	0
Belton	5.5	0	0
Collins	5.0	1	0
Falls	4.5	0	0
K. Smith	4.0	0	0
Everett	3.0	0	0
Cox	3.0	0	0

LEAGUE STANDINGS

2018 VALOR SCHEDULE

NOTABLES

TEAM	REC	HOME	AWAY	+/-	WEEK	DATE	OPP.	TIME	TV
PHI	3-0	2-0	1-0	+42	1	4/13	@BAL	7 p.m.	L, 56-61
BAL	2-1	2-0	0-1	+3	2	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
WAS	0-2	0-0	0-2	-21	3	4/28	@PHI	7:30 p.m.	L, 51-67
ALB	0-2	0-1	0-1	-24	4	5/5	@ALB	7:30 p.m.	CBSSN
					5	5/11	ALB	7 p.m.	MSN
					6	5/19	BAL	3 p.m.	MSN
					7	5/26	@ALB	6 p.m.	CBSSN
					8	6/2	PHI	6 p.m.	CBSSN
					9	6/10	@PHI	4 p.m.	MSN
					10	6/15	@BAL	7 p.m.	CBSSN
					11	6/22	PHI	7 p.m.	MSN
					12	6/29	ALB	7 p.m.	MSN
					13	7/7	BAL	3 p.m.	MSN

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Atoe.....ah-TOY-ah
Duvalt.....DOO-valt
Dionte.....DEE-on-tay
Sesay.....SEE-say
Khreem.....CREAM
Siosifa.....SEE-oh-SEE-fuh
Tufunga.....TOO-fun-guh

OFFICIALS

REFEREE.....Thomas McCabe
UMPIRE.....Jeff Carr
HEAD LINESMAN.....Marc Bovos
LINE JUDGE.....Mark Bennett
BACK JUDGE.....Michael Griffith



DOMINANT DOMINIC

Valor DB Dominic Addison has recorded 11.5 total tackles this season, including seven solo tackles in a Week 1 matchup with Baltimore.

REESE'S CAREER DAY

Valor WR Josh Reese looks to follow up on his career outing in Week 3. The second-year AFL wideout caught 10 passes for 80 yards and a trio of touchdowns in Philadelphia last weekend.

PERFECT PAT

Valor kicker Pat Clarke has converted on all 15 of his PAT attempts this season. The 2017 AFL Second-Team kicker hit eight PATs in Week one and seven in Week 2.

VALOR ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	POS.	PLAYER	HT	WT	DOB	EXP.	COLLEGE
23	DB	Dominic Addison	6'2	185	2/1/1993	3	Bethune Cookman
70	OL	James Atoe	6'7	375	10/1/1991	1	Washington
14	QB	Shane Austin	6'0	200	6/14/1989	3	Hawaii
6	DB	Tracy Belton	6'0	185	5/8/1984	8	UMASS
52	DL	Zack Bullock	6'4	250	2/10/1993	1	South Florida
7	K	Pat Clarke	6'3	210	10/22/1991	1	Buffalo
42	DL	Lanford Collins	6'2	245	2/20/1991	2	Virginia Tech
44	OL	Will Corbin	6'6	315	12/8/1990	1	Appalachian State
20	DB	Qua Cox	6'0	185	4/28/1991	1	Jackson State
2	WR	Chris Duvalt	5'11	180	12/12/1987	6	Illinois
5	DB	Michael Everett	5'10	180	11/30/1991	R	SW Minnesota St.
12	DL	Roosevelt Falls	6'2	230	5/23/1989	2	Louisiana Tech
3	WR	Reggie Gray	5'10	175	4/29/1984	8	Western Illinois
21	DB	Michael Knight	5'10	185	6/25/1991	1	Minnesota West CC
75	OL	Jordan Mudge	6'4	330	8/8/1989	2	Nevada
99	DL	Jake Payne	6'4	275	3/14/1994	1	Shenadoah
19	WR	Josh Reese	6'0	185	1/3/1991	1	Central Florida
74	OL	Dionte Savage	6'5	335	2/10/1992	2	Oklahoma
91	DL	Brandon Sesay	6'6	300	12/16/1986	6	Texas Tech
58	DL	Khreem Smith	6'4	265	7/7/1979	3	Oklahoma State
8	QB	Warren Smith	6'0	200	2/20/1990	3	Maine
1	WR	TT Toliver	6'0	185	1/31/1977	15	Bethune Cookman
60	OL	Siosifa Tufunga	6'3	315	5/14/1993	R	Washington
16	WR	Rod Windsor	6'2	210	4/24/1985	7	Western New Mexico

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VALOR NUMERICAL ROSTER

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1	WR	TT Toliver	6'0	185	1/30/1973	15	Bethune Cookman
2	WR	Chris Duvalt	5'11	180	12/11/1983	6	Illinois
3	WR	Reggie Gray	5'10	175	4/28/1980	8	Western Illinois
5	DB	Michael Everett	5'10	180	11/30/1991	R	SW Minnesota St.
6	DB	Tracy Belton	6'0	185	5/8/1984	8	UMass
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14	QB	Shane Austin	6'0	200	6/14/1989	3	Hawaii
16	WR	Rod Windsor	6'2	210	4/23/1981	7	Western New Mexico
19	WR	Josh Reese	6'0	185	1/2/1987	1	Central Florida
20	DB	Qua Cox	5'11	195	4/28/1991	1	Jackson State
21	DB	Michael Knight	5'10	185	6/24/1987	1	Minnesota West CC
23	DB	Dominic Addison	6'2	185	1/31/1989	3	Bethune Cookman
42	DL	Lanford Collins	6'2	245	2/19/1987	2	Virginia Tech
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DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

DEFENSE

SPECIAL TEAMS

QB	8	W. Smith	14	Austin	DE	58	K. Smith	99	Payne	K	14	Clarke
FB	44	Corbin	60	Tufunga	NG	91	Sesay	99	Payne	H	8	W. Smith
C	75	Mudge	60	Tufunga	DE	42	Collins	52	Bullock	LS	23	Addison
G	70	Atoe	74	Savage	LB	99	Payne	12	Falls	KR	2	Duvalt
TE	44	Corbin	70	Atoe	LB	20	Cox	6	Belton			
WR	16	Windsor	19	Reese	DB	23	Addison	6	Belton			
WR	19	Reese	3	Gray	DB	6	Belton	5	Everett			
WR	2	Duvalt	1	Toliver	DB	21	Knight	6	Belton			

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLAYER BIOS

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

DOMINIC ADDISON DEFENSIVE BACK



2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
SOLO.....7 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	SOLO.....7 (3x)
AST.....1 (4/28/18 @ PHI)	AST.....4 (2x)
TOT.....7 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	TOT.....7 (3x)
SACK.....N/A	SACK.....N/A
PBU.....1 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	PBU.....2 (7x)
INT.....N/A	INT.....1 (3x)
TD.....N/A	TD.....1 (6/10/17 @ TB)

H: 6-2
W: 185
DOB: 2/1/1993
COLLEGE: Bethune Cookman
AFL EXP: 3

2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	BAL	7	-	7.0	-	1	-	-	-	-
3	PHI	4	1	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		11	1	11.5	-	1	-	-	-	-

JAMES ATOE OFFENSIVE LINE



H: 6-7 // W: 375 // DOB: 9/30/1987
COLLEGE: Washington // AFL EXP: 1

SHANE AUSTIN

QUARTERBACK



H: 6-0
W: 200
DOB: 6/14/1989
COLLEGE: Hawaii
AFL EXP: 4

2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
COMP.....N/A	COMP.....36 (2x)
ATT.....N/A	ATT.....61 (7/26/13 at SPO)
%.....N/A	%.....81.8 (5/2/15 at ORL)
PASS YDS.....N/A	PASS YDS....409 (7/21/14 at PHI)
PASS TD.....N/A	PASS TD.....11 (7/21/14 at PHI)
INT.....N/A	INT.....5 (8/2/14 vs. PHI)

TRACY BELTON

DEFENSIVE BACK



H: 6-0
W: 185
DOB: 5/8/84
COLLEGE: UMASS
AFL EXP: 8

2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
SOLO.....4 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	SOLO.....11 (7/17/10 vs. ORL)
AST.....1 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	AST.....5 (6/12/10 vs. CLE)
TOT.....4.5 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	TOT.....13 (7/17/10 vs. ORL)
SACK.....N/A	SACK.....N/A
PBU.....1 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	PBU.....4 (2x)
INT.....N/A	INT.....2 (8x)
TD.....N/A	TD.....1 (10x)

2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	BAL	4	1	4.5	-	1	-	-	-	-
3	PHI	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		5	1	5.5	-	1	-	-	-	-

ZACK BULLOCK

DEFENSIVE LINE



H: 6-4
W: 250
DOB: 2/10/1993
COLLEGE: South Florida
AFL EXP: 1

2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
SOLO.....N/A	SOLO.....N/A
AST.....N/A	AST.....N/A
TOT.....N/A	TOT.....N/A
SACK.....N/A	SACK.....N/A
PBU.....N/A	PBU.....N/A
INT.....N/A	INT.....N/A
TD.....N/A	TD.....N/A

PAT CLARKE

KICKER



H: 6-3
W: 210
DOB: 10/22/1991
COLLEGE: Buffalo
AFL EXP: 1

2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
FGM.....N/A	FGM.....1 (3x)
FGA.....N/A	FGA.....1 (4x)
XPM.....8 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	XPM.....8 (3x)
XPA.....8 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	XPA.....10 (4/23/16 vs. CLE)

2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	FGM	FGA	FG%	XPM	XPA	XP%
1	BAL	-	-	-	8	8	1.000
3	PHI	-	-	-	7	7	1.000
TOTAL		-	-	-	15	15	1.000

JR COLLINS

DEFENSIVE LINE



H: 6-2
W: 245
DOB: 2/21/1987
COLLEGE: Virginia Tech
AFL EXP: 1

2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
SOLO.....3 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	SOLO.....3 (4/13/18 @ BAL)
AST.....N/A	AST.....1 (2x)
TOT.....3 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	TOT.....3 (4/13/18 @ BAL)
SACK.....1 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	SACK.....1 (2x)
PBU.....N/A	PBU.....N/A
INT.....N/A	INT.....N/A
TD.....N/A	TD.....N/A

2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	BAL	3	-	3.0	1	-	-	-	-	-
3	PHI	2	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		5	-	5.0	1	-	-	-	-	-

REGGIE GRAY

WIDE RECEIVER



H: 5-10

W: 175

DOB: 4/29/1984

COLLEGE: Western Illinois

AFL EXP: 8

2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
REC.....2 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	REC.....15 (2x)
REC YDS.....36 (4/28/18 at PHI)	REC YDS.....234 (4/26/13 at IA)
REC TD.....1 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	REC TD.....6 (4/26/13 at IA)

2018 GAME LOG

RECEIVING

KICK RETURNS

WEEK	OPP	REC	YDS	TD	RET	YDS	TD
1	BAL	2	18	1	2	39	-
3	PHI	2	36	-	3	35	-
TOTAL		4	54	1	5	74	-

MICHAEL KNIGHT

DEFENSIVE BACK



H: 5-10

W: 185

DOB: 6/25/1991

COLLEGE: Minnesota West CC

AFL EXP: 1

2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
SOLO.....4 (4/28/18 at PHI)	SOLO.....8 (2x)
AST.....1 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	AST.....1 (4x)
TOT.....4 (4/28/18 at PHI)	TOT.....8.5 (7/1/17 at TB)
SACK.....N/A	SACK.....N/A
PBU.....N/A	PBU.....2 (2x)
INT.....N/A	INT.....2 (7/22/17 vs. BAL)
TD.....N/A	TD.....N/A

2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	BAL	1	1	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	PHI	4	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		5	1	5.5	-	-	-	-	-	-

JORDAN MUDGE

OFFENSIVE LINE



H: 6-4 // W: 330 // DOB: 8/8/1989

COLLEGE: Nevada // AFL EXP: 2

JAKE PAYNE

DEFENSIVE LINE



H: 6-4
W: 275
DOB: 3/14/1994
COLLEGE: Shenandoah
AFL EXP: 1

2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
SOLO.....N/A	SOLO.....3 (6/23/17 at BAL)
AST.....N/A	AST.....3 (2x)
TOT.....N/A	TOT.....4 (6/23/17 at BAL)
SACK.....N/A	SACK.....1.5 (5/13/17 at TB)
PBU.....N/A	PBU.....1 (6/3/17 at TB)
INT.....N/A	INT.....N/A
TD.....N/A	TD.....N/A

JOSH REESE

WIDE RECEIVER



H: 6-0
W: 185
DOB: 1/2/1987
COLLEGE: Central Florida
AFL EXP: 1

2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
REC.....10 (4/28/18 at PHI)	REC.....10 (4/28/18 at PHI)
REC YDS.....81 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	REC YDS.....110 (6/3/17 vs. CLE)
REC TD.....3 (4/28/18 at PHI)	REC TD.....3 (4/28/18 at PHI)

2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	RECEIVING			KICK RETURNS		
		REC	YDS	TD	RET	YDS	TD
1	BAL	5	81	1	-	-	-
3	PHI	10	80	3	-	-	-
TOTAL		15	161	4	-	-	-

DIONTE SAVAGE

OFFENSIVE LINE



H: 6-5 // W: 335 // DOB: 2/10/1992
COLLEGE: Oklahoma // AFL EXP: 2

BRANDON SESAY

DEFENSIVE LINE



2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
SOLO.....2 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	SOLO.....5 (5/13/17 vs. TB)
AST.....1 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	AST.....3 (5/13/11 at JAX)
TOT.....2.5 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	TOT.....6 (5/13/17 vs. TB)
SACK.....1 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	SACK.....2.5 (5/13/17 vs. TB)
PBU.....N/A	PBU.....2 (4/24/15 at CLE)
INT.....N/A	INT.....N/A
TD.....N/A	TD.....N/A

H: 6-6
W: 300
DOB: 12/16/1986
COLLEGE: Texas Tech
AFL EXP: 6

2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	BAL	2	1	2.5	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		2	1	2.5	1	-	-	-	-	-

KHREEM SMITH

DEFENSIVE LINE



2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
SOLO.....3 (4/28/18 at PHI)	SOLO.....5 (5/7/11 at TB)
AST.....N/A	AST.....6 (6/18/18 vs. ORL)
TOT.....3 (4/28/18 at PHI)	TOT.....6 (5/7/11 at TB)
SACK.....N/A	SACK.....2 (6x)
PBU.....N/A	PBU.....1 (13x)
INT.....N/A	INT.....N/A
TD.....N/A	TD.....N/A

H: 6-4
W: 265
DOB: 7/7/1979
COLLEGE: Oklahoma State
AFL EXP: 6

2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	BAL	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	PHI	3	-	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		4	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-

WARREN SMITH

QUARTERBACK



2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
COMP.....N/A	COMP.....31 (5/30/15 vs. AZ)
ATT.....N/A	ATT.....47 (5/30/15 vs. AZ)
%.....N/A	%.....79.3 (5/8/15 vs. LA)
PASS YDS.....N/A	PASS YDS.....342 (5/23/15 at LV)
PASS TD.....N/A	PASS TD.....7 (5/23/15 at LV)
INT.....N/A	INT.....4 (5/16/15 vs. SJ)

H: 6-0
W: 200
DOB: 2/20/1990
COLLEGE: Maine
AFL EXP: 3

TT TOLIVER

WIDE RECEIVER



2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
REC.....1 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	REC.....18 (5/11/13 at SPO)
REC YDS.....7 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	REC YDS.....251 (5/11/13 at SPO)
REC TD.....N/A	REC TD.....7 (8/14/10 at TB)

H: 6-0
 W: 185
 DOB: 1/31/1977
 COLLEGE: Bethune Cookman
 AFL EXP: 15

2018 GAME LOG

RECEIVING

RUSHING

WEEK	OPP	REC	YDS	TD	ATT	YDS	TD
1	BAL	1	7	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		1	7	-	-	-	-

SIOSIFA TUFUNGA

OFFENSIVE LINE



H: 6-3 // W: 315 // DOB: 5/14/1993
 COLLEGE: Washington // AFL EXP: R

ROD WINDSOR

WIDE RECEIVER



2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS	SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS
REC.....9 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	REC.....16 (4x)
REC YDS.....87 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	REC YDS.....234 (7/31/10 vs. IA)
REC TD.....3 (4/13/18 @ BAL)	REC TD.....7 (6/19/10 vs. BS)

H: 6-2
 W: 210
 DOB: 4/24/1985
 COLLEGE: W. New Mexico St.
 AFL EXP: 7

2018 GAME LOG

RECEIVING

RUSHING

WEEK	OPP	REC	YDS	TD	ATT	YDS	TD
1	BAL	9	87	3	-	-	-
3	PHI	4	51	2	-	-	-
TOTAL		13	138	5	-	-	-

BIOS NOT IN MEDIA GUIDE



SHANE AUSTIN QUARTERBACK



H: 6-0 // W: 200 // DOB: 6/14/1989
COLLEGE: Hawaii // AFL EXP: 4

SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS		SINGLE GAME PLAYOFF HIGHS	
COMP.....	36 (2x)	COMP.....	23 (8/2/14 vs. PHI)
ATT.....	61 (7/26/13 at SPO)	ATT.....	41 (4/23/14 vs. AZ)
%.....	81.8 (5/2/15 at ORL)	%.....	68.8 (8/10/14 vs. ORL)
PASS YDS.....	409 (7/21/14 at PHI)	PASS YDS.....	257 (8/6/16 at AZ)
PASS TD.....	11 (7/21/14 at PHI)	PASS TD.....	7 (8/10/14 vs. ORL)
INT.....	5 (8/2/14 vs. PHI)	INT.....	5 (8/2/14 vs. PHI)

CAREER STATS

PASSING

RUSHING

YEAR	TEAM	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT	RAT	ATT	YDS	TD
2013	PIT	106	192	55.2	1215	18	9	78.36	12	40	3
2014	CLE	367	564	65.1	4478	99	15	117.89	62	175	12
2015	CLE	416	682	61.0	4651	101	18	107.36	56	233	12
2016	POR	253	420	60.2	2531	48	19	87.11	38	141	8
CAREER		1142	1858	61.5	12875	266	61	104.29	168	589	35

2016: Played in the final 12 games of the season for Portland...threw for season-high even touchdowns against the Arizona Rattlers in Week 11.

2015: Appeared in 19 games for the Cleveland Gladiators...threw 6+ touchdowns in 12 games, including a season-high eight in Week 6 against Orlando.

2014: Played in 21 games for the Gladiators...led team to an ArenaBowl appearance...career-high 409 passing yards and 11 touchdowns against Philadelphia in Week 15.

2013: Appeared in eight games for PIT...played best game of the season in Week 19 against Spokane, throwing for 315 yards and six touchdowns.

COLLEGE: As a senior in 2011, appeared in all 13 games as a backup quarterback and the team's primary holder...also made one start at quarterback against Fresno State (Nov. 19)...completed 47-of-88 for 500 yards and two touchdowns.

PERSONAL: Born in Santa Monica, Calif...majoring in psychology...has three brothers...parents are Cathy and Dave Austin of Camarillo, Calif.



ZACK BULLOCK

DEFENSIVE LINE



H: 6-4 // W: 250 // DOB: 2/10/1993
COLLEGE: South Florida // AFL EXP: 1

2016: Spent the 2016 season on IR with the Washington Valor.

COLLEGE: As a senior in 2015, appeared in all 13 games, starting every game except at UCF at the "Bull" position on the defensive line... recorded 29 tackles, including 19 solo on the season...recorded one sack for a loss of eight yards.

PERSONAL: Has one brother, Gino, and three sisters ... father, William, played at Cameron University in Oklahoma ... was mentored by current USF assistant Larry Scott's brother, LaVaar, who is the defensive coordinator at Sebring ... volunteered in his church ... also served as a youth usher ... majoring in interdisciplinary social science.



QUA COX

DEFENSIVE BACK



H: 6-0 // W: 185 // DOB: 4/2/1991
COLLEGE: Jackson State // AFL EXP: 1

SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS		SINGLE GAME PLAYOFF HIGHS	
SOLO.....	5 (6/18/16 vs LA)	SOLO.....	1 (8/7/16 @ PHI)
AST.....	3 (7/30/16 @ JAX)	AST.....	N/A
TOT.....	5 (6/18/16 vs LA)	TOT.....	N/A
SACK.....	N/A	SACK.....	N/A
PBU.....	1 (6/18/16 vs LA)	PBU.....	N/A
INT.....	N/A	INT.....	N/A
TD.....	N/A	TD.....	N/A

CAREER STATS

YEAR	TEAM	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
2016	TB	17	4	19	0	1	0	0	0	0
CAREER		17	4	19	0	1	0	0	0	0

2016: Appeared in eight games for the Storm...season-high five solo tackles against the LA KISS in Week 12

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE: Indianapolis Colts (2014, Training Camp)



MICHAEL EVERETT DEFENSIVE BACK



H: 5-10 // W: 180 // DOB: 11/30/1991
COLLEGE: SW Minnesota St. // AFL EXP: R

COLLEGE: In 2016, played in 11 games with 10 starts ... named second team All-NSIC South ... finished second on the team with 65 tackles ... tied for team lead with three interceptions ... led team with 12 pass break-ups ... named team defensive player of the week vs. Upper Iowa.



JORDAN MUDGE OFFENSIVE LINE



H: 6-4 // W: 330 // DOB: 8/8/1989
COLLEGE: Nevada // AFL EXP: 2

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE: Buffalo Bills (2017, Training Camp)

COLLEGE: Earned First Team All-America honors as a sophomore after Bakersfield College prior to transferring to Nevada in 2010.

PERSONAL: Son of Randall, a golf pro, and Stacy Mudge...married to Sarah Mudge...three daughters...graduated with a degree in liberal arts...enjoys community work for sign language and the deaf community.



DIONTE SAVAGE OFFENSIVE LINE



H: 6-5 // W: 335 // DOB: 2/10/1992
COLLEGE: Oklahoma // AFL EXP: 2

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE: Indianapolis Colts and Miami Dolphins (2015, Training Camp)

COLLEGE: Played at Oklahoma University from 2013-14. Named All-Big 12 Honorable Mention and second-team Academic All-Big 12 in 2014.

PERSONAL: Savage says his biggest accomplishment is graduating college. Favorite food: salmon. Favorite restaurant: Cheddars or Red Lobster. Favorite movie: The Wood. Favorite color: green. Favorite TV show: Martin. Favorite actress: Angela Bassett.

DEAN COKINOS **HEAD COACH**

Entering his second season as head coach of the Valor, Cokinos has over 11 years of arena football coaching experience. Prior to joining the Valor, Cokinos served as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator for the Tampa Bay Storm. Prior to joining the Tampa Bay staff, Cokinos was the head coach of the New Orleans VooDoo in 2014-15 and the head coach and director of football operations for the Alabama Hammers of the Professional Indoor Football League from 2012-14. His 2013 Alabama team won the league championship and he was honored as the PIFL coach of the year after leading the Hammers to a 9-2 record, a six-win improvement from the previous year.

In 2007, Cokinos was named the head coach and director of football operations for the AFL's Alabama Vipers, which later relocated to Georgia as the Force in 2010. During his five years with the team he led the Vipers to an Arena Cup championship in 2008 as well as back-to-back playoff appearance for the Force, including a trip to the 2011 conference finals. He holds the record for most wins by a head coach in Vipers history with 32.

Cokinos made his debut in the AFL in 2004 as an assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and director of personnel for the Nashville Kats, while also scouting all professional arena/indoor league players for the NFL's Tennessee Titans. He began his indoor coaching career in 2002 as the head coach and director of football operations for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pioneers of the Arena Football 2 league. The following season he was the head coach and general manager of San Angelo Stampede and guided the team to a division championship in Indoor Football League. Cokinos spent eight years (1994-2001) coaching internationally as the head coach for two teams in the German Football League.

Cokinos was an all-conference running back for the University of Massachusetts Boston Beacons. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education - elementary and secondary education, and earned his master's degree in physical education and health from Austin Peay State University. Cokinos and his wife, Trina, have two daughters. 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.

JAMES CLARK

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH AND OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

Clark enters his second season as the Valor's offensive line coach and his first as assistant head coach. Prior to joining the Valor, Clark spent time with the Georgia Force (AFL) in 2011 and 2012, serving as Offense Line Coach and Assistant Head Coach. Before coaching, Clark played on the offensive line for the Georgia Force in 2007 and 2008. Clark attended University of Chattanooga.

BENJI MCDOWELL

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR AND DEFENSIVE LINE COACH

McDowell enters his third season as an AFL coach and his second with the Valor. McDowell spent the 2016 season with the Tampa Bay Storm as the defensive coordinator as well as line coach and special teams coordinator. Tampa bolstered one of the top defenses in the AFL under McDowell. The Forest City, NC native has worked in both the professional and collegiate ranks. McDowell spent the 2015 season with the University of Georgia as a defensive line intern. While at Georgia he helped implement the defensive coaches' game plans as well as served on the strength and conditioning staff. McDowell was also a member of the Alabama Hammers (Professional Indoor Football League) coaching staff during the 2013 and 2014 seasons, helping lead the team to the 2013 PIFL Championship. McDowell began his professional playing career in 2008 with the Alabama Vipers, playing under Cokinos. McDowell attending Lenoir Rhyne University in North Carolina graduating with multiple degrees in psychology, sociology, and community services. He earned All-American honors during his senior season leaving the program as the school's career leader in multiple statistical categories.

JEREMY GRIER

WIDE RECEIVERS AND SPECIAL TEAMS COACH

Grier enters his third season as an AFL coach and first with the Valor. Before joining the Valor, Grier spent the 2015 and 2016 seasons as wide receivers and special teams coach for the New Orleans Voodoo. His playing career featured stops with the Alabama Vipers, Georgia Force and New Orleans Voodoo, where he amassed nearly 500 all-purpose yards and 11 touchdowns.

JOHN PEAVY

FOOTBALL OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Peavy, a native of Storrs, Connecticut, begins his second season as football operations coordinator.

CASEY CARTER

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

Carter, whose career includes a five-year stint with the Tennessee Titans, returns for his second season as the Valor's head athletic trainer.

TRANSACTIONS

DATE	TRANSACTION	POS.	NAME
5/3	Have been assigned	QB	Shane Austin
5/3	Have been assigned	DL	Zack Bullock
5/3	Have been assigned	OL	Dionte Savage
5/3	Placing on injured reserve	OL	Devonte Danzey
5/3	Placing on injured reserve	OL	Anthony Parker
5/3	Placing on reassignment	LB	James Gordon
5/2	Have been assigned	OL	Anthony Parker
5/2	Placing on injured reserve	QB	Nick Davila
4/26	Have been assigned	DB	Qua Cox
4/26	Placing on reassignment	DB	Josh Victorian
4/25	Have been assigned	OL	Will Corbin
4/25	Have been assigned	LB	James Gordon
4/25	Have been assigned	DL	Jake Payne
4/25	Placing on recallable reassignm.	OL	Anthony Parker
4/24	Activating from refuse to report	OL	Jordan Mudge
4/23	Have been assigned	DB	Michael Everett
4/23	Placing on recallable reassignm.	OL	Will Corbin
4/23	Placing on recallable reassignm.	LB	James Gordon
4/23	Placing on recallable reassignm.	DL	Jake Payne
4/16	Placing on reassignment	DB	Kent Richardson
4/12	Activating from refuse to report	K	Pat Clarke
4/12	Placing on reassignment	DL	Zack Bullock
4/11	Have been assigned	DL	Zack Bullock
4/11	Have been assigned	DB	Kent Richardson
4/11	Placing on reassignment	DB	Qua Cox
4/11	Placing on reassignment	DL	David Washington
4/10	Have been assigned	DB	Dominic Addison
4/10	Have been assigned	DB	Tracy Belton
4/10	Have been assigned	OL	Devonte Danzey
4/10	Have been assigned	DB	Michael Knight
4/10	Have been assigned	OL	Siosifa Tufunga
4/10	Placing on reassignment	DB	Dallas Jackson
4/9	Activating from refuse to report	DB	Josh Victorian
4/9	Placing on league suspension	OL	Ben Curtis
4/9	Placing on league suspension	WR	Justin Wilson
4/8	Placing on recallable reassignm.	DB	Dominic Addison
4/8	Placing on recallable reassignm.	OL	Devonte Danzey
4/8	Placing on recallable reassignm.	DB	Michael Knight
4/8	Placing on recallable reassignm.	OL	Siosifa Tufunga
4/7	Activating from recallable reas.	DB	Qua Cox
4/7	Placing on refuse to report	DB	Josh Victorian
4/6	Traded to Albany		Claim Pos. #2
4/6	Traded from Albany	DB	Josh Victorian
4/6	Activating from PUP	DB	Dallas Jackson
4/6	Activating from PUP	DL	Jake Payne
4/6	Activating from PUP	WR	TT Toliver
4/6	Activating from PUP	OL	Siosifa Tufunga
4/6	Activating from PUP	DL	David Washington
4/6	Placing on injured reserve	WR	Josh Atkinson
4/6	Placing on injured reserve	OL	Michael Bamiro

DATE	TRANSACTION	POS.	NAME
4/6	Placing on injured reserve	WR	Jared Dangerfield
4/6	Placing on injured reserve	DB	Svante Davenport
4/6	Placing on injured reserve	OL	Anthony McMeans
4/6	Placing on injured reserve	QB	Josh Portis
4/6	Placing on injured reserve	DL	Reggie Wilson
4/6	Placing on recallable reassignm.	DL	Zack Bullock
4/6	Placing on recallable reassignm.	DB	Qua Cox
4/6	Placing on recallable reassignm.	OL	Ben Curtis
4/6	Placing on recallable reassignm.	WR	Alex Jette
4/6	Placing on recallable reassignm.	WR	Emughedi Umodu
4/6	Placing on reassignment	LB	John Law
4/6	Placing on reassignment	WR	Durron Neal
4/5	Placing on PUP	DB	Svante Davenport
4/4	Have been assigned	DL	Khreem Smith
4/4	Placing on reassignment	WR	Justin Wilson
4/3	Have been assigned	DL	Zack Bullock
4/3	Have been assigned	OL	Anthony McMeans
4/3	Activating from refuse to report	DL	Roosevelt Falls
4/3	Placing on PUP	DL	Jake Payne
4/3	Placing on PUP	QB	Josh Portis
4/3	Placing on PUP	DL	David Washington
4/2	Have been assigned	OL	Anthony Parker
4/2	Have been assigned	WR	Emughedi Umodu
4/2	Placing on recallable reassignm.	OL	Keyon Haughton
4/2	Placing on reassignment	WR	Tim Lukas
4/2	Placing on league suspension	DL	Dalyou Pierson
3/31	Have been assigned	WR	Rod Windsor
3/31	Placing on PUP	DB	Dallas Jackson
3/30	Have been assigned	WR	Reggie Gray
3/30	Placing on PUP	OL	Siosifa Tufunga
3/30	Placing on reassignment	DL	Dalyou Pierson
3/29	Have been assigned	OL	Siosifa Tufunga
3/29	Placing on refuse to report	OL	Jordan Mudge
3/29	Placing on PUP	WR	Josh Atkinson
3/29	Placing on PUP	WR	TT Toliver
3/29	Placing on PUP	DL	Reggie Wilson
3/29	Placing on league suspension	DL	R. Henderson
3/29	Placing on league suspension	DL	Corey Marshall
3/28	Have been assigned	OL	Jordan Mudge
3/28	Have been assigned	DL	Reggie Wilson
3/28	Placing on refuse to report	DL	Roosevelt Falls
3/27	Have been assigned	LB	John Law
3/25	Have been assigned	WR	Josh Atkinson
3/25	Have been assigned	DB	Svante Davenport
3/25	Placing on refuse to report	K	Pat Clarke
3/25	Placing on reassignment	DL	Zack Bullock
3/24	Have been assigned	DL	Roosevelt Falls
3/23	Have been assigned	OL	Michael Bamiro
3/23	Have been assigned	DL	Zack Bullock
3/23	Have been assigned	OL	Keyon Haughton

2018 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATS	WAS	OPP
SCORING	107	128
Points Per Game	53.5	64.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	14
FIRST DOWNS	35	40
Rushing	5	12
Passing	24	25
Penalty	6	3
RUSHING YARDAGE	32	93
Yards gained rushing	32	94
Yards lost rushing	0	1
Rushing Attempts	8	20
Average Per Rush	4.0	4.7
Average Per Game	16.0	46.5
TDs Rushing	3	7
PASSING YARDAGE	385	439
Comp-Att-Int	37-58-0	39-53-0
Average Per Pass	6.6	8.3
Average Per Catch	10.4	11.3
Average Per Game	192.5	219.5
TDs Passing	11	10
TOTAL OFFENSE	417	532
Total Plays	67	75
Average Per Play	6.2	7.1
Average Per Game	208.5	266.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	15-268	13-281
FG RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.9	21.6
FG RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	0.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	3-2	0-0
PENALTIES-Yards	11-62	14-91
Average Per Game	31.0	45.5
KICKOFFS-Yards	17-872	17-912
Average Per Kick	51.3	53.6
Net kick average	34.2	37.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	28:57	31:03
3RD-DOWN Conversions	5/9	8/11
3rd-Down Pct	56%	73%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	3/4	2/2
4th-Down Pct	75%	100%
SACKS BY-Yards	2-8	1-5

MISC YARDS	0	-11
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	15	18
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	0-0	1-1
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	(8-8) 100%	(11-12) 92%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(8-8) 100%	(11-12) 92%
4-point drop-kick FGs	0-0	0-0
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(15-15) 100%	(15-18) 83%
2-point drop-kick PATs	0-0	0-0
ATTENDANCE	0	15522
Games/Avg Per Game	0/0	2/7761
Neutral Site Games		0/0

2018 PLAYER STATS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Davila, Nick	2	3	21	0	21	7.0	2	17	10.5
Corbin, Will	2	3	8	0	8	2.7	0	4	4.0
Gordon, James	2	2	3	0	3	1.5	1	2	1.5
Total.....	2	8	32	0	32	4.0	3	17	16.0
Opponents.....	2	20	94	1	93	4.7	7	21	46.5
PASSING	GP	Rating	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Avg/G	
Davila, Nick	2	121.3	33-53-0	62.3	353	10	38	176.5	
Smith, Warren	2	137.1	4-5-0	80.0	37	1	18	18.5	
TEAM	2	39.6	0-0-0	0.0	-5	0	0	-2.5	
Total.....	2	122.5	37-58-0	63.8	385	11	38	192.5	
Opponents.....	2	137.5	39-53-0	73.6	439	10	44	219.5	
RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yards	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G		
Reese, Josh	2	15	161	10.7	4	38	80.5		
Windsor, Rod	2	13	138	10.6	5	20	69.0		
Gray, Reggie	2	4	54	13.5	1	25	27.0		
Duvalt, Chris	2	3	26	8.7	1	19	13.0		
Toliver, TT	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5		
Corbin, Will	2	1	4	4.0	0	4	2.0		
Total.....	2	37	390	10.5	11	38	195.0		
Opponents.....	2	39	447	11.5	10	44	223.5		
FG RETURNS	No.	Yards	Avg	TD	Long				
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0				
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0				
INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg	TD	Long				
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0				
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0				
KICK RETURNS	No.	Yards	Avg	TD	Long				
Duvalt, Chris	10	194	19.4	1	56				
Gray, Reggie	5	74	14.8	0	28				
Total.....	15	268	17.9	1	56				
Opponents.....	13	281	21.6	0	52				

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yards	Avg	TD	Long	Pass	2PT	Saf	Points
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Opponents.....	1	7	7.0	1	0	0-0	0	0	8
SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	2PT	Saf	Points
Windsor, Rod	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Reese, Josh	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Clarke, Pat	0	0-0	15-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	15
Davila, Nick	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Duvalt, Chris	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Gray, Reggie	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Gordon, James	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Sesay, Brandon	0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0-0	0	0	2
Total.....	15	0-0	15-15	1-0	0	0-0	0	0	107
Opponents.....	18	1-1	15-18	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	128
ALL PURPOSE	GP	Rush	Rcv	FG	KR	IR	Total	Avg/G	
Duvalt, Chris	2	0	26	0	194	0	220	110.0	
Reese, Josh	2	0	161	0	0	0	161	80.5	
Windsor, Rod	2	0	138	0	0	0	138	69.0	
Gray, Reggie	2	0	54	0	74	0	128	64.0	
Davila, Nick	2	21	0	0	0	0	21	10.5	
Corbin, Will	2	8	4	0	0	0	12	6.0	
Toliver, TT	2	0	7	0	0	0	7	3.5	
Gordon, James	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.5	
Total.....	2	32	390	0	268	0	690	345.0	
Opponents.....	2	93	447	0	281	0	821	410.5	

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Tackles			TFL-Yds	Sacks		Pass Defense			Fumbles		FF
		Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yds	Int-Yds	BU	PD	Qbh	Rcv-Yds		
Addison, Dominic	2	11	1	11.5	.	.		1	1	.			
Knight, Michael	2	5	1	5.5	.	.		1	1	.			
Belton, Tracy	2	5	1	5.5	.	.		1	1	.			
Collins, Lanford	2	5	.	5.0	1.0-3	1.0-3		.	.	.			
Falls, Roosevelt	2	4	1	4.5	.	.		.	.	.
VICTORIAN,JOSH	1	3	2	4.0	.	.		.	.	.
Smith, Khreem	2	4	.	4.0	1.0-1	.		.	.	.
Everett, Michael	1	3	.	3.0	.	.		.	.	.
Cox, Qua	1	3	.	3.0	.	.		.	.	.
Sesay, Brandon	2	2	1	2.5	1.0-5	1.0-5		.	.	.			
Gordon, James	2	2	.	2.0	.	.		.	.	.
Reese, Josh	2	2	.	2.0	.	.		.	.	.
Duvalt, Chris	2	2	.	2.0	.	.		.	.	.
Clarke, Pat	2	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.
Toliver, TT	2	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.
Richardson, Kent	1	.	1	0.5	.	.		.	.	.
Total.....	2	53	8	57.0	3-9	2-8		3	3	.			
Opponents.....	2	45	7	48.5	1-5	1-5		8	8	2	2-7		

2018 HIGHS AND LOWS

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	2	Gordon, James at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018) Davila, Nick at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018) Corbin, Will at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Rushing	20	Davila, Nick at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Rushes	1	Gordon, James at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018) Davila, Nick at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018) Davila, Nick at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Long Rush	17	Davila, Nick at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass attempts	27	Davila, Nick at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass completions	18	Davila, Nick at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Passing	197	Davila, Nick at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Passes	6	Davila, Nick at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Long Pass	38	Davila, Nick at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Receptions	10	Reese, Josh at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Receiving	87	Windsor, Rod at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Receptions	3	Windsor, Rod at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018) Reese, Josh at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Long Reception	38	Reese, Josh at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	56	Duvalt, Chris at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Tackles	7.0	Addison, Dominic at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Sacks	1.0	Collins, Lanford at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018) Sesay, Brandon at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	1.0	Collins, Lanford at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018) Sesay, Brandon at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018) Smith, Khreem at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)

TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	6	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Rushing	31	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	5.2	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Rushes	2	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass attempts	31	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Pass completions	19	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Passing	197	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	7.3	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Passes	6	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Total Plays	33	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018) at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Total Offense	228	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Play	6.9	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Points	56	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Sacks By	2	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
First Downs	19	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Penalties	8	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Penalty Yards	50	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Turnovers	1	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018) at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	10	FERNS,ADRIAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Rushing	55	FERNS,ADRIAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
TD Rushes	3	FERNS,ADRIAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Long Rush	21	FERNS,ADRIAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Pass attempts	31	HIPPEARD,RANDY, at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass completions	22	HIPPEARD,RANDY, at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Passing	240	HIPPEARD,RANDY, at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Passes	5	HIPPEARD,RANDY, at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Long Pass	44	RAUDABAUGH,DAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Receptions	9	WASCHA,AARON, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Receiving	105	WASCHA,AARON, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
TD Receptions	2	WASCHA,AARON, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Long Reception	44	WASCHA,AARON, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Field Goals	1	TREVINO,ADRIAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Long Field Goal	34	TREVINO,ADRIAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	52	THOMPCKINS,BRAND, at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Tackles	7.0	ROMAIN,JAMES, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Sacks	1.0	RICHARDSON,JERA, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	1.0	RICHARDSON,JERA, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	10	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
		at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Rushing	55	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	5.5	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
TD Rushes	4	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass attempts	31	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass completions	22	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Passing	232	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	9.4	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
TD Passes	5	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
		at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Total Plays	41	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Total Offense	270	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Play	8.2	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Points	67	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Sacks By	1	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
First Downs	20	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
		at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Penalties	7	at Baltimore Brigade (Apr 13, 2018)
		at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018)
Penalty Yards	53	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 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
2	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
3	PHI	QB	Dan Raudabaugh	Completed 17/22 passes for 207 yards and five 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
2	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
3	PHI	FB	Adrian Ferns	10 rushing attempts for 55 yards and three rushing TDs	WAS

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
2	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
3	PHI	DB	Torez Jones	Registered two solo tackles and a pass break-up	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
2	PHI	WR	Darius Reynolds	Finished with 11 receptions for 151 yards and four touchdowns	BAL
3	ALB	WR	Joe Hills	Caught 11 passes for 108 yards and four touchdowns	BAL

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
2	PHI	DB	James Romain	Recorded four total tackles and a pair of pass break-ups	BAL
3	BAL	DB	Virgil Gray	Recorded 12 total tackles (Brigade record) and one interception	ALB

GAME RECAPS

WEEK 1 AT BALTIMORE

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
	00:29	BAL	Thompkins, Brandon 11 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark rush fumbld) 2 plays, 23 yards, TOP 1:37	7 - 20
2nd	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 Leffle • 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

VALOR STATS

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.
Davila, Nick	2	20	0	20	1	17	10.0
Corbin, Will	2	8	0	8	0	4	4.0
Gordon, James	2	3	0	3	1	2	1.5
Totals...	6	31	0	31	2	17	5.2

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Davila, Nick	18-27-0	197	6	38	0
Totals...	18-27-0	197	6	38	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Windsor, Rod	9	87	3	18
Reese, Josh	5	81	1	38
Gray, Reggie	2	18	1	12
Toliver, TT	1	7	0	7
Duvalt, Chris	1	4	1	4
Totals...	18	197	6	38

##	Washington Valor	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blkd	Sack/Yds
23	Addison, Dominic	5	2	6.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
6	Belton, Tracy	4	1	4.5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
12	Falls, Roosevelt	3	2	4.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Victorian, Josh	3	2	4.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Collins, Lanford	2	1	2.5	1.0/3	.	.	.	.	.	1.0/3
21	Knight, Michael	1	1	1.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Gordon, James	1	1	1.5	1.0/5	.	.	.	.	.	1.0/5
91	Sesay, Brandon	1	1	1.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Duvalt, Chris	1	1	1.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Clarke, Pat	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Smith, Khreem	1	.	1.0	1.0/1	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Toliver, TT	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Richardson, Kent	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

VALOR DROP SEASON OPENER, 61-56, IN BALTIMORE

Davila accounts for seven touchdowns in first game with Washington

BALTIMORE, MD – The Washington Valor (0-1) fell to the Baltimore Brigade (1-0), 61-56, at Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore, Md. in the first game of the 2018 Arena Football League season. Valor quarterback Nick Davila, playing in his first game with the team, was named Offensive Player of the Game for his seven-touchdown performance.

"It's fun to play for the Valor, to represent the red white and blue, to represent my team, represent my family," Davila said. "What more can you want? I was having fun out there but, ultimately, it's better when you win."

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.

WEEK 3 AT PHILADELPHIA

Washington Valor vs Philadelphia Soul (Apr 28, 2018 at Philadelphia, Pa.)

Washington Valor (0-2) vs. Philadelphia Soul (3-0)

Date: Apr 28, 2018 • Site: Philadelphia, Pa. • Arena: Wells Fargo Center • Attendance: 10164

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Washington Valor	9	21	7	14	51
Philadelphia Soul	20	24	16	7	67

1st	11:14	PHI	Reynolds, Darius 20 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 5 plays, 42 yards, TOP 3:46	0 - 7
	08:30	WSH	Reese, Josh 17 yd pass from Davila, Nick (Clarke, Pat kick) 3 plays, 46 yards, TOP 2:40	7 - 7
	05:32	PHI	Wascha, Aaron 44 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 3 plays, 44 yards, TOP 2:15	7 - 14
	00:48	PHI	Ferns, Adrian 1 yd run (Trevino, Adrian kick blockd) 1 play, 1 yard, TOP 0:19	7 - 20
	00:48	WSH	Sesay, Brandon PAT return	9 - 20
2nd	11:20	WSH	Windsor, Rod 7 yd pass from Davila, Nick (Clarke, Pat kick) 5 plays, 46 yards, TOP 3:40	16 - 20
	07:17	PHI	Wascha, Aaron 8 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 4 plays, 39 yards, TOP 3:20	16 - 27
	06:26	WSH	Duvalt, Chris 56 yd kickoff return (Clarke, Pat kick) 23 - 27	
	05:01	PHI	Ferns, Adrian 4 yd run (Trevino, Adrian kick) 1 play, 4 yards, TOP 1:32	23 - 34
	03:56	PHI	Peila, Bryce 7 yd net recovery (Trevino, Adrian kick) 23 - 41	
	01:08	WSH	Davila, Nick 1 yd run (Clarke, Pat kick) 4 plays, 10 yards, TOP 2:27	30 - 41
	00:00	PHI	Trevino, Adrian 34 yd field goal 7 plays, 28 yards, TOP 1:00	30 - 44
3rd	14:31	PHI	Ferns, Adrian safety 30 - 46	
	12:04	PHI	Ferns, Adrian 1 yd run (Trevino, Adrian kick) 3 plays, 34 yards, TOP 2:27	30 - 53
	07:31	WSH	Reese, Josh 11 yd pass from Davila, Nick (Clarke, Pat kick) 5 plays, 36 yards, TOP 3:38	37 - 53
	04:43	PHI	Prince, Darius 25 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 3 plays, 48 yards, TOP 2:14	37 - 60
4th	14:52	WSH	Reese, Josh 7 yd pass from Davila, Nick (Clarke, Pat kick) 4 plays, 35 yards, TOP 3:50	44 - 60
	09:46	PHI	Manley, PhillipKeith 4 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 4 plays, 18 yards, TOP 4:31	44 - 67
	01:45	WSH	Windsor, Rod 18 yd pass from Smith, Warren (Clarke, Pat kick) 9 plays, 47 yards, TOP 7:03	51 - 67

Kickoff time: 7:37 pm • End of Game: 10:16 pm • Total elapsed time: 2:39

Referee: Dave Cutaia • Umpire: Jeff Carr • Linesman: Kenny Leffle • Line judge: Terri Valenti • Back judge: Grantis Bell •

Offensive Player of Game - Adrian Ferns (PHI)

Defensive Player of Game - Torez Jones (PHI)

Most Valuable Player - Dan Raudabaugh (PHI)

VALOR STATS

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.
Davila, Nick	1	1	0	1	1	1	1.0
Corbin, Will	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals...	2	1	0	1	1	1	0.5

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Davila, Nick	15-26-0	156	4	25	1
Smith, Warren	4-5-0	37	1	18	0
TEAM	0-0-0	-5	0	0	0
Totals...	19-31-0	188	5	25	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Reese, Josh	10	80	3	17
Windsor, Rod	4	51	2	20
Gray, Reggie	2	36	0	25
Duvalt, Chris	2	22	0	19
Corbin, Will	1	4	0	4
Totals...	19	193	5	25

##	Washington Valor	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp
Blkd	Sack/Yds QBH								
23	Addison, Dominic	4	1	4.5	.	.	.	.	.
21	Knight, Michael	4	.	4.0	.	.	1	.	.
20	Cox, Qua	3	3.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Smith, Khreem	3	.	3.0	.	.	.	1	.
5	Everett, Michael	3	.	3.0	.	.	.	.	.
42	Collins, Lanford	2	.	2.0	.	.	.	.	.
19	Reese, Josh	2	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Gordon, James	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.
6	Belton, Tracy	1	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.

VALOR FALL, 67-51, TO DEFENDING-CHAMPION SOUL

Reese sets career high with three receiving touchdowns

PHILADELPHIA, PA – The Washington Valor were defeated, 67-51, by the defending-champion Philadelphia Soul Saturday night at Wells Fargo Center. Valor wide receiver Josh Reese set a career high with three receiving touchdowns while Soul quarterback Dan Raudabaugh threw five touchdowns and was named the game's MVP.

Raudabaugh connected with wideout Darius Reynolds for a 20-yard touchdown for the first points of the game. The Valor responded quickly as quarterback Nick Davila found Reese to knot the score up at seven. The Soul scored consecutive touchdowns to take a 20-7 lead, but the Valor returned a blocked extra point attempt to shave the lead down to 20-9. Davila found wideout Rod Windsor for a score on the ensuing possession, setting the score at 20-16. After another Raudabaugh touchdown pass, Valor wide receiver Chris Duvalt returned the kickoff 56 yards for a touchdown. The Soul scored consecutive touchdowns to take a 41-23 lead. With just over a minute remaining in the first half, Davila notched his second rushing touchdown of the season. Soul kicker Adrian Trevino tacked on a field goal as time expired in the first half to give Philadelphia a 44-30 halftime lead.

The Soul forced the Valor into a safety on the opening kickoff of the second half, then added a touchdown on the following possession to take a 53-30 lead. Davila found Reese for an 11-yard pass to snap the Valor scoring drought and cut the Philadelphia lead to 53-37. Philadelphia and Washington traded touchdowns over the game's remaining 20 minutes, including Reese's third receiving touchdown of the game. Valor quarterback Warren Smith found Windsor with 1:45 left in the game to set the final score at 67-51, Philadelphia.

Valor quarterback Nick Davila (neck) left the game in the fourth quarter and did not return. More information will be provided following medical evaluation.

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT

ALBANY EMPIRE



Founded.....2018
 Arena.....Times Union Center
 Address.....51 S Pearl St, Albany, NY 12207
 Capacity.....17,500
 Colors.....Midnight Navy, Albany Orange
 Website.....thealbanyempire.com
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2018 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPP.	TIME
1	4/14	PHI	7 p.m.
2	4/21	@ WAS	7 p.m.
3	4/28	@ BAL	3 p.m.
4	5/5	WAS	7:30 p.m.
5	BYE	BYE	BYE
6	5/19	@ PHI	6 p.m.
7	5/26	WAS	6 p.m.
8	6/2	BAL	7 p.m.
9	6/9	BAL	7 p.m.
10	6/16	PHI	6 p.m.
11	6/23	@ BAL	7:30 p.m.
12	6/29	@ WAS	7 p.m.
13	7/7	PHI	7 p.m.

On October 24, 2017, it was announced that the Arena Football League would return to Albany, New York for the 2018 season.

“The Albany Empire represents the home team for the Capital of New York, the Empire State along with the power needed to be successful in the tough, fast-paced sport of Arena Football,” the team said in a press release.

It was announced that the team would be owned and operated by a local group of businessmen including George Hearst III, Dan Nolan and Ed Swyer. The local group partnered with the ownership group of the Philadelphia Soul of the Arena Football League, led by Ron Jaworski, Craig Spencer, Dick Vermeil, Marques Colston, Jahri Evans and other Philadelphia area businessmen.

“I could not be more excited to be part of the group bringing Arena Football back to Albany,” said Empire co-owner Dan Nolan. “We are bringing back a sport that has proven to be endeared by this city, and bringing it back with a great group of dynamic business leaders, football experts and all around great people.”

“Having the highest level of Arena Football back in the city of Albany is going to be amazing,” said team co-owner George Hearst III. “This team will be a pillar in the community for years to come. Our unique ownership group, which includes local passion with proven AFL and sports operating expertise ensures we will have the first-class business operation that this city deserves.”

COACHING STAFF

Rob Keefe.....Head Coach
 Les Moss.....Assistant Head Coach
 Chris Thompson.....Offensive Coordinator/Director of Football Operations
 Beau Bell.....Director of Player Personnel/ Pass Rush Coordinator
 Brandon Goldstein.....Director of Player Operations

NEWS CLIPS

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.

Arena Football League Announces Fan Engagement, Betting Partnerships (SportTechie)

In advance of the start of its 31st season tomorrow, the Arena Football League (AFL) has announced four new partnerships, nearly all of which relate to enhancing fan engagement via daily fantasy sports and sports betting.

"The partnerships we're announcing today give fans a whole new range of ways to get in on the action of arena football," said Ron Jaworski, Chairman of the AFL Executive Committee in a statement. "Today, we're bringing fans even closer to the game by giving them access to more data, creating more intensity in each individual moment of the game and introducing some cutting-edge gaming options."

Here's what you need to know:

-DraftKings will be the league's exclusive daily fantasy partner, launching an AFL fantasy game and streaming AFL games via the DraftKings app beginning with the 2019 season.

-Sportradar will develop a new API which will help in the distribution and licensing of data to potential AFL partners.

-Facebook will air 12 AFL games on Facebook Watch. It's not clear from the release whether this will start with the 2018 or 2019 season.

-Vegas Stats and Information Network (VSiN) will produce pregame content that previews betting odds and trends and live content focused on in-game betting angles.

SportTechie Takeaway:

Ted Leonsis, owner of the NBA's Washington Wizards, the NHL's Capitals, and the WNBA's Mystics, owns half of the AFL's teams. He's made it a point to help the league find a foot hold. And Leonsis' venture fund, Revolution Growth, has significant investments in both DraftKings and Sportradar.

A decision on the legalization of nationwide sports betting could come from the US Supreme Court as early as next week. We think we know which way the AFL and Leonsis see the court ruling.

ABOUT THE WASHINGTON VALOR:

The AFL's Washington Valor are 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 Baltimore Brigade, 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.

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. For all the latest news and discussion on the Arena Football League follow the AFL on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@aflarenaball).