



# GAME NOTES

5.25.18  
7 P.M.  
ROYAL FARMS ARENA  
GAME #6  
ROAD GAME #4

The Baltimore Brigade (4-1) look to hold on to first place in the AFL standings as they welcome the Philadelphia Soul (3-2) to Royal Farms Arena this Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. Baltimore is coming off a 42-41 win over the Washington Valor while Philadelphia looks to bounce back from a loss to the Albany Empire. Baltimore defeated Philadelphia, 31-21, in the teams' most recent meeting.

**BRIGADE PLAYER TO WATCH:** DB Virgil Gray – Gray leads the AFL with 39 total tackles, 7.5 more than any other player in the league, and has now tallied six-or-more tackles in four-straight games. In Baltimore's Week 4 win over the Soul, Gray was named Defensive Player of the Game for his 10-tackle, one-interception performance.

**SOUL PLAYER TO WATCH:** WR Darius Prince – Prince leads the AFL in receptions, receiving yards and is tied for second in receiving touchdowns. Last weekend against the Albany Empire, Prince hauled in 11 receptions, a season-high 125 yards and two touchdowns. Prince has 70+ receiving yards and a touchdown in each of his two matchups with the Brigade this season.

**MATCHUP TO WATCH:** Brigade QB Randy Hippeard vs. Soul DB James Romain – Hippeard enters this weekend leading the AFL in completions (116), attempts (170), completion percentage (68.2) and touchdown-to-interception ratio (13.5-to-1). In his two games against Philadelphia this season, Hippeard has thrown for 485 yards and nine touchdowns. Soul defensive back James Romain leads Philadelphia with 25 total tackles and is tied for the league lead with two interceptions on the season.

**BROADCAST INFORMATION:** Friday night's game will be broadcast live on Monumental Sports Network, AFL Now, Facebook Watch and NBC Sports Washington.

**PHILADELPHIA SOUL (3-2)**  
AT  
**BALTIMORE BRIGADE (4-1)**

## 2018 STAT LEADERS

BALTIMORE				PHILADELPHIA			
<b>PASSING</b>				<b>PASSING</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>TD</b>
Hippeard	68.2	1228	25	Raudabaugh	67.1	1169	22
				McGhee	66.7	48	2
<b>RECEIVING</b>				<b>RECEIVING</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>REC.</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>REC.</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>TD</b>
Thompkins	27	275	4	Prince	39	454	8
Williams	23	265	5	Reynolds	28	356	6
Collins	22	243	5	Kauleina...	23	251	4
Sims	18	212	6	Wascha	13	141	4
<b>RUSHING</b>				<b>RUSHING</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ATT.</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ATT.</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>TD</b>
Nixon	18	49	2	Ferns	25	97	4
Hippeard	6	31	2	Richardson	13	13	3
Brown	1	6	1				
Thompkins	1	6	1	<b>DEFENSE</b>			
<b>DEFENSE</b>				<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOT</b>	<b>SCK</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOT</b>	<b>SCK</b>	<b>INT</b>	Hollis	25.0	0	0
Gray	39.0	0	2	Romain	25.0	0	2
Powell	22.0	0	1	Jones	18.5	0	1
Obi	16.0	0	0	Goosby	15.5	0	0

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	REC	HOME	AWAY	+/-	WEEK	DATE	OPP.	TIME	TV/RESULT
BAL	4-1	3-0	1-1	+14	1	4/13	WAS	7 p.m.	W, 61-56
PHI	3-2	2-1	1-1	+27	2	4/21	@ PHI	7 p.m.	L, 49-54
ALB	3-2	1-1	2-1	+16	3	4/28	ALB	3 p.m.	W, 52-49
WAS	0-5	0-2	0-3	-57	4	5/4	PHI	7 p.m.	W, 31-21
					5	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
					6	5/19	@ WAS	3 p.m.	W, 42-41
					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

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Borel.....boar-EL  
Hippeard.....HIP-erd  
LaFrance.....luh-FRANCE  
Lamark.....luh-MARK

## OFFICIALS

REFEREE.....Dave Cutaia  
UMPIRE.....Rick Lowe  
HEAD LINESMAN.....Kenny Leffie  
LINE JUDGE.....Terri Valenti  
BACK JUDGE.....Jim Corpora

## 2018 BRIGADE SCHEDULE

## NOTABLES

### HIPPEARD'S HOT START

Through five games, Brigade QB Randy Hippeard has already found the MVP stride that he carried through the entire 2017 season. Hippeard leads the league in completions, attempts, passing yards and ranks second in passing touchdowns.

### BALANCED ATTACK

In Week 1, all five of Hippeard's touchdown passes went to a different receiver. In Week 2, four different receivers caught a touchdown. Through five games of the 2018 season, Hippeard has thrown TDs to eight different receivers, including five with multiple TDs.

### GRAY AREA

Veteran defensive back Virgil Gray, named Defensive Player of the Week for his 12-tackle performance in Week 3, leads the way for the Brigade defense. Gray ranks first in the AFL with 39.0 total tackles and two interceptions.

# 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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 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

### 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>

## 2018

### STATS:

	PHI	BAL
WINS	1	1
LOSSES	1	1
POINTS SCORED/GAME	37.5	40.0
POINTS ALLOWED/GAME	40.0	37.5
PASSING/REC YARDS/GAME	250.5	227.5
RUSHING YARDS/GAME	28.0	11.0
PASSING/REC TD/GAME	4.0	1.5
RUSHING TD /GAME	0.0	1.5

### RESULTS:

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

Date: Apr 21, 2018 • Site: Philadelphia, Pa. • Arena: Wells Fargo Center •

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Baltimore Brigade	7	21	7	14	49
<b>Philadelphia Soul</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>54</b>

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

Date: May 04, 2018 • Site: Baltimore, MD • Arena: Royal Farms Arena •

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Philadelphia Soul	7	7	0	7	21
<b>Baltimore Brigade</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>

# 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
9	DL	Damien Borel	6'4	285	6/1/1993	3	Butte CC
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
24	DL	Rodney Fritz	6'2	270	5/8/1987	3	Tennessee State
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
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
63	OL	Jordan McCray	6'3	315	5/31/1992	2	Central Florida
3	WR	Douglas McNeil III	6'3	210	7/20/1988	1	Bowie State
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
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
14	WR	Brandon Thompkins	5'10	195	10/9/1987	7	Arkansas State
5	DB	Josh Victorian	5'10	190	7/10/1988	4	Louisiana Tech
60	OL	Jeremiah Warren	6'3	320	9/20/1987	1	South Florida
84	WR	Milton Williams	6'3	215	3/7/1994	1	Delaware State

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# DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

## DEFENSE

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>QB</b>	12	Hippeard	8	Boyd	<b>DE</b>	9	Borel	48	Lafrance	<b>K</b>	19	Ma. Lewis
<b>FB</b>	23	Nixon	44	Austin	<b>NG</b>	99	Lawrence	9	Borel	<b>H</b>	8	Boyd
<b>C</b>	50	McNeil	63	McCray	<b>DE</b>	24	Fritz	48	Lafrance	<b>LS</b>	60	Warren
<b>G</b>	60	Warren	75	Samuels	<b>LB</b>	55	Jackson	99	Lawrence	<b>KR</b>	14	Thompkins
<b>TE</b>	63	McCray	44	Austin	<b>LB</b>	11	Brown	1	Powell			
<b>WR</b>	18	Sims	84	Williams	<b>DB</b>	5	Victorian	6	Bailey			
<b>WR</b>	14	Thompkins	3	McNeil	<b>DB</b>	1	Powell	6	Bailey			
<b>WR</b>	17	Collins	3	McNeil	<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	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	PHI	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	ALB	2	1	2.5	-	1	-	-	-	-
4	PHI	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....	3 (4/21/18 at PHI)
AST.....	2 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)
TOT.....	3 (4/21/18 at PHI)
SACK.....	N/A
PBU.....	1 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)
INT.....	N/A
TD.....	N/A

#### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....	3 (4/21/18 at PHI)
AST.....	2 (4/13/18 VS. WAS)
TOT.....	3 (4/21/18 at PHI)
SACK.....	N/A
PBU.....	1 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)
INT.....	N/A
TD.....	N/A

# 9 DAMIEN BOREL

POS: DL // H: 6-4 // W: 285 // DOB: 6/1/1993 // College: Butte CC // AFL EXP: 3

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WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
3	ALB	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
4	PHI	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	WAS	-	1	.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....2 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 AST.....1 (5/19/18 at WAS)  
 TOT.....2 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....1 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....3 (3x)  
 AST.....2 (5x)  
 TOT.....4 (7/18/16 vs. ORL)  
 SACK.....2 (4/1/16 at POR)  
 PBU.....3 (7/9/16 vs. JAX)  
 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 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: LB // H: 6-4 // W: 225 // DOB: 7/5/1989 // College: Minnesota State // AFL EXP: 3

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	WAS	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
2	PHI	2	1	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	ALB	2	1	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	PHI	3	1	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	WAS	2	1	2.5	-	2	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....3 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 AST.....1 (4x)  
 TOT.....3.5 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....2 (5/19/18 at WAS)  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

# 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
2	PHI	2	60	2
3	ALB	3	33	-
4	PHI	6	67	1
6	WAS	4	26	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>4</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....6 (2x)  
 REC YDS.....67 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 REC TDS.....2 (4/21/18 at PHI)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

# 24 RODNEY FRITZ

POS: DL // H: 6-2 // W: 270 // DOB: 5/8/1987 // College: Tennessee State // AFL EXP: 3

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
4	PHI	3	1	3.5	1	-	1	-	-	-
6	WAS	1	-	1.0	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....3 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 AST.....1 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 TOT.....3.5 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 SACK.....1 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 PBU.....N/A  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....4 (6/3/16 vs. CLE)  
 AST.....2 (3x)  
 TOT.....4 (6/3/16 vs. CLE)  
 SACK.....2 (2x)  
 PBU.....1 (2x)  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A



# 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	-	-	-	-
2	PHI	7	1	7.5	-	1	-	-	-	-
3	ALB	12	-	12	-	-	-	-	1	-
4	PHI	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	1	-
6	WAS	6	1	6.5	-	1	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....12 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 AST.....1 (2x)  
 TOT.....12 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....1 (3x)  
 INT.....1 (2x)  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....12 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 AST.....7 (8/12/11 vs. JAX)  
 TOT.....12 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 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	-	3	6	2
2	PHI	25	37	.675	278	5	-	-	-	-
3	ALB	28	41	.682	290	7	-	1	2	-
4	PHI	19	32	.593	207	4	-	1	18	-
6	WAS	22	29	.758	213	4	2	1	5	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>116</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>.682</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

COMP.....28 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 ATT.....41 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 %.....75.8 (5/19/18 at WAS)  
 PASS YDS.....290 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 PASS TD.....7 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 INT.....2 (5/19/18 at WAS)

### 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)

# 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	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	PHI	1	1	1.5	-	-	1	-	-	-
3	ALB	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	PHI	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	WAS	1	1	1.5	-	-	-	1	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....2 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 AST.....2 (2x)  
 TOT.....2 (2x)  
 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	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	PHI	3	1	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	ALB	2	1	2.5	-	-	-	1	-	-
4	PHI	1	1	1.5	-	-	-	1	-	-
6	WAS	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....3 (4/21/18 at PHI)  
 AST.....1 (3x)  
 TOT.....3.5 (4/21/18 at PHI)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....N/A  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....3 (4/21/18 at PHI)  
 AST.....1 (3x)  
 TOT.....3.5 (4/21/18 at PHI)  
 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	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	PHI	-	1	.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	ALB	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
4	PHI	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....2 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 AST.....1 (2x)  
 TOT.....2 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 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
2	PHI	-	-	-	7	7	1.000
3	ALB	1	1	1.000	7	7	1.000
4	PHI	1	1	1.000	4	4	1.000
6	WAS	-	-	-	6	6	1.000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>.939</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

FGM.....1 (2x)  
 FGA.....1 (2x)  
 XPM.....7 (3x)  
 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)

# 63 JORDAN MCCRAY

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

# 3 DOUGLAS MCNEIL III

POS: WR // H: 6-3 // W: 210 // DOB: 7/201988 // College: Bowie State // AFL EXP: 1

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	REC	YDS	TD
1	PHI	5	44	1
4	WAS	1	5	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....5 (4/14/18 vs. PHI)  
 REC YDS.....44 (4/14/18 vs. PHI)  
 REC TDS.....1 (4/14/18 vs. PHI)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

REC.....12 (4/26/14 at JAX)  
 REC YDS.....154 (4/26/14 at JAX)  
 REC TDS.....5 (8/3/2014 at AZ)

# 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

## 2018 GAME LOG

### RECEIVING

### RUSHING

WEEK	OPP	REC	YDS	TD	ATT	YDS	TD
1	WAS	-	-	-	6	27	1
2	PHI	2	12	-	1	-	-
3	ALB	-	-	-	3	4	-
4	PHI	1	6	1	3	4	-
6	WAS	1	18	-	5	15	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....2 (4/21/18 at PHI)  
 REC YDS.....18 (5/19/18 at WAS)  
 REC TDS.....1 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 RUSH ATT.....6 (4/13/18 vs. WAS)  
 RUSH YDS.....27 (4/13/18 vs. WAS)  
 RUSH TD.....1 (2x)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

# 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	-	-
2	PHI	7	-	7	-	1	-	-	-	-
3	ALB	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
4	PHI	3	2	4	-	-	-	-	1	-
6	WAS	5	-	5.0	-	1	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....7 (4/21/18 at PHI)  
 AST.....2 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 TOT.....7 (4/21/18 at PHI)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....1 (3x)  
 INT.....1 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....7 (2x)  
 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
2	PHI	1	15	1
3	ALB	7	60	2
4	PHI	1	42	1
6	WAS	4	52	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>6</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....7 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 REC YDS.....60 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
 REC TDS.....2 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

# 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	-
2	PHI	7	71	-	4	111	1
3	ALB	6	43	1	1	-	-
4	PHI	4	37	-	3	37	-
6	WAS	6	63	2	5	110	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>1</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....7 (4/21/18 at PHI)  
 REC YDS.....71 (4/21/18 at PHI)  
 REC TDS.....2 (5/19/18 at 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)

# 5 JOSH VICTORIAN

POS: DB // H: 5-10 // W: 190 // DOB: 7/10/88 // College: Louisiana Tech // AFL EXP: 4

## 2018 GAME LOG

WEEK	OPP	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
1	BAL	3	2	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	PHI	1	1	1.5	-	1	-	-	-	-
6	WAS	4	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SOLO.....4 (5/19/18 at WAS)  
 AST.....2 (4/13/18 at BAL)  
 TOT.....4.5 (4/13/18 at BAL)  
 SACK.....N/A  
 PBU.....1 (5/4/18 vs. PHI)  
 INT.....N/A  
 TD.....N/A

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

SOLO.....7 (2x)  
 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)

# 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
2	PHI	6	49	1
3	ALB	6	100	2
4	PHI	4	45	1
6	WAS	2	25	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>5</b>

### 2018 SINGLE GAME HIGHS

REC.....6 (2x)  
REC YDS.....100 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
REC TDS.....2 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)

### SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

REC.....7 (2x)  
REC YDS.....100 (4/28/18 vs. ALB)  
REC TDS.....3 (5/27/17 vs. CLE)

# BIOS NOT IN MEDIA GUIDE

## 9 DAMIEN BOREL

POS: DL // H: 6-4 // W: 285 // DOB: 6/1/1993 // College: Butte CC // AFL EXP: 3



SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS (PRE-2018)	SINGLE GAME PLAYOFF HIGHS
SOLO.....3 (3x)	SOLO.....3 (8/22/15 vs. AZ)
AST.....2 (5x)	AST.....2 (2x)
TOT.....4 (7/18/16 vs. ORL)	TOT.....3.5 (8/22/15 vs. AZ)
SACK.....2 (4/1/16 at POR)	SACK.....N/A
PBU.....3 (7/9/16 vs. JAX)	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
2015	SJ	7	4	9	2.0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	AZ	18	7	21.5	6.5	8	1	2	0	0
<b>CAREER</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**2016:** Played in 17 games for Arizona...recorded a tackle or tackle assist in all but three games...career-high four total tackles against Orlando in Week 16.

**2015:** Appeared in nine games for the San Jose SaberCats, including three postseason games...sacks against Spokane in Weeks 8 and 14.



# 24 RODNEY FRITZ

POS: DL // H: 6-2 // W: 270 // DOB: 5/8/1987 // College: Tennessee State // AFL EXP: 3



SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS (PRE-2018)		SINGLE GAME PLAYOFF HIGHS	
SOLO.....	4 (6/3/16 vs. CLE)	SOLO.....	2 (8/26/16 vs. PHI)
AST.....	2 (3x)	AST.....	2 (8/22/15 at SJ)
TOT.....	4 (6/3/16 vs. CLE)	TOT.....	2 (2x)
SACK.....	2 (2x)	SACK.....	1 (8/13/16 at AZ)
PBU.....	1 (3/30/15 vs. LV)	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
2015	SJ	8	5	10.5	4.5	1	2	1	0	0
2016	AZ/LA	9	5	11.5	4.5	-	2	1	0	0
<b>CAREER</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**2016:** Played in 10 games for San Jose, including three postseason games and an ArenaBowl appearance...four solo tackles and two sacks against Cleveland in Week 17...two solo tackles in the ArenaBowl vs. PHI.

**2015:** Appeared in 10 games for Arizona and Los Angeles...recorded a tackle or tackle assist in every game...two sacks in Week 3 against Tampa Bay.

# 3 DOUGLAS MCNEIL III

POS: WR // H: 6-3 // W: 210 // DOB: 7/201988 // College: Bowie State // AFL EXP: 1



SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS		SINGLE GAME PLAYOFF HIGHS	
REC.....	12 (4/26/14 at JAX)	REC.....	10 (8/3/2014 at AZ)
REC YDS.....	154 (4/26/14 at JAX)	REC YDS.....	106 (8/3/2014 at AZ)
REC TDS.....	5 (8/3/2014 at AZ)	REC TDS.....	5 (8/3/2014 at AZ)

## CAREER STATS

YEAR	TEAM	REC	YDS	TD
2014	POR	66	858	18
<b>CAREER</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>18</b>

**2014:** Played in 11 games for Portland, including a postseason game against the Arizona Rattlers...finished season with six-straight games of six-or-more receptions...4+ touchdowns in three games, including postseason game.

**OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:** Seattle Seahawks (2015, Regular Season, Playoffs, Super Bowl)

# 5 JOSH VICTORIAN

POS: DB // H: 5-10 // W: 190 // DOB: 7/10/88 // College: Louisiana Tech // AFL EXP: 4



SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS (PRE-2018)		SINGLE GAME PLAYOFF HIGHS	
SOLO.....	12 (7/23/16 at POR)	SOLO.....	6 (2x)
AST.....	4 (4/9/16 vs. AZ)	AST.....	N/A
TOT.....	12 (7/23/16 at POR)	TOT.....	6 (2x)
SACK.....	N/A	SACK.....	N/A
PBU.....	3 (3x)	PBU.....	1 (2x)
INT.....	2 (5/9/16 vs. POR)	INT.....	1 (8/7/16 vs. GLE)
TD.....	1 (4x)	TD.....	N/A

## CAREER STATS

YEAR	TEAM	SOLO	AST	TOT	SACK	PBU	FF	FR	INT	TD
2012	NO	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	LA	19	6	22	0	5	0	1	4	2
2016	LA	75	14	82	0	12	1	3	5	1
2017	BAL	49	7	52.5	0	13	0	0	5	1
<b>CAREER</b>		<b>147</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>

**2017:** Saw action in 15 games for Baltimore...six games with at least five solo tackles...scored his only touchdown of the season on an interception return against Philadelphia in Week 6.

**2016:** Played in 17 games for LA...four games with 8+ solo tackles, including a career-high 12 against Portland in Week 18...notched the only two-interception game of his career in Week 6, also against Portland.

**2015:** Appeared in the final eight games of the season for LA...tallied four interceptions, returning two for touchdowns...tied a career high with three pass break-ups against Spokane in Week 16.

**2012:** Appeared in one game for New Orleans, recording four solo tackles against Georgia.

**OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:** New York Giants (2015, Practice Squad); Detroit Lions (2014, Practice Squad); Houston Texans (2013-14, Regular Season); Pittsburgh Steelers (2012, Regular Season); New England Patriots (2011, Practice Squad)

**COLLEGE:** Finished his college career with 87 tackles, 5 interceptions and 27 pass deflections.

**PERSONAL:** Son of Edward Victorian Jr. and Angela Allen...has one older brother, Edward III, and two younger sisters, Jamie Allen and Johneshia Allen.

# 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	4	1	.800	3rd in AFL				
CAREER		15	20	.428		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 AND QUARTERBACKS COACH

Bailey, in his second season as the Brigade's special teams and quarterbacks coach, 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
May 24	Activating from league suspension	OL	Jordan McCray
May 24	Re-activating from injured reserve	OL	Kyron Samuels
May 23	Have been assigned	WR	Douglas McNeil III
May 23	Placing on injured reserve	WR	Kendrick Ings
May 23	Placing on injured reserve	OL	Colin Madison
May 23	Placing on injured reserve	DB	Nias Martin
May 22	Activating from league suspension	OL	Colin Madison
May 22	Placing on league suspension	OL	Jordan McCray
May 17	Have been assigned	DB	Nias Martin
May 17	Placing on league suspension	OL	Colin Madison
May 15	Placing on other league exempt	WR	Rashaun Simonise
May 3	Activating from refuse to report	DL	Rodney Fritz
May 2	Have been assigned	DB	Josh Victorian
May 2	Placing on recallable reassignment	DB	Fred Obi
May 2	Placing on recallable reassignment	OL	Terrance Taylor
April 26	Have been assigned	DL	Damien Borel
April 26	Have been assigned	OL	Colin Madison
April 26	Placing on injured reserve	DL	Monte Lewis
April 26	Placing on injured reserve	OL	Kyron Samuels
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

DATE	TRANSACTION	POS.	NAME
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
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



# 2018 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATS	BAL	OPP
SCORING	235	221
Points Per Game	47.0	44.2
Points Off Turnovers	42	7
FIRST DOWNS	87	88
Rushing	13	14
Passing	67	68
Penalty	7	6
RUSHING YARDAGE	94	135
Yards gained rushing	98	144
Yards lost rushing	4	9
Rushing Attempts	28	37
Average Per Rush	3.4	3.6
Average Per Game	18.8	27.0
TDs Rushing	6	8
PASSING YARDAGE	1174	1179
Comp-Att-Int	116-170-2	105-152-3
Average Per Pass	6.9	7.8
Average Per Catch	10.1	11.2
Average Per Game	234.8	235.8
TDs Passing	25	24
TOTAL OFFENSE	1268	1314
Total Plays	207	190
Average Per Play	6.1	6.9
Average Per Game	253.6	262.8
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	21-425	26-380
FG RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-38	2-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.2	14.6
FG RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	0.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	12.7	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	4-2	8-6
PENALTIES-Yards	25-201	24-142
Average Per Game	40.2	28.4
KICKOFFS-Yards	33-1814	32-1686
Average Per Kick	55.0	52.7

Net kick average	42.4	38.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/ Game	30:59	29:01
3RD-DOWN Conversions	23/38	13/25
3rd-Down Pct	61%	52%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	6/10	6/10
4th-Down Pct	60%	60%
SACKS BY-Yards	1-5	9-54
MISC YARDS	-15	-7
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	33	32
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-2	0-0
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-5	0-5
RED-ZONE SCORES	(17-23) 74%	(19-23) 83%
RED-ZONE TOUCH- DOWNS	(16-23) 70%	(19-23) 83%
4-point drop-kick FGs	0-0	0-0
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(31-33) 94%	(29-31) 94%
2-point drop-kick PATs	0-0	0-0
ATTENDANCE	14987	16524
Games/Avg Per Game	3/4996	2/8262
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	5	18	52	3	49	2.7	2	19	9.8
Hippeard, Randy	5	6	31	0	31	5.2	2	18	6.2
Brown, Lamark	5	1	6	0	6	6.0	1	6	1.2
Thompkins, Brandon	5	1	6	0	6	6.0	1	6	1.2
Sims, Quentin	5	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
Austin, Rodney	5	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.2
Total.....	5	28	98	4	94	3.4	6	19	18.8
Opponents.....	5	37	144	9	135	3.6	8	27	27.0
<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	5	120.9	116-170-2	68.2	1228	25	42	245.6	
TEAM	4	39.6	0-0-0	0.0	-54	0	0	-13.5	
Total.....	5	119.6	116-170-2	68.2	1174	25	42	234.8	
Opponents.....	5	123.2	105-152-3	69.1	1179	24	42	235.8	
<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>		

Thompkins, Brandon	5	27	275	10.2	4	28	55.0		
Williams, Milton	5	23	265	11.5	5	36	53.0		
Collins, Brandon	5	22	243	11.0	5	38	48.6		
Sims, Quentin	5	18	212	11.8	6	42	42.4		
Brown, Lamark	5	9	51	5.7	2	11	10.2		
Ings, Kendrick	5	8	104	13.0	1	31	20.8		
McCray, Jordan	5	5	42	8.4	1	19	8.4		
Nixon, Rory	5	4	36	9.0	1	18	7.2		
Total.....	5	116	1228	10.6	25	42	245.6		
Opponents.....	5	105	1184	11.3	24	42	236.8		
<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>				
Gray, Virgil	2	38	19.0	0	38				
Powell, Joe	1	0	0.0	0	0				
Total.....	3	38	12.7	0	38				
Opponents.....	2	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	18	407	22.6	1	55				
Powell, Joe	1	6	6.0	1	6				
Ings, Kendrick	1	5	5.0	0	5				
Gray, Virgil	1	7	7.0	0	7				
Total.....	21	425	20.2	2	55				
Opponents.....	26	380	14.6	0	36				
<b>FUMBLE RETURNS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>2PT</b>	<b>Saf</b>	<b>Points</b>
Jackson, Dexter	1	8	8.0	0	8	0-0	0	0	31
Total.....	1	8	8.0	0	8	0-0	0	0	30
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0	0	30
<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>
Lewis, Mark	0	2-2	31-33	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	37
Sims, Quentin	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Thompkins, Brandon	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Williams, Milton	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Collins, Brandon	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Brown, Lamark	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Nixon, Rory	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Hippeard, Randy	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Powell, Joe	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
McCray, Jordan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	33	2-2	31-33	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	235
Opponents.....	32	0-0	29-31	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	221
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Plays</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Avg/G</b>	<b>50-99</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Blkd</b>
Hippeard, Randy	5	176	31	1228	1259	251.8	0-0	30	0
Nixon, Rory	5	18	49	0	49	9.8	50-99	Long	Blkd
Brown, Lamark	5	1	6	0	6	1.2	0-0	30	0
Thompkins, Brandon	5	1	6	0	6	1.2	Net	YdLn	
Sims, Quentin	5	1	3	0	3	0.6	45	15.0	
Austin, Rodney	5	1	-1	0	-1	-0.2	42.3	7	
TEAM	4	0	0	-54	-54	-13.5	38.3	11	
Total.....	5	198	94	1174	1268	253.6	Total	Avg/G	
Opponents.....	5	189	135	1179	1314	262.8	509	127.2	
<b>FIELD GOALS</b>	<b>Made-Att</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>01-19</b>	<b>20-29</b>	<b>30-39</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50-99</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Blkd</b>
Lewis, Mark	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	30	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	33	1814	55.0	7	0	0	1352	338.0	
Total.....	33	1814	55.0	7	0	14.6	42.4	7	
Opponents.....	32	1686	52.7	9	5	20.2	38.0	12	
<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	5	6	275	0	407	0	688	137.6	
Williams, Milton	5	0	265	0	0	0	265	53.0	
Collins, Brandon	5	0	243	0	0	0	243	48.6	
Sims, Quentin	5	3	212	0	0	0	215	43.0	
Ings, Kendrick	5	0	104	0	5	0	109	21.8	
Nixon, Rory	5	49	36	0	0	0	85	17.0	
Brown, Lamark	5	6	51	0	0	0	57	11.4	
Gray, Virgil	5	0	0	0	7	38	45	9.0	
McCray, Jordan	5	0	42	0	0	0	42	8.4	
Hippeard, Randy	5	31	0	0	0	0	31	6.2	
Powell, Joe	5	0	0	0	6	0	6	1.2	
Austin, Rodney	5	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.2	
Total.....	5	94	1228	0	425	38	1785	357.0	
Opponents.....	5	135	1184	0	380	0	1699	339.8	

<b>DEFENSIVE LEADERS</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Tackles</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>TFL-Yds</b>	<b>Sacks</b>		<b>Pass Defense</b>			<b>Fumbles</b>	
		<b>Solo</b>	<b>Ast</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>No-Yds</b>	<b>Int-Yds</b>	<b>BU</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>Qbh</b>	<b>Rev-Yds</b>	<b>FF</b>
Gray, Virgil	5	38	2	39.0	1.0-3	.	2-38	3	5	.		.	
Powell, Joe	5	21	2	22.0	.	.	1-0	3	4	.	1-0	.	
OBI,FRED	3	15	2	16.0	.	.		1	1	.	1-0	.	
Brown, Lamark	5	11	4	13.0	.	.		3	3	.		.	
Lafrance, Royce	5	8	3	9.5	.	.		.	.	.	2-0	.	
Bailey, Willie	5	8	3	9.5	.	.		1	1	.		.	
Jackson, Dexter	5	7	4	9.0	.	.		.	.	2	1-8	1	
Victorian, Josh	2	5	1	5.5	.	.		1	1	.		.	
Fritz, Rodney	2	4	1	4.5	1.0-5	1.0-5		.	.	1		2	
Sims, Quentin	5	4	1	4.5	.	.		.	.	.		.	
Lawrence, Justin	5	3	2	4.0	.	.		.	.	.	1-0	.	
Borel, Damien	3	3	1	3.5	.	.		1	1	.		.	
TAYLOR,TERRANCE	3	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.		.	
Lewis, Mark	5	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.		.	
Ings, Kendrick	5	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.		.	
Austin, Rodney	5	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.		.	
Nixon, Rory	5	.	1	0.5	.	.		.	.	.		.	
Williams, Milton	5	.	1	0.5	.	.		.	.	.		.	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>145.0</b>	<b>2-8</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>3-38</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>13-59</b>	<b>9-54</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>4</b>	

# 2018 HIGHS AND LOWS

## 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	41	Hippeard, Randy vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Pass completions	28	Hippeard, Randy vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Passing	290	Hippeard, Randy vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
TD Passes	7	Hippeard, Randy vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Long Pass	42	Hippeard, Randy vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
Receptions	7	Thompkins, Brandon at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
		Sims, Quentin vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
		Collins, Brandon vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
Yards Receiving	100	Williams, Milton vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
TD Receptions	2	Collins, Brandon at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
		Sims, Quentin vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
		Williams, Milton vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
		Brown, Lamark vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
		Thompkins, Brandon at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Long Reception	42	Sims, Quentin vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
Field Goals	1	Lewis, Mark vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
		Lewis, Mark vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
Long Field Goal	30	Lewis, Mark vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	55	Thompkins, Brandon at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
Tackles	12.0	Gray, Virgil vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Sacks	1.0	Fritz, Rodney vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	1.0	Gray, Virgil vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
		Fritz, Rodney vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
Interceptions	1	Gray, Virgil vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
		Powell, Joe vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
		Gray, Virgil vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)

## TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	10	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Rushing	38	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	5.5	vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
TD Rushes	4	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Pass attempts	41	vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Pass completions	28	vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Passing	274	vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	7.5	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
TD Passes	7	vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Total Plays	45	vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Total Offense	280	vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Per Play	6.9	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
Points	61	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Sacks By	1	vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
First Downs	20	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Penalties	7	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Penalty Yards	62	at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Turnovers	2	vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
		at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Interceptions By	2	vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)

## OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	11	FERNS,ADRIAN, vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
Yards Rushing	34	FERNS,ADRIAN, vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
TD Rushes	2	RICHARDSON,JERA, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
		AUSTIN,SHANE, at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Long Rush	27	AUSTIN,SHANE, at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Pass attempts	34	RAUDABAUGH,DAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
		AUSTIN,SHANE, at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Pass completions	28	RAUDABAUGH,DAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
Yards Passing	321	RAUDABAUGH,DAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
TD Passes	6	DAVILA,NICK, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		RAUDABAUGH,DAN, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
Long Pass	42	GRADY,TOMMY, vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Receptions	12	GRADY,TOMMY, vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Yards Receiving	171	GRAY,REGGIE, at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
TD Receptions	4	GRAY,REGGIE, at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
		REYNOLDS,DARIUS, at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
		HILLS,JOE, vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Long Reception	42	GRAY,REGGIE, at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	36	JONES,MALACHI, vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Tackles	8.5	DUVALT,CHRIS, vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Sacks	3.0	JACKSON,ALVINRA, at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	HAYES,ROBERT, vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
Interceptions	1	HAYES,ROBERT, vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
		KNIGHT,MICHAEL, at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
		DAVENPORT,SVANT, at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)

## OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	14	vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
Yards Rushing	46	at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	11.5	at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
TD Rushes	2	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
		at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Pass attempts	34	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
		at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Pass completions	28	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
Yards Passing	321	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	9.4	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
TD Passes	6	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
		at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
		vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
Total Plays	41	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
Total Offense	340	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
Yards Per Play	8.3	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
Points	56	vs Washington Valor (Apr 13, 2018)
Sacks By	3	vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
First Downs	21	at Philadelphia Soul (Apr 21, 2018)
Penalties	8	at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Penalty Yards	51	at Washington Valor (May 19, 2018)
Turnovers	3	vs Albany Empire (Apr 28, 2018)
		vs Philadelphia Soul (May 04, 2018)
Interceptions By	2	at Washington Valor (May 19, 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	PHI	QB	Dan Raudabuagh	Completed 28/34 passes for 321 yards and six TDs	BAL
3	BAL	QB	Randy Hippeard	Completed 28/41 passes for 290 yards and seven TDs	ALB
4	BAL	QB	Randy Hippeard	Completed 19/32 passes for 207 yards and four TDs	PHI
5	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
6	BAL	QB	Randy Hippeard	Completed 22/29 passes for 213 yards and four touchdowns	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	PHI	WR	Darius Reynolds	Caught 11 passes for 151 yards and four touchdowns	BAL
3	ALB	WR	Joe Hills	Caught 11 passes for 108 yards and four touchdowns	BAL
4	BAL	WR	Brandon Collins	Caught seven passes for 67 yards and a score	PHI
5	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
6	WAS	WR	Reggie Gray	Caught 12 passes for an AFL season-high 171 yards and four touchdowns	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
2	PHI	DB	James Romain	Registered four solo tackles and a pair of pass break-ups	BAL
3	BAL	DB	Virgil Gray	Recorded 12 total tackles (Brigade record) and one interception	ALB
4	BAL	DB	Virgil Gray	Totaled 10 tackles, one for loss, and an interception	PHI
5	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
6	WAS	LB	Alvin Ray Jackson	Tallied 8.5 total tackles, one for loss, a pass break-up and a forced fumble	BAL

# 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
4	ALB	QB	Tommy Grady	Completed 20/29 passes for 221 yards and five touchdowns	WAS
5	ALB	WR	Malachi Jones	Caught seven passes for 62 yards -- one rushing and one receiving TD	WAS
6	WAS	WR	Reggie Gray	Caught 12 passes for 171 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
4	ALB	DB	Marrion Norman	Recorded 10 solo tackles and two interceptions	WAS
5	ALB	DL	Joe Sykes	Recorded two total tackles, both sacks	WAS
6	WAS	LB	Alvin Ray Jackson	Tallied 8.5 total tackles, one for loss, one forced fumble and a pass break-up	BAL

# GAME RECAPS

## WEEK 1 VS. WASHINGTON

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.

## WEEK 2 @ PHILADELPHIA

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

Date: Apr 21, 2018 • Site: Philadelphia, Pa. • Arena: Wells Fargo Center • Attendance: 9326

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Baltimore Brigade	7	21	7	14	49
Philadelphia Soul	6	21	7	20	54

SCORING SUMMARY BAL -PHI

1st 13:43 PHI Reynolds, Darius 38 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick blockd)  
2 plays, 47 yards, TOP 1:17 0 - 6



	06:37	BAL	Collins, Brandon 22 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 7 plays, 45 yards, TOP 6:10 7 - 6
2nd	14:53	BAL	Collins, Brandon 38 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 2 plays, 48 yards, TOP 0:55 14 - 6
	09:53	PHI	Richardson, Jeramie 1 yd run (Trevino, Adrian kick) 6 plays, 49 yards, TOP 4:17 14 - 13
	05:05	BAL	Sims, Quentin 15 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 5 plays, 37 yards, TOP 3:54 21 - 13
	03:24	PHI	Prince, Darius 10 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 2 plays, 13 yards, TOP 1:02 21 - 20
	02:27	BAL	Powell, Joe 6 yd kickoff return (Lewis, Mark kick) 28 - 20
	00:45	PHI	Reynolds, Darius 5 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 3 plays, 13 yards, TOP 0:44 28 - 27
3rd	14:45	BAL	Thompkins, Brandon 55 yd kickoff return (Lewis, Mark kick) 35 - 27
	08:10	PHI	Reynolds, Darius 9 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 6 plays, 41 yards, TOP 5:53 35 - 34
4th	11:01	PHI	Manley, PhillipKeith 8 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 6 plays, 35 yards, TOP 4:22 35 - 41
	05:14	BAL	McCray, Jordan 11 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 6 plays, 45 yards, TOP 4:54 42 - 41
	01:50	PHI	Richardson, Jeramie 1 yd run (Trevino, Adrian kick) 4 plays, 43 yards, TOP 2:49 42 - 48
	00:31	BAL	Williams, Milton 11 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 4 plays, 12 yards, TOP 0:29 49 - 48
	00:12	PHI	Reynolds, Darius 9 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Raudabaugh, Dan pass failed) 5 plays, 46 yards, TOP 0:17 49 - 54

Kickoff time: 7:08 pm • End of Game: 9:58 pm • Total elapsed time: 2:50

Referee: Dave Cutaia • Umpire: Rick Lowe • Linesman: Cedric Walker • Line judge: Matt Kukar • Back judge: Paul Engelberts • Field judge: Bradley Brunet •

Offensive Player of Game - Darius Reynolds (PHI)

Defensive Player of Game - James Romain (PHI)

## BRIGADE STATS

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.
Nixon, Rory	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Hippeard, Randy	25-37-0	278	5	38	2
TEAM	0-0-0	-14	0	0	0
Totals...	25-37-0	264	5	38	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Thompkins, Brandon	7	71	0	17
Williams, Milton	6	49	1	12
Ings, Kendrick	5	54	0	16
Collins, Brandon	2	60	2	38
Nixon, Rory	2	12	0	8
Sims, Quentin	1	15	1	15
McCray, Jordan	1	11	1	11
Brown, Lamark	1	6	0	6
Totals...	25	278	5	38

##	Baltimore Brigade	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blkd	Sack/Yds	QBH
4	Gray, Virgil	7	1	7.5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
2	Obi, Fred	7	.	7.0	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.
1	Powell, Joe	7	.	7.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
48	Lafrance, Royce	3	1	3.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Bailey, Willie	3	.	3.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Brown, Lamark	2	1	2.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Jackson, Dexter	1	1	1.5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Sims, Quentin	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Taylor, Terrance	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Lawrence, Justin	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.

## BRIGADE FALL, 54-49, TO DEFENDING-CHAMPION SOUL

Hippeard throws five touchdowns, zero interceptions for second-straight week

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The Baltimore Brigade (1-1) dropped a 54-49 final to the defending-champion Philadelphia Soul (2-0) Saturday night at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. Brigade quarterback Randy Hippeard threw for 278 yards and five touchdowns, including two to wideout Brandon Collins. Philadelphia wide receiver Darius Reynolds was named Offensive Player of the Game for his 151-yard, four-touchdown performance.

After Philadelphia scored on the game's opening possession, the Brigade answered with a pair of Hippeard-to-Collins touchdowns, taking a 14-6 lead less than a minute into the second quarter. Collins' scores of 22 and 38 yards earned him his first multi-touchdown game of the season. Fullback Jeramie Richardson's one-yard rush brought the Soul back within a point before Brigade wideout Quentin Sims grabbed his second touchdown of the season – a 15-yarder from Hippeard with just over five minutes left in the second quarter. Baltimore's onside kick attempt on the following possession failed, setting up Soul quarterback Dan Raudabaugh's second touchdown pass of the night – a 10-yard throw to wide receiver Darius Prince – bringing the score to 21-20, Baltimore. On the ensuing kickoff Philadelphia attempted an onside kick of their own, but Brigade defensive back Joe Powell grabbed the ball out of the air and walked it in for a touchdown, giving Baltimore a 28-20 lead with 1:29 left in the first half. Raudabaugh found Reynolds for another score on the next possession, bringing the Soul within one point going into halftime.

Brigade wideout Brandon Thompkins tallied his first kickoff return touchdown of the season, extending Baltimore's lead to 35-27 on the first play of the second half. Consecutive Philadelphia touchdowns – both passes by Raudabaugh – gave the Soul a 41-35 lead with 10:11 left in the game. Baltimore regained the lead, 42-41, with just over five minutes remaining on a short pass from Hippeard to tight end Jordan McCray. Richardson found the end zone once again on another one-yard rush, giving Philadelphia a 48-41 lead with one minute left in the game. Hippeard found wide receiver Milton Williams across the middle of the field for an 11-yard touchdown to retake the lead, 49-48, with 31 seconds left on the clock. A pair of Reynolds catches covered 34 yards, setting up Philadelphia with a chance to win. On second down from the nine-yard line, Raudabaugh found Reynolds at the goal line for their fourth scoring connection of the night, giving the Soul a 54-49 lead with 12 seconds remaining. Philadelphia held Baltimore out of the end zone on a Hail Mary attempt as time expired to seal the win.

## WEEK 3 vs. ALBANY

Albany Empire (0-2) vs. Baltimore Brigade (2-1)

Date: Apr 28, 2018 • Site: Baltimore, Md. • Arena: Royal Farms Arena • Attendance: 4796

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Albany Empire	7	21	14	7	49
Baltimore Brigade	7	24	7	14	52

### SCORING SUMMARY ALB -BAL

1st	12:59	BAL	Williams, Milton 34 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick)	
			3 plays, 43 yards, TOP 2:01	0 - 7
	09:01	ALB	Hills, Joe 5 yd pass from Grady, Tommy (Spencer, Kenny kick)	
			6 plays, 42 yards, TOP 3:24	7 - 7
2nd	14:55	BAL	Thompkins, Brandon 26 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick)	
			4 plays, 40 yards, TOP 2:17	7 - 14
	10:52	BAL	Brown, Lamark 5 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick)	
			1 play, 10 yards, TOP 0:31	7 - 21
	07:11	ALB	Taylor, Collin 5 yd pass from Grady, Tommy (Spencer, Kenny kick)	
			5 plays, 46 yards, TOP 3:00	14 - 21
	00:40	ALB	Hills, Joe 10 yd pass from Grady, Tommy (Spencer, Kenny kick)	
			5 plays, 29 yards, TOP 1:01	21 - 21
	00:20	BAL	Sims, Quentin 5 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick)	
			3 plays, 7 yards, TOP 0:20	21 - 28
	00:11	ALB	Hills, Joe 25 yd pass from Grady, Tommy (Spencer, Kenny kick)	
			1 play, 25 yards, TOP 0:09	28 - 28
	00:00	BAL	Lewis, Mark 30 yd field goal	

3rd	09:14	ALB	3 plays, 15 yards, TOP 0:11	28 - 31
			Taylor, Collin 1 yd run (Spencer, Kenny kick)	
			8 plays, 41 yards, TOP 5:46	35 - 31
06:00	BAL	Brown, Lamark 9 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick)		
			4 plays, 45 yards, TOP 2:38	35 - 38
	03:30	ALB	Jones, Malachi 42 yd pass from Grady, Tommy (Spencer, Kenny kick)	
4th	14:15	BAL	3 plays, 44 yards, TOP 1:46	42 - 38
			Williams, Milton 36 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick)	
			4 plays, 47 yards, TOP 3:26	42 - 45
12:57	ALB	Hills, Joe 8 yd pass from Grady, Tommy (Spencer, Kenny kick)		
			1 play, 8 yards, TOP 0:28	49 - 45
04:55	BAL	Sims, Quentin 3 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick)		
			10 plays, 45 yards, TOP 7:26	49 - 52

Kickoff time: 3:06 pm • End of Game: 5:39 pm • Total elapsed time: 2:33

Referee: Thomas McCabe • Umpire: Robert Colosimo • Linesman: Marc Bovos • Line judge: Mark Bennett • Back judge: Bradley Brunet •

Most Valuable Player: BAL #12 Randy Hippeard, QB

Offensive Player of the Game: ALB #81 Joe Hills, WR

Defensive Player of the Game: BAL #4 Virgil Gray, DB

## BRIGADE STATS

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.
Nixon, Rory	3	4	0	4	0	2	1.3
Hippeard, Randy	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
Totals...	4	6	0	6	0	2	1.5

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Hippeard, Randy	28-41-0	290	7	36	2
TEAM	0-0-0	-16	0	0	0
Totals...	28-41-0	274	7	36	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Sims, Quentin	7	60	2	15
Williams, Milton	6	100	2	36
Thompkins, Brandon	6	43	1	26
Collins, Brandon	3	33	0	16
Brown, Lamark	3	16	2	9
Ings, Kendrick	2	19	0	13
McCray, Jordan	1	19	0	19
Totals...	28	290	7	36

##	Baltimore Brigade	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blkd	Sack/Yds	QBH
4	Gray, Virgil	12	.	12.0	.	.	.	1-38	.	.	.	.
48	Lafrance, Royce	2	1	2.5	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.
11	Brown, Lamark	2	1	2.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Obi, Fred	2	1	2.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Bailey, Willie	2	1	2.5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
55	Jackson, Dexter	2	.	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Powell, Joe	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
99	Lawrence, Justin	1	.	1.0	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.
7	Ings, Kendrick	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Sims, Quentin	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Borel, Damien	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
23	Nixon, Rory	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

## BRIGADE DEFEAT EMPIRE, 52-49, IN TEAMS' FIRST-EVER MEETING

Baltimore improves to 2-0 at Royal Farms Arena in 2018

BALTIMORE, MD — The Baltimore Brigade (2-1) beat the Albany Empire (0-2), 52-49, Saturday afternoon at Royal Farms Arena. Brigade quarterback Randy Hippeard was named the game's MVP for his seven-touchdown performance. Defensive back Virgil Gray led the Brigade defense with 10 tackles and one interception and was named Defensive Player of the Game.

"It feels good to win," Brigade Head Coach Omarr Smith said after the game. "It's hard to win football games against teams with good coaches and a good quarter-

back. We had to overcome some adversity. We made plays when we needed to and the defense caused a crucial turnover at the end of the game. It was a hard-fought win.”

The Brigade got on the board first when Hippeard found wide receiver Milton Williams, giving Baltimore a 7-0 advantage just two minutes into the game. The Empire answered with a touchdown pass from quarterback Tommy Grady to newly signed wide receiver Joe Hills, tying the game at seven. The Brigade took a 21-7 lead after consecutive second-quarter touchdown passes from Hippeard. Albany responded with a two-touchdown run of their own – passes from Grady to Hills and fellow wide-out Collin Taylor – tying the game at 21. The team’s traded scores in the final minute of the first half before Brigade kicker Mark Lewis hit a field goal as time expired to give Baltimore a 31-28 lead after two quarters.

Baltimore and Albany traded touchdowns over the course of the second half. Taylor found the end zone again, this time on the ground, to start the second half scoring and give Albany a 35-31 lead. Hippeard threw his fifth touchdown of the game midway through the third quarter, re-taking the lead for Baltimore, 38-35. A 42-yard strike from Grady to wideout Malachi Jones put the Empire back on top. Hippeard found Williams for the second time, giving Baltimore a lead before Grady connected with Joe Hills for the fourth time, putting Albany back on top, 49-45. Hippeard tossed his seventh touchdown of the game with just over four minutes remaining, finding wideout Quentin Sims for the second time and giving the Brigade a 52-49 lead. The Brigade defense forced and recovered a fumble in the final minute to solidify the win.

## WEEK 4 vs. PHILADELPHIA

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

Date: May 04, 2018 • Site: Baltimore, MD • Arena: Royal Farms Arena • Attendance: 4833

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Philadelphia Soul	7	7	0	7	21
Baltimore Brigade	7	14	7	3	31

### SCORING SUMMARY PHI -BAL

1st	09:15	BAL	Nixon, Rory 6 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 3 plays, 18 yards, TOP 1:27	0 - 7
	03:56	PHI	Kauleinamoku, Shaun 5 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 6 plays, 34 yards, TOP 4:35	7 - 7
2nd	14:08	BAL	Williams, Milton 28 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 7 plays, 38 yards, TOP 4:40	7 - 14
	11:34	PHI	Prince, Darius 30 yd pass from Raudabaugh, Dan (Trevino, Adrian kick) 3 plays, 45 yards, TOP 1:42	14 - 14
3rd	03:42	BAL	Collins, Brandon 5 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 9 plays, 30 yards, TOP 6:56	14 - 21
	05:02	BAL	Sims, Quentin 42 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 1 play, 42 yards, TOP 0:26	14 - 28
4th	13:12	PHI	Ferns, Adrian 1 yd run (Trevino, Adrian kick) 7 plays, 38 yards, TOP 5:43	21 - 28
	04:35	BAL	Lewis, Mark 21 yd field goal 10 plays, 42 yards, TOP 8:03	21 - 31

Kickoff time: 7:06 pm • End of Game: 9:25 pm • Total elapsed time: 2:19

Referee: Dave Cutaia • Umpire: Rick Lowe • Linesman: Matt Kukar • Line judge: Paul Engelberts • Back judge: Jim Corpora •

Offensive Player of Game - Brandon Collins (BAL)

Defensive Player of Game - Virgil Gray (BAL)

Most Valuable Player - Randy Hippeard (BAL)

### BRIGADE STATS

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.
Hippeard, Randy	1	18	0	18	0	18	18.0
Nixon, Rory	3	6	2	4	0	3	1.3
Totals...	4	24	2	22	0	18	5.5

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Hippeard, Randy	19-32-0	207	4	42	3
TEAM	0-0-0	-16	0	0	0
Totals...	19-32-0	191	4	42	3

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Collins, Brandon	7	67	1	19
Williams, Milton	4	45	1	28
Thompkins, Brandon	4	37	0	12
Sims, Quentin	1	42	1	42
Brown, Lamark	1	7	0	7
Nixon, Rory	1	6	1	6
McCray, Jordan	1	3	0	3
Totals...	19	207	4	42

##	Baltimore Brigade	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blkd	Sack/Yds	QBH
4	Gray, Virgil	10	.	10.0	1.0/3	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
1	Powell, Joe	3	2	4.0	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
11	Brown, Lamark	3	1	3.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Fritz, Rodney	3	1	3.5	1.0/5	1	.	.	.	.	1.0/5	.
6	Bailey, Willie	2	.	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Borel, Damien	2	.	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Lawrence, Justin	2	.	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Jackson, Dexter	1	2	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Victorian, Josh	1	1	1.5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
48	Lafrance, Royce	1	1	1.5	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.

## BRIGADE TOP SOUL, 31-21, TO MOVE INTO FIRST-PLACE TIE

Hippeard throws four touchdowns, wins third game MVP of the 2018 season

BALTIMORE, MD — The Baltimore Brigade defeated the defending-champion Philadelphia Soul, 31-21, Friday night at Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore, moving the two teams into a tie atop the league standings. Brigade quarterback Randy Hippeard threw for 207 yards and four touchdowns and was named the game's MVP, his third of the season. Brigade wide receiver Brandon Collins and defensive back Virgil Gray were named Offensive and Defensive Players of the Game, respectively.

"Any time you can hold a team to 21 points, especially someone like Philadelphia, you make a statement," Hippeard said after the game. "It's only going to get tougher...I fully expect to get their best effort the next time we play them."

Baltimore forced a Philadelphia fumble on the game's opening possession, setting up a six-yard touchdown reception for Baltimore fullback Rory Nixon — his first of the season. The Soul answered with a touchdown of their own, tying the game at seven apiece. A 28-yard pass from Hippeard to wide receiver Milton Williams less than a minute into the second quarter gave the Brigade a 14-7 lead. Soul quarterback Dan Raudabaugh and wideout Darius Prince connected for their sixth touchdown of the season to knot the game at 14. With 3:42 left in the first half, Hippeard found Collins for an over-the-wall touchdown that gave the Brigade a 21-14 lead, which held until the halftime break.

After a Brigade goal-line stand with just over five minutes left in the third quarter, Hippeard found wide receiver Quentin Sims for a 42-yard touchdown to give Baltimore its first two-score lead of the game, 28-14. Soul fullback Adrian Ferns found the end zone from one yard out with 13:12 remaining in the game to cut the lead to 28-21. After an eight-minute drive from the Brigade offense, kicker Mark Lewis converted on a 21-yard field goal to give Baltimore a 10-point lead. Gray intercepted Raudabaugh with 2:05 left in the game, allowing the offense to run out the clock and seal the game.

## WEEK 6 AT WASHINGTON

Baltimore Brigade (4-1) vs. Washington Valor (0-5)

Date: May 19, 2018 • Site: Washington, D.C. • Arena: Capital One Arena • Attendance: 7198

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Baltimore Brigade	7	14	14	7	42
Washington Valor	13	14	7	7	41

### SCORING SUMMARY BAL -WSH

1st	12:53	WSH	Gray, Reggie 23 yd pass from Austin, Shane (Clarke, Pat kick failed) 3 plays, 39 yards, TOP 2:07	0 - 6
	07:20	BAL	Nixon, Rory 3 yd run (Lewis, Mark kick) 2 plays, 9 yards, TOP 1:01	7 - 6
	01:21	WSH	Gray, Reggie 13 yd pass from Austin, Shane (Clarke, Pat kick) 6 plays, 39 yards, TOP 5:15	7 - 13
2nd	12:12	BAL	Sims, Quentin 22 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 5 plays, 43 yards, TOP 3:12	14 - 13

	06:26	WSH	Austin, Shane 27 yd run (Clarke, Pat kick) 6 plays, 41 yards, TOP 5:01 14 - 20
	05:26	BAL	Thompkins, Brandon 15 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 1 play, 15 yards, TOP 0:45 21 - 20
	04:09	WSH	Gray, Reggie 9 yd pass from Austin, Shane (Clarke, Pat kick) 1 play, 9 yards, TOP 0:29 21 - 27
3rd	11:25	BAL	Collins, Brandon 7 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 5 plays, 47 yards, TOP 0:00 28 - 27
	07:57	BAL	Thompkins, Brandon 6 yd run (Lewis, Mark kick) 2 plays, 23 yards, TOP 1:01 35 - 27
	02:41	WSH	Gray, Reggie 24 yd pass from Austin, Shane (Clarke, Pat kick) 5 plays, 45 yards, TOP 4:23 35 - 34
4th	13:26	BAL	Thompkins, Brandon 7 yd pass from Hippeard, Randy (Lewis, Mark kick) 5 plays, 41 yards, TOP 3:25 42 - 34
	07:49	WSH	Austin, Shane 1 yd run (Clarke, Pat kick) 6 plays, 32 yards, TOP 4:47 42 - 41

Kickoff time: 3:06 pm • End of Game: 5:39 pm • Total elapsed time: 2:33

Referee: Riley Johnson • Umpire: Jeff Carr • Linesman: Marc Bovos • Line judge: Paul Engelberts • Back judge: M. Griffith •

Most Valuable Player: BAL #12 Randy Hippeard, QB

Offensive Player of the Game: WSH #3 Reggie Gray, WR

Defensive Player of the Game: WSH #17 Alvin Ray Jackson, LB

## BRIGADE STATS

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.
Nixon, Rory	5	15	0	15	1	5	3.0
Thompkins, Brandon	1	6	0	6	1	6	6.0
Hippeard, Randy	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
Sims, Quentin	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
Austin, Rodney	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Totals...	9	29	1	28	2	6	3.1

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Hippeard, Randy	22-29-2	213	4	22	0
Totals...	22-29-2	213	4	22	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Thompkins, Brandon	6	63	2	17
Sims, Quentin	4	52	1	22
Collins, Brandon	4	26	1	10
Brown, Lamark	4	22	0	11
Williams, Milton	2	25	0	17
Nixon, Rory	1	18	0	18
McCray, Jordan	1	7	0	7
Totals...	22	213	4	22

##	Baltimore Brigade	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blkd	Sack/Yds	QBH
4	Gray, Virgil	6	1	6.5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
1	Powell, Joe	5	.	5.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
5	Victorian, Josh	4	.	4.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Brown, Lamark	2	1	2.5	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.
55	Jackson, Dexter	1	1	1.5	.	.	1-8	.	.	.	.	.
48	Lafrance, Royce	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Austin, Rodney	1	.	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Fritz, Rodney	1	.	1.0	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
9	Borel, Damien	.	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

## BRIGADE BEAT VALOR, 42-41, IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Hippeard claims game MVP award for fourth time in five games

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Baltimore Brigade improved to 4-1 Saturday afternoon, defeating the Washington Valor, 42-41, at Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C. Brigade quarterback Randy Hippeard was named the game's MVP for his 213-yard, four-touchdown performance. Four wins matches the team's win total during the

2017 season.

*“We did not start how we needed to but it’s about how we finish,” Brigade Head Coach Omarr Smith said after the game. “It was a good character win – we found a way to win the game.”*

*In his first drive as quarterback of the Valor, Shane Austin connected on all three passes, including a 23-yard touchdown to wideout Reggie Gray, giving Washington a 6-0 lead just over three minutes into the game. With 7:20 left in the first quarter, Baltimore took a 7-6 lead on fullback Rory Nixon’s second rushing touchdown of the season and his first since Week 1. Austin and Gray connected yet again, this time for a 13-yard score, giving Washington a 13-7 lead with just over a minute left in the opening frame. The Brigade retook the lead, 14-13, when Hippeard found wide receiver Quentin Sims for a 22-yard touchdown with 12:12 left in the second quarter. Austin scrambled for a 27-yard rushing touchdown, giving the Valor a 20-14 lead, but the Brigade answered just a minute later as Hippeard found wide receiver Brandon Thompkins for a 15-yard score to put Baltimore back up by one, 21-20. With just over four minutes left in the first half, Gray hauled in his third receiving touchdown of the day, giving Washington a 27-21 lead.*

*Baltimore started off the second half with two-straight touchdowns – the first, a seven-yard pass from Hippeard to wideout Brandon Collins, and the second, a six-yard rush by Thompkins – giving the Brigade a 35-27 lead with 7:57 left in the third quarter. Gray grabbed his fourth score of the day, a 24-yarder from Austin, to get the Valor back within a point. Thompkins found the end zone for the third time and second through the air when he and Hippeard connected for a seven-yard touchdown with 13:26 left in the fourth quarter, giving Baltimore a 42-34 lead. Austin notched his second rushing touchdown of the game, punching it in from one yard out, cutting the Baltimore lead to 42-41 with just under eight minutes left in the game. With under a minute to go, the Valor forced a turnover on downs and retained possession of the ball, but were unable to turn it into a points as the Brigade forced a turnover of their own, ending the game.*

# NEWS CLIPS

## **FOR BRIGADE STAR QB RANDY HIPPEARD, A LONG, STRANGE TRIP THROUGH FOOTBALL'S FARTHEST REACHES (BALTIMORE SUN)**

The line lodged itself in quarterback Randy Hippeard's brain when he was at Virginia-Wise, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics school with no NFL pipeline or even unpaved back road. Maybe he still remembers it because it sounded like something out of "Field of Dreams." Or maybe because he needed to believe it was true:

"It doesn't matter where you are. If you're good enough, they'll find you."

It was enough to keep him going from Virginia-Wise to Switzerland, from one now-defunct indoor-football league to another now-defunct indoor-football league. Enough for him to land in the Arena Football League at age 27 and earn Most Valuable Player honors at 31. Enough for the 32-year-old Hippeard to wonder when an NFL team might find him, reward for a long, strange trip through the sport's farthest reaches.

"There's always a story," Hippeard said Wednesday, ahead of his Baltimore Brigade's game Friday night against the two-time defending champion Philadelphia Soul at Royal Farms Arena. "There's always some guy that started in one of the smaller leagues and then jumped here into another league and then jumped into the NFL. ... There's always a story, and I think everybody that plays in these smaller leagues are hoping they're that next story."

Hippeard's began in Stafford, Va., where he was a three-sport standout for Colonial Forge High. In football, he was an immediate success, as he would be on every team he has played for. And yet his production felt incommensurate with his station, another hallmark of his career.

Despite leading an Eagles team his senior season to a regional final just three years after the program had started varsity competition, he received just two college scholarship offers. "The staff really didn't know too many people, I guess, to call for me," he said. One offer was from Division I Akron; it was rescinded midway through his senior season after the Zips made a coaching change. The other was from NAIA Virginia-Wise, a school with a 3,086-seat football stadium and an athletic department now less than three years removed from a move to NCAA Division II.

Hippeard was not a bystander for long at Virginia-Wise. He started all but three games his freshman year, then every game over the next three seasons, winning 25 of 33 overall, success not since duplicated by the Highland Cavaliers. Even as he rewrote the school's passing records, he said, he never looked into transferring out and up. It was an option; he recalls teammates who "didn't play one snap" moving on to opportunities at Division I schools.

"I think if I had gone to a Division I school, I definitely think things would have probably turned out a little differently for me," he said.

He would have had a pro day before NFL scouts, for one. Or at least would've known that he could attend another school's pro day. "I don't know if they'd had somebody that they thought could play at the next level," he said of the staff at Virginia-Wise. But he'd been told that if he were good enough, they'd find him. So in 2009, he went to Switzerland.

There, in Winterthur, a city northeast of Zürich close to the German border, he reunited with former Virginia-Wise coach Bill Ramseyer. Ramseyer and Hippeard spoke English. Hippeard's teammates, for the most part, did not.

"It was almost one of those things where you had to actually draw it in the dirt so they'd understand what you wanted them to do if you didn't have somebody that could translate it for you at the time," he said. Some of the Winterthur Warriors might understand it on a first run-through; others had never played, just guys looking for something to do after work.

In 2011, back home stateside, Hippeard latched on with the Columbus Lions of the Southern Indoor Football League, chosen for the league's similarity to the AFL. Certainly not for the money. "We made \$200 a game if you won," he recalled, "and \$150 if you lost."

After another season with the Lions, having moved to the Professional Indoor Football League, another league soon to cease operations, Hippeard landed in the AFL in 2013. Last August, he was named league MVP. Four months later, his Tampa Bay Storm folded.

He wonders today what might have been had he started his career in the AFL. Would he have gotten a shot in the NFL by now? Would he be the same resolute, mature person he became? He hopes his story is still being written. He knows it's already a good one. But time is running out.

"He's one of those guys that knows that if he works hard and puts the time in and he stays true to himself," Brigade coach Omarr Smith said, "good things will happen."



## **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 deter-

*mined 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).*

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