Football Sentences

**Terms+ Definitions**

**Audible:** When the quarterback changes the football play at the line of scrimmage.   
  
**Backfield:** The area of the football field behind the line of scrimmage.   
  
**Backs:** Football players which stand behind the line of scrimmage. For a legal formation the offensive team must have 4 backs. They usually include the quarterback, running back, and full back.   
  
**Blitz:** A football play where the defensive team rushes more football players than usual to try and sack the quarterback.   
  
**Blocking:** What the offensive team does to prevent a defensive player from tackling the player with the football.   
  
**Bump-and-run:** When a defender hits a receiver and then goes into pass coverage. This defensive play is used to slow down the receiver and mess up any timing on the offensive play.   
  
**Eligible receiver:** The football players on the offense that are allowed by the rules to catch a forward pass.   
  
**Encroachment:** A penalty when any football player contacts the other team prior to the snap.   
  
**End zone:** The area at the end of the football field where the offensive team must have possession of the football to score a touchdown.   
  
**Extra point:** After a football team has scored a touchdown, they have the opportunity to score additional points. They can kick an extra-point for 1 point or try a 2-point conversion for 2 points.   
  
**Fair catch:** By signaling with a wave, the football player making a kick return can choose to catch the football and take possession of the ball where he made the catch. He will not get tackled, but he also will not be allowed to run with the football.   
  
**Field goal:** A three point score, when the kicker kicks the football above the crossbar and between the uprights of the goalpost.   
  
**Fumble:** When a football player drops the football. The ball is available for any other player to gain possession for his team.   
  
**Holding:** A penalty where a football player grabs an opponent.   
  
**Intentional grounding:** A penalty called when the quarterback purposely throws an incomplete pass just to avoid a sack.   
  
**Interception:** A pass that is caught by a football player on the defense.

**Lateral:** A backward pass. Football players may lateral the football as many times per play as they want. If a lateral is dropped, the ball is still live (like a fumble) and any player may recover it.   
  
**Line of scrimmage:** The location on the field where the football is spotted and the next play begins.   
  
**Linemen:** The offensive and defensive football players who start each play at the line of scrimmage.   
  
**Neutral zone:** The area between the offense and defense at the start of the play. Only the center is allowed in this zone until after the ball is snapped.   
  
**Nickel defense:** When the defense brings in a 5th defensive back to help cover the pass play.   
  
**Offside:** A penalty that occurs when any part of a football player's body is beyond his line of scrimmage when the football is snapped.   
  
**Pass protection:** Blocking by the offensive football players to keep defenders away from the quarterback to give him time to throw the football.   
  
**Play-action pass:** When the quarterback fakes handing off the football and then attempts a pass.   
  
**Pocket:** The place where the quarterback stands just behind the center. Here he is protected from the pass rush by his blockers.   
  
**Punt:** A football kick to the other team to give them the ball downfield rather than lose the football on downs.   
  
**Quarterback:** This is the football player that starts each play. He takes the snap from the center and either runs with it, hands off the football to another player, or passes it.   
  
**Receivers:** The football players who catch the football.   
  
**Rush:** When the football player runs with the football. Also, when a football player tries to tackle the quarterback while in the pocket.   
  
**Sack:** When the quarterback is tackled behind the line of scrimmage.

**Safety:** When a football player is tackled in his own end zone. The defense gets 2 points and the possession of the football from a free kick.   
  
**Scrambling:** When the quarterback runs around trying not to get sacked with the football.   
  
**Snap:**Also called the hike, the snap starts the football play. The center hands or passes the football between his legs to a player standing behind him (usually the quarterback).   
  
**Special teams:** These are the football players who are involved in the kicking plays.

**Tackle:** When a football player causes the player carrying the ball to touch the ground such that they are considered down. The end of the play.   
  
**Touchdown:** A 6 point score. When a player has control of the football within the end zone.   
  
**Turnover:** When, with either a fumble or an interception, one team loses possession of the football to the other.

<https://www.ducksters.com/sports/footballglossary.php>

**Winning Facts About Football**

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– American Football grew out of English sports such as rugby and soccer.

It became popular on American college campuses in the late 1800’s

- In 1876, a coach named Walter Camp, the “Father of American Football”, helped produce the first rules of American football.

Among important changes were the introduction of line scrimmages and down-and-distance rules.

-The American Professional Football Association was formed in 1920.

Two years later it changed its name to the National Football League (NFL), which would ultimately become the major league of American Football.

The most watched television event in the United States is the Super Bowl.

It takes about 600 cows to make one full season’s worth of NFL footballs.

-The Wilson Sporting Goods Company in Ada, Ohio has been the official football supplier for the NFL since 1941.

-They make more than 2 million footballs of all sorts every year.

-A cow has only a 1 in 17,420,000 chance of becoming an NFL football that is used in the Super Bowl.

-Only two players have caught, rushed and thrown a touchdown against the same team in the same game.

These players were Walter Payton in 1979 and David Patton in 2001.

-While football originally was popular in Midwestern industrial towns, its growth in popularity around the US is typically traced to the 1958 NFL championship game.

-It has been called the “Greatest Game Ever Played Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett is the only player to rush for a 99-yard touchdown in 1983.

-Just two years after finishing their careers, approximately 78% of NFL players go bankrupt.

-Injured football players in televised NFL games get six more seconds of camera time than celebrating players.

-In 1892, former Yale star William “Pudge” Heffelfinger became the first recognized pro player. He accepted $500 to play for the Allegheny Athletic Association.

-Though football games usually last about 3 hours, the ball is typically only in play for 11 minutes.

-Around 56% of the game on TV is devoted to replays.

-In an NFL game, as many as 75 minutes is spent on shots of players standing on the line of scrimmage, huddling or just walking around between snaps.

-During broadcast NFL games, cheerleaders are on TV for only about 3 seconds.

-Coaches and referees receive around 7% of the face time in a game.

-An NBC’s Sunday Night Football producer says that he makes it a point to get Dallas cheerleaders on screen but “otherwise, it’s not really important…. If it’s the Jets, I couldn’t care less.”

-In the 1930’s NFL game telecasts were simply a constant feed of the field.

Instant replay became commonplace in the mid-1960’s, which helped fill the idle moments of the game.

-By the 1990’s, some football broadcasts showed about 100 replays per game.

-Deion Sanders is the only person in history to both hit a MLB home run and score an NFL touchdown in the same week. He’s also the only person to play in the World Series and the Super Bowl.

-NFL cheerleaders typically make $50-$75 a game. However, by the time they spend money on makeup, hair accessories, dance classes, etc., they end up losing money.

-The NFL has an annual revenue of $9 billion, with a profit of 1 billion. MLB has an annual revenue of $7.2 billion, with a profit of $49 million.

-The NFL consists of 32 teams, with an average team value of $1 billion.

MLB has 30 teams, with an average team value of $523 million.

-The average game attendance for an NFL game is 66,957 spectators.

For MLB its 30,135 spectators.

-There are nearly 3 million sports industry jobs in the U.S which is approximately 1% of the population.

-According to the California Avocado Commission, 12 million pounds of avocados will be purchased in the week leading up to the Super Bowl.

-On Super Bowl Sunday, Americans will eat 8 million pounds of guacamole.

-Though wings and pizza are the most popular Super Bowl snacks, around 11 million pounds of chips are eaten on Super Bowl Sunday.

-Additionally, around 4 million pounds of pretzels and 2.5 million pounds of nuts are eaten that day.

-Contrary to common opinion, the “G” on the Green Bay Packers helmet doesn’t stand for Green Bay. Rather, it stands for “Greatness”.

-The Baltimore Ravens are named after Edgar Allen Poe’s “The Raven”.

The team mascots are named Edgar, Allen, and Poe.

-Poe wrote his famous poem while living in Baltimore in the 1830’s.

-Six teams in the NFL don’t employ cheerleaders: the Bears, the Browns, the Lions, the Giants, the Steelers and the Packers.

-Super Bowl XLV was the first Super Bowl with no cheerleader at the game. This was because both the Steelers and the Packers don’t employ cheerleaders.

-The most famous NFL cheerleading squad is the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders.

-They were originally a male/female group called the CowBelles & Beaux.

-The last scoreless NFL game was in 1943 when the Detroit Lions and New York Giants battled it out for a 0-0 tie.

-As of September 2012, the Dallas Cowboys were the highest valued sports franchise in the history of the United States.

-The wealthiest team in the NFL is the Dallas Cowboys. They have an estimated value of $2.1 billion and generate almost $269 million in annual revenue.

-The first recognized football game was played between Rutgers and Princeton Universities in 1869, using rugby-like rules.

-Red Grange was football’s first true superstar. He was one of the first athletes to sign endorsements. His games attracted record crowds and he also starred in several movies.

-American football has several names around the world. In Europe it’s called soccer, and in the U.K it’s called rugby.

-The huddle was invented by Paul Hubbard. A legally deaf quarterback from Gallaudet University, he “huddled” other players together so he could hear them better and to protect them from the other teams prying eyes.

-The Miami Dolphins are the only NFL team in history to complete an undefeated playing season, in 1972.

-The days when Super Bowl games are played rank second when it comes to the highest American food consumption.

-The number one day when Americans eat is Thanksgiving.

-The shortest NFL player was Jack “Soapy” Shapiro, who was 5’1” and weighed only 119 pounds. He was a blocking back for the Staten Island Stapeltons in 1929.

-NBA players earn a bit over $4 million. MLB players earn a bit under $3 million.

- NFL players are the lowest-paid-players, with salaries that average to less than $1.5 million dollars.

-Helmets weren’t mandatory for football players until 1939.

-Repeated concussions among football players can raise the risk for chronic traumatic encephalopathy, dementia, Parkinson’s disease and depression

-Professional as well as college football teams often use the CorTemp Ingestible Core Body Thermometer Pill.

-It was developed by NASA to keep track of astronauts’ body temperatures.

When a football players body temperature rises too high, they are removed from play and given first aid.

-On Super Bowl Sunday, pizza delivery drivers get into more accidents than any other day of the year.

-The field’s yellow line first-down marker costs $20,000 per football TV broadcast, or $5,120,000 during a regular season.

-Ronnie Lott had his left pinky amputated after the 1985 season.

It had been crushed during a tackle on running back Timmy Newsome.

Approximately 80% of Super Bowl tickets go to corporate sponsors.

-More pizza is sold on Super Bowl Sunday than on any other day of the year.

-Antacid sales increase by 20% the day after the Super Bowl. Additionally, 6% of Americans will call in sick the day after.

-The average Super Bowl- watching party has at least 17 guests.

-Super bowl weekend is the second-biggest grilling weekend of the year.

July 4th is the first

-During Super Bowl halftime, there are an estimated 90 million toilet flushes. That’s equivalent to 180 million gallons of water flowing at once, or 3.5 minutes of flowing water on Niagra Falls.

-Americans drink 50 million cases of beer on Super Bowl weekend. This adds up to more than $10.8 billion.

-The oldest NFL stadium still in use is Soldier Field in Chicago.

-Legends Football League promotors say that “lingerie football” is the fastest growing pro sports franchise in the country.

-Americans eat approximately 1.25 billion chicken wings on Super Bowl weekend.

**Atlantic Coast**

*Atlantic*

Clemson:

Mascot- Tigers

The program was formed in 1986.

They have over 700 wins.

College Football Playoff National Championship Finalists in 2015 and 2016.

They won the championship game over Alabama Crimson Tide for 2016 season.

Clemson has 23 total conference titles.

Their colors are orange and regalia (purple)

Syracuse:

Mascot- Otto the Orange

1 consensus Division I Football National Championship, winning the championship game against the Texas Longhorns in the 1960 Cotton Bowl Classic.

They have 25 bowl appearances.

Head coach is Dino Babers and he is in his third season.

They have 5 conference titles (1996, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2012)

Their color is orange.

North Carolina State:

Mascot: Mr. and Ms. Wuf

The Wolfpack has won 7 conference championships.

They have participated in 31 bowl games and won 17 of those.

Head coach is Dave Deoren and he is in his 6th season.

On September 16, 2010, NC State restored the tradition of having a live mascot on the field as a wolf-like [Tamaskan Dog](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamaskan_Dog) named Tuffy was on the sidelines for the Cincinnati game in [Raleigh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raleigh,_North_Carolina)

Their colors are red and white.

Boston College:

Mascot- Eagles

The head coach is Steve Addazio and he is in his 6th season.

They have won one conference title in 2004.

They have won 3 division titles (2005, 2007, 2008)

Their colors are maroon and gold.

Wake Forest:

Mascot- Demon Deacon

The head coach is Dave Clawson and he is in his 4th season.

They won the Military Bowl in 2016

They won the Belk Bowl in 2017.

They won 2 conference titles in 1970 and 2006.

It is the smallest school playing in a Power Five conference.

Their colors are old gold and black

Florida State:

Mascot- Osceola and Renegade

The team has produced three [Heisman Trophy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heisman_Trophy) winners: [quarterbacks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quarterback) [Charlie Ward](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlie_Ward) in [1993](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1993_NCAA_Division_I-A_football_season), [Chris Weinke](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Weinke) in [2000](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000_NCAA_Division_I-A_football_season) and [Jameis Winston](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jameis_Winston) in [2013](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_NCAA_Division_I-A_football_season).

Florida State has won three national championships, eighteen conference titles and six division titles along with a playoff appearance.

The Seminoles have achieved three undefeated seasons and finished ranked in the top four of the [AP Poll](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AP_Poll) for 14 straight years from 1987 through 2000.

Their colors are garnet and gold

Louisville

Mascot- Louie the Cardinal Bird

Current head coach is Lorenzo Ward and it is his first season as interim head coach.

The cardinals hold 8 conference titles.

They have had 1 Heisman winner, Lamar Jackson in 2016.

Their colors are red and black

*Coastal*

Pittsburgh:

Mascot- Panther

The head coach is Pat Narduzzi and he is in his 4th season.

They have 2 conference titles and 9 national titles.

The Pittsburgh Panthers are among the top 20 college football programs in terms of all-time wins.

They play home games at Heinz Field which they share with the National Football League Pittsburg Steelers.

The Panthers’ colors are blue and gold.

Georgia Tech

Mascot- Buzz, The Ramblin’ Wreck

The head coach for Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets is Paul Johnson for his 11th season.

They have 4 claimed national titles

They have 16 conference titles.

John Heisman, for whom the Heisman trophy is named, is a former head coach.

The program has 48 first-team [All-Americans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All-Americans) and over 150 alumni who have played in the [NFL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Football_League).

The colors are tech gold and white.

Miami (FL)

Mascot- Sebastian the Ibis

The Hurricanes head coach is Mark Richt and he is in his 3rd season.

The Miami Hurricanes are among the most storied and decorated football programs in NCAA history

They have 5 claimed national titles (1983, 1987, 1989, 1991, 2001)

They have 9 conference titles and 1 division title

Colors are orange, green and white.

Virginia

Mascot- Cavalier

The Virginia Cavaliers head coach is Bronco Mendenhall and he is in his 3rd season.

They hold 5 conference titles (1908, 1914, 1915, 1989, 1995)

Starting in the early 1900s, the program has played an outsized role in the shaping of the modern game's ethics and eligibility rules

The colors are orange and blue

Virginia Tech

Mascot- Hokie Bird, Gobbler

The Virginia Tech Hokies head coach is Justin Fuente in his 3rd season.

They hold 10 conference titles

They have appeared in 31 bowl games and with 25 consecutive bowl appearances, they have the longest bowl game streak in the country.

Their home stadium, Lane Stadium, is considered to be one of the loudest stadiums in the country, being voted number one in ESPN's "Top 20 Scariest Places to Play"

Their colors are Chicago maroon and burnt orange.

Duke

Mascot- Blue Devil

They have 17 conference titles and 1 division title (2013)

They have had 53 All-Americans and 10 ACC Players of the Year and 3 Pro Football Hall of Famers come through the program.

The current head coach is David Cutcliffe on his 11th season.

Colors are duke blue and white

North Carolina

Mascot- Rameses

The Tar Heels head coach is Mack Brown in his 11th season.

They hold 9 conference titles and 1 division title (2015)

The team has played 31 bowl games in its history.

One very important contribution to the game of football by Carolina is the modern use of the forward pass; they were the first college team to use the play in 1895

Their colors are blue and white

**American Athletic Conference**

*East*

UCF

Mascot- Knightro

The head coach for the Knights football is Josh Heupel and it is his first season.

They have 5 conference titles and 6 division titles.

 They are the only program in NCAA history to have played in all four divisions of football.

UCF has had four first-round picks in the [NFL Draft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NFL_Draft), players in fourteen [Super Bowls](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Super_Bowl), and seven [pro-bowlers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pro_Bowl)

Their colors are black and gold.

Temple

Mascot- Hooter T. Owl, Stella

The Owls head coach is Geoff Collins in his 2nd season

They hold 2 conference titles (1967, 2016)

They hold 3 division titles (2009, 2015, 2016)

Their colors are cherry and white.

Cincinnati

Mascot- Bearcats

The Bearcats head coach is Luke Fickell and he is in his 2nd season.

They have an all-time record of over .500 as of 2018, having reached their 600th program victory in 2017

They hold 14 conference titles and have had 22 NFL Draft selections.

Their colors are red and black.

South Florida

Mascot- Rocky D. Bull

The Bulls have Charlie Strong as head coach and he is in his second season.

Their rivals are the UCF Knights

They have 14 current professional players in the NFL.

Their colors are green and gold.

East Carolina

Mascot- PeeDee the Pirate

The Pirates head coach is Scottie Montgomery in his 3rd season.

They hold 7 conference titles.

They have won 9 bowl games.

The Pirates have 20 All-Americans over its history.

Their colors are purple and gold.

Connecticut

Mascot- Jonathan the Husky

The Huskies head coach is Randy Edsall and he is in his 14th season.

They hold 25 conference titles

They became a full-fledged Division I-A team in 2002

Their colors are national flag blue and white.

*West*

Houston

Mascot- Shasta the Cougar

The Cougars coach is Major Applewhite and he is in his 2nd season.

They have won 11 conference championships.

They have had several players elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, including a Heisman Trophy winner.

Their colors are scarlet and albino

Memphis

Mascot- Pouncer TOM III (live tiger)

The Tigers current head coach is Mike Norvell and he is in his 3rd season.

Since their inaugural season in 1912, they have won over 450 games and appeared in 9 bowl games.

They have claimed five conference championships.

The Tigers colors are blue and gray

Tulane

Mascot- Riptide

The Green Wave’s head coach is Willie Fritz and he is in his 3rd season.

They hold 9 conference titles.

They have had 5 Consensus All-Americans

Their fight song is The Olive and the Blue.

Green Wave football colors are olive green and sky blue

Southern Methodist

Mascot- Peruna the Pony

The SMU Mustangs’ head coach is Sonny Dykes and he is in his first season.

They have 3 claimed national titles and 11 conference titles.

The Mustangs have 16 Consensus All-Americans

Their colors are red and blue

Navy

Mascot- Bill the Goat

Navy Midshipmen football have 1 claimed national title and 2 division titles.

Their stadium is located in Annapolis, Maryland

The head coach is Ken Niumatalolo and he is in his 10th season.

Their colors are navy blue and gold.

Tulsa

Mascot- Captain Cane

Tulsa Hurricane football head coach is Philip Montgomery and he is in his 4th season.

Their first season was in 1895

They hold 25 conference titles and have had 2 Consensus All-Americans

Their fight song is Hurricane Spirit

The Tulsa Hurricane colors are old gold, royal blue and crimson.

**Big 12**

Oklahoma

Mascot- Sooner Schooner

The Sooners head coach is Lincoln Riley and he is in his 2nd season.

The program began in 1895 and is one of the most successful programs since WWII with the most wins and highest winning percentage.

They have 7 national championships, 48 conference championships, 162 First Team All-Americans and 6 Heisman Trophy winners.

The school has had 23 members inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

They hold the record for the longest winning streak in Division I history with 47 straight victories.

Their colors are crimson and cream.

Texas

Mascot- Bevo the Texas longhorn steer

The head coach for the Longhorns is Tom Herman and he is in his second season.

They are the intercollegiate team representing the University of Texas at Austin.

They have 2 Heisman trophy winners and 60 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are burnt orange and white.

West Virginia

Mascot- The Mountaineer

The Mountaineers head coach is Dana Holgorsen in his 8th season

WVU ranks 14th in victories among NCAA FBS programs and has the most victories among those programs that never claimed nor won a national championship.

The Mountaineers have won or shared a total of 15 conference championships, including eight Southern Conference titles and seven Big East Conference titles.

Their colors are old gold and blue.

Iowa State

Mascot- Cy the Cyclone

The Cyclones are coached by Matt Campbell and he is in his 3rd season.

They hold 2 conference titles and 1 division title.

They play their home games at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames, Iowa

Their colors are cardinal and gold

Baylor

Mascot- American Black Bear, Costumed (mascot) Bruiser

The Bears head coach is Matt Rhule in his 2nd season.

After 64 seasons at the off-campus Floyd Casey Stadium, the Bears opened the new on-campus McLane Stadium for the 2014 season.

They hold 9 conference titles.

They have had one Heisman winner and 16 Consensus All-Americans.

The Baylor Bears colors are green and gold.

TCU

Mascot- Super Frog

The TCU Horned Frogs head coach is Gary Patterson and he is in his 18th season.

TCU began playing football in 1896 and claims national championships in 1935 and 1938.

They have one Heisman Trophy winner, Davey O’Brien

They have had 8 former players inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

They rank as the 28th best college football program of all time and the 4th best private college football school of all time.

Their colors are purple and white.

Oklahoma State

Mascot- Pistol Pete

The Cowboys head coach is Mike Gundy and eh is in his 14th season.

Oklahoma State plays their home games at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

They have one claimed national title and 10 conference titles.

They have had one Heisman Trophy winner and 17 Consensus All-Americans.

The Cowboys’ colors are orange and black

Kansas State

Mascot- Willie the Wildcat

They currently do not have a head coach but the Athletic director is Gene Taylor.

They have 6 conference titles and 12 Consensus All-Americans

The Kansas State University Marching Band, also known as the Pride of Wildcat Land, performs at all home games and bowl games.

Their colors are royal purple and white.

Texas Tech

The Masked Rider/ Raider Red

The Texas Tech Raiders head coach is Matt Wells.

The program began in 1925 and has an overall winning record, including 11 conference titles and one division title.

Home games are played at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock, Texas

Their colors are scarlet and black

Kansas

Mascot- Big Jay, Baby Jay

The Kansas Jayhawks head coach is Les Miles and he became the coach following the 2018 season.

The team’s home field is David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium, which opened in 1921 and is the seventh oldest college football stadium in the nation.

They hold 6 conference titles and 1 division title.

They have had 5 Consensus All-Americans.

The Jayhawks’ colors are crimson and blue.

**Big Ten**

*East*

Ohio State

Mascot- Brutus Buckeye

The Buckeyes head coach is Urban Meyer and he is in his 7th season.

They have played their home games at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, Ohio since 1922.

They have won 8 championships and had 39 conference championships, 7 division championships, 10 undefeated seasons, and 6 perfect seasons.

Their colors are scarlet and gray

Michigan

The Michigan Wolverines head coach is Jim Harbaugh and he is in his fourth season.

The team is known for its distinctive winged helmet, its fight song, its record-breaking attendance figures at Michigan Stadium and its many rivalries.

There is an annual, regular-season-ending game against Ohio State, once voted as ESPN’s best sports rivalry.

From 1900 to 1989, Michigan was led by a series of 9 head coaches, each of whom has been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame either as a player or coach.

They have 11 claimed national titles and 5 unclaimed national titles as well as 42 conference titles and 1 division title.

They have had 3 Heisman Trophy winners and 82 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are maize and blue

Penn State

Mascot- Nittany Lion

The Penn State Nittany Lions head coach is James Franklin and he is in his 5th season.

They have 48 appearances in college bowl games, four Big Ten Conference Championships and 2 consensus national championships.

They play their home games at Beaver Stadium in University Park, Pennsylvania.

They have had 42 Consensus All-Americans

The Nittany Lions’ colors are blue and white

Michigan State

Mascot- Sparty the Spartan

The Michigan Spartans head coach is Mark Dantonio and he is in his 12th season

The Spartans home games are played at Spartan Stadium which is located on the main university campus.

Spartan Stadium has ranked in the NCAA’s Top 25 in attendance for 61 consecutive seasons.

They have 6 claimed national titles, 11 conference titles and 3 division titles

The Spartans have had 31 Consensus All-Americans

Their colors are green and white

Maryland

Mascot- Testudo

The Maryland Terrapins head coach is Mike Locksley and he is in his first full season

They have 1 claimed national title, 1 unclaimed national title and 11 conference titles

They have had 12 Consensus All- Americans in the team’s history

Many former Terrapins players and coaches have gone on to careers in professional football including 16 first-round NFL Draft picks.

Indiana

The Indiana Hoosiers head coach is Tom Allen and he is in his second season.

The team has won the Big Ten Championship twice (1945 and 1967)

They have appeared in eleven bowl games including the 1968 Rose Bowl.

They have had 7 Consensus All-Americans

Their colors are crimson and cream

Rutgers

Mascot- Scarlet Knight

Rutgers Scarlet Knights football head coach is Chris Ash and he is in his 3rd season.

Rutgers plays its home games at High Point Solutions Stadium, in Piscataway, New Jersey

They are notable for playing in what is considered to be the first ever intercollegiate football game in 1869 in which they defeated Princeton University by a score of 6-4

Rutgers has been described as “the birthplace of college football”

They have 1 claimed national title and 1 conference titles.

They hold 3 division titles and have had 3 Consensus All-Americans

Their team color is scarlet

*West*

Northwestern

Mascot- Willie the Wildcat

The Wildcats head coach is Pat Fitzgerald and he is in his 13th season.

They have won three Big Ten championships or co-championships since 1995 and have been “bowl eligible” in six out of the last seven seasons

Northwestern consistently ranks among the national leaders in graduation rate among football teams, having received the AFCA Academic Achievement Award four times since 2002.

They have played their home games at Ryan Field in Evanston, Illinois, since 1926.

Their colors are purple and white.

Iowa

Mascot- Herky the Hawk

The Hawkeyes head coach is Kirk Ferentz and he is in his 20th season.

They play their home games in Iowa City, Iowa at Kinnick Stadium.

They have 13 conference titles and 1 division title.

They have 4 claimed national titles and 1 unclaimed title.

They have had 1 Heisman Trophy winner, Nile Kinnick and 27 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are black and gold

Wisconsin

Mascot- Buckingham U. Badger

The Wisconsin Badgers’ head coach is Paul Chryst and he is in his 4th season.

They play their home games at Camp Randall Stadium, the fourth oldest stadium in college football.

Wisconsin is one of 26 college football programs to win 700 or more games.

They have had 2 Heisman Trophy winners, Alan Ameche and Ron Dayne and have had 9 former players inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

The Badgers have had 31 Consensus All-Americans

Their colors are cardinal and white

Purdue

Mascot- Boilermaker Special Purdue Pete

The head coach is Jeff Brohm in his second season

The Boilermakers have registered 64 winning seasons in their history, with 19 of those seasons resulting in eight victories or more, 10 seasons resulting in at least 9 wins and one season with 10 victories or more.

Purdue has produced 5 unbeaten seasons in history.

They have won a total of 12 conference championships, 8 Big Ten Conference titles and four Indiana Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles.

They have had 20 Consensus All-Americans

The Boilermakers colors are old gold and black.

Minnesota

Mascot- Goldy Gopher

The Minnesota Gophers head coach is P.J Fleck

Founded in 1882, the program is one of the oldest in college football.

The Gophers claim seven national championships and have had 18 conference titles.

They have had 1 Heisman Trophy winner and 33 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are maroon and gold

Nebraska

Mascot- Lil’ Red/ Herbie Husker

The Cornhuskers head coach is Scott Frost and he is in his 1st season

Nebraska has more victories against Power Five opponents than any other program and the 5th most victories of all time.

Two of Nebraska’s national championship winning teams (1971 and 1995) are often listed among the best college football teams of all time.

They have 46 conference titles and 10 division titles.

They have had 3 Heisman Trophy winners, Johnny Rodgers, Mike Rozier and Eric Crouch

The team has had 54 Consensus All-Americans

The Cornhuskers’ colors are scarlet and cream

Illinois

Illinois Fighting Illini football head coach is Lovie Smith and he is in his 4th season.

They have 5 national championships and 15 Big Ten championships.

They have the eighth most NFL Hall of Famers in college football history.

They have produced 24 Consensus All-Americans

The Fighting Illini colors are orange and blue

**Conference USA**

*West*

UAB

Mascot- Blaze (Dragon)

UAB Blazers football team represents the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The UAB football program was terminated after the 2014 season but was reinstated shortly thereafter

Their head coach is Bill Clark and he is in his 3rd season.

They have one conference title and one division title

The Blazers colors are forest green and old gold

North Texas

Mascot- Scrappy

The North Texas Mean Green football team is coached by Seth Littrell and he is in his 3rd season.

They have produced 24 conference championship titles with eight postseason bowl appearances and four appearances in the former I-AA

They play their home games at Apogee Stadium in Denton, Texas

They have had one Consensus All- American, “Mean” Joe Greene (Charles Edward Greene) who went on to play for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Their colors are green and white

Louisiana Tech

Mascot- Tech (live), Champ (costumed)

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs are coached by Skip Holtz and he is in his 6th season.

They gave won 3 division national championships, 25 conference championships and played in 25 post season games including 10 major college bowl games.

They play their home games at Joe Aillet Stadium in Ruston, Louisiana

Their colors are blue and red

Southern Miss

Mascot- Seymour d’Campus

The Southern Miss Golden Eagles are coached by Jay Hopson and he is in his 3rd season.

They play their home games at M.M Roberts Stadium in Hattiesburgh, Mississippi

They have had 8 conference titles and 78 Consensus All- Americans

Their colors are black and gold

UTSA

Mascot- Rowdy the Roadrunner

The UTSA Roadrunners football is coached by Frank Wilson and he is on his 3rd season.

They have had one Consensus All-American, David Morgan II

They play their home games at Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

The Roadrunners’ colors are navy blue, white and orange

Rice

Mascot- Sammy the Owl

The Owls’ coach is Mike Bloomgren and he is in his first season

They play their home games in Rice Stadium, located in Houston, Texas

They have 8 conference titles and 2 division titles.

The Owls’ colors are blue and gray.

UTEP

Mascot- Paydirt Pete

The UTEP Miners are coached by Dana Dimel and he is in his first season

They have produced a Border Conference championship team in 1956 and a Western Athletic Conference championship team in 2000.

They have 14 postseason bowl appearances.

The Miners play their home games at the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas.

Their colors are dark blue, orange, and silver accent

*East*

Middle Tennessee

Mascot- Lightning

The Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders are coached by Rick Stockstill and he is in his 13th season.

They have 13 conference titles and 1 division title.

The Blue Raiders play their home games at Johnny “Red” Floyd Stadium, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Their colors are royal blue and white.

Marshall

Mascot- Marco, an American Bison

Marshall Thundering Herd football team is coached by Doc Holliday and he is in his 9th season.

They have 13 conference titles and 8 division titles

They play their home games at Joan C. Edwards Stadium in Huntington, West Virginia

They have had 44 Consensus All-Americans

Marshall’s colors are green and white.

Florida International

Mascot- Roary the Panther

The FIU Panthers are coached by Butch Davis and he is in his 2nd season

They have produced a Sun Belt Conference co-championship team in 2010 along with 3 postseason bowl appearances.

They play their home games at Riccardo Silva Stadium in Miami, Florida.

Their colors are blue and gold.

Charlotte

Mascot- Norm the Niner

The Charlotte 49ers football program is coached by Will Healy

The program began play during the 2013 NCAA Division I FCS football season.

They play their home games at Jerry Richardson Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Their colors are green and white

Florida Atlantic

Mascot- Owlsy the Owl

The Florida Atlantic owls ate coached by Lane Kiffin and he is in his 2nd season.

They have produced a Sun Belt Conference co-championship team in 2007, a Conference USA championship in 2017, along with 3 postseason bowl appearances and one appearance in the 2003 I-AA Playoffs.

They play their home games at FAU Stadium located in Boca Raton, Florida.

Their colors are blue and red.

Old Dominion

Mascot- Big Blue (lion)

The Old Dominion Monarchs are coached by Bobby Wilder and he is in his 10th season.

They have had 2 playoff appearances and 1 division title.

In 2014, Old Dominion football joined the FBS’s conference USA.

The Monarchs play their home games at Foreman Field in Norfolk, Virginia.

Their colors are slate blue, silver and light blue.

Western Kentucky

Mascot- Big Red

The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers’ head coach is Tyson Helton and he is in his 1st season.

The program has 1 national championship and 13 conference championships.

The Hilltoppers play their home games at Houchens Industries- L.T Smith Stadium in Bowling Green, Kentucky

Their colors are red and white

**Independents (FBS*)***

Notre Dame

Mascot- Notre Dame Leprechaun

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team is coached by Brian Kelly and he is in his 9th season

The school claims 11 national championships, but the NCAA recognizes the school with 13.

They have 21 national championships and 7 Heisman Trophy winners.

All Notre Dame home games have been televised by NBC since 1991 and Notre Dame is the only school to have such a contract.

Notre Dame is one of the most financially valuable football programs in the country, which allows the school to remain an independent.

Their colors are blue and gold.

Army

Mascot- Army Mules

The Army Black Knights football team is coached by Jeff Monken and he is in his 5th season.

They play home games in Michie Stadium in West Point, New York.

Army is a three-time national champion, winning the title in 1944, 1945 and 1946.

Currently, Army is one of six FBS schools whose football teams do not belong to any conference.

Three players from Army have won the Heisman Trophy.

They have had 37 Consensus All-Americans

Their colors are black, gold and gray

Brigham Young

Mascot- Cosmo the Cougar

The BYU Cougars football team is coached by Kalani Sitake and he is in his 3rd season.

The team plays home games at LaVell Edwards Stadium, which is named after legendary head coach LaVell Edwards.

The stadium is in Provo, Utah

LaVell Edwards won 19 conference championships, seven bowl games and one national championship when coaching at BYU.

They have won 23 conference titles total and have had 13 Consensus All-Americans

Their colors are blue and white.

Liberty

Mascot- Sparky

The Liberty Flames is the college football program representing Liberty University, located in Lynchburg, Virginia

The Flames became a provisional FBS member, playing as an independent, in 2018 and will become a full FBS member, including bowl eligibility in 2019.

The Flames’ head coach is Hugh Freeze and he is in his 1st season.

They hold 8 conference titles.

Their colors are blue, white and red

Massachusetts

Mascot- Sam the Minuteman

The UMass Minutemen football head coach is Walt Bell

They play their home games in Warren McGuirk Alumni Stadium in Hadley, Massachusetts

UMass began to play in 1879 and have since appeared in three FCS National Championship games, winning the title in 1998.

UMass went independent beginning with the 2016 2017 season.

They have 22 conference titles.

Their colors are maroon and white.

New Mexico State

New Mexico State Aggies football team is coached by Doug Martin and he is in his 6th season.

In 2012 New Mexico State announced that it would stay in the Football Bowl Subdivision and become an independent.

In 2014 New Mexico returned to the Sun Belt Conference but the Sun Belt Conference announced that New Mexico State’s football associate membership would not be renewed following the 2017 FBS season.

They have 4 conference titles

The Aggies colors are crimson and white.

**Mid-American**

*East*

Buffalo

Mascot- Victor E. Bull

The Buffalo Bulls football program is the intercollegiate American football team for the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The Bulls are coached by Lance Leipold and he is in his 4th season.

Buffalo’s first football team was fielded in 1894.

They had one conference title in 2008 and 3 division titles in 2007, 2008 and 2018.

Their colors are royal blue and white.

Ohio

Mascot- Rufus the Bobcat

The Bobcats football coach is Frank Solich and he is in his 14th season.

The Bobcats have played their home games in Peden Stadium in Athens, Ohio since 1929.

Ohio Bobcats football began in 1894.

They have won five MAC championships and 3 MAC East Division championships.

They hold 11 conference titles and 4 division titles.

Their colors are hunter green and white

Miami (OH)

Mascot- Swoop the Redhawk

The Miami Redhawks football coach is Chuck Martin and he is in his 5th season.

They play in the Yager Stadium, located in Oxford, Ohio

They hold 22 conference titles and 7 division titles.

Their colors are red and white

Akron

Mascot- Zippy

The Akron Zips football head coach position is currently vacant.

Larry Williams is the athletic director.

The team was established in 1891 when the school was known as Buchtel College and became the University of Akron in 1913.

The athletic teams were named the Zippers, after rubber boots manufactured by the B.F Goodrich Company, which was headquartered in Akron at the time.

In 2005, the Zips won the Mid-American Conference championship for the first time in the program’s history.

They have 2 division titles and 1 Consensus All-Americans

Their colors are blue and gold.

Bowling Green

Mascot- Freddie and Frieda Falcon

The Bowling Green Falcons football head coach is Scot Loeffler and he is in his first season.

They play home games in Doyt Perry Stadium located in Bowling Green, Ohio.

In their 93-year history, the Falcons have won 12 MAC championships and a College Division national championship.

They hold 12 conference titles and 4 division titles.

Their colors are brown and orange.

Kent State

The Kent State Golden Flashes football team is coached by Sean Lewis and he is in his first season.

They play their home games at Dix Stadium in Kent, Ohio.

The Golden Flashes played their first game in 1920.

They have 1 conference title and 1 division title.

Kent State has had 39 Consensus All-Americans

Their colors are navy blue and gold.

*West*

Northern Illinois

Mascot- Victor E. Huskie

Rod Carey is the current head coach of the Huskies and he is in is 6th season.

He is the 22nd coach in the programs history.

NIU football plays its home games at Huskie Stadium on the campus of the Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

They have 1 claimed national title as well as 12 conference titles and 10 division titles.

They have had 3 Consensus All-Americans

The Huskies colors are cardinal and black.

Eastern Michigan

Mascot- Swoop the Eagle

The Eagles’ head coach is Chris Creighton and he is in his 5th season.

Past names for the Eastern Michigan Eagles include: Michigan State Normal College Normalites, Michigan State Normal College Hurons and Eastern Michigan Hurons.

The team has achieved 5 undefeated seasons and 8 winless seasons.

They hold 10 conference titles.

The Eagles’ colors are green and white.

Toledo

The Toledo Rockets football team is coached by Jason Candle and he is in his 3rd season.

Since the inception of the AP Poll in 1936 Toledo has finished in the Top 25 four times.

The Rockets were the 2017 MAC champions.

They hold 14 conference titles and 6 division titles.

The Toledo Rockets have had 2 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are midnight blue and gold.

Western Michigan

Mascot- Buster Bronco

The Western Michigan Broncos are coached by Tim Lester and he is in his 2nd season.

Western Michigan has competed in football since 1906, when they played 3 games in their inaugural season.

They hold 4 conference titles and 4 division titles.

The Broncos have had 1 Consensus All-American.

Their colors are brown and gold.

Ball State

Mascot- Charlie Cardinal.

The Ball State Cardinals football team is coached by Mike Neu and he is in his 3rd season.

Ball State plays its home games on Scheumann Stadium on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

They have 10 conference titles and 3 division titles.

Their colors are cardinal and white.

Central Michigan

The Central Michigan Chippewas football program is coached by Jim McElwain and he is in his 1st season.

CMU currently has the 27th highest overall winning percentage of programs currently playing in NCAA Division I.

The Chippewas have played in five bowl games in the last seven years, drawing 60,624 fans in the 2007 Motor City Bowl.

They have 16 conference titles and 3 division titles.

Their colors are maroon and gold.

**Mountain West**

*Mountain*

Boise State

Mascot- Buster Bronco

Boise State Broncos football program is coached by Bryan Harsin and he is in his 5th season.

The Broncos play their home games on campus at Albertsons Stadium in Boise, Idaho.

They have had 8 playoff appearances and have 2 claimed national titles.

Boise State has 19 conference titles and 4 division titles.

The Broncos have produced 2 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are blue and orange.

Utah State

Mascot- Big Blue

The Utah State Aggies are coached by Gary Andersen and he is in his 5th season.

The Utah State college football program began in 1892 and has played home games at Merlin Olsen Field at Maverick Stadium since 1968.

The Aggies have played 12 bowl games in their history, winning 4.

They have 12 conference titles and 1 division title.

The program has produced 2 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are navy blue, white and pewter gray.

Wyoming

Mascot- Cowboy Joe

The Wyoming Cowboys are a college football team that represents the University of Wyoming.

The Cowboys head coach is Craig Bohl and he is in his 5th season.

They play their home games in the War Memorial Stadium in Laramie, Wyoming.

The Cowboy football program has been among the most notable of “stepping stone” programs due to the success of its former coaches.

They have gad 14 conference titles and 2 division titles.

The team has produced 4 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are brown and gold.

Air Force

Mascot- The Bird

The Air Force Falcons football program is coached by Troy Calhoun and he is in his 12th season.

The three major service academies- Air Force, Army, and Navy- compete for the Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy, which is awarded to the academy that defeats the others in football that year.

The Air Force Falcons football program represents the United States Air Force Academy, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

They have won 3 conference titles and have produced 5 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are blue and silver.

Colorado State

Mascot- CAM the Ram

The Colorado State Rams football program is coached by Mike Bobo and he is in his 4th season.

The first game at Canvas Stadium, a new on-campus facility, was played on August 26, 2017, when they defeated the Oregon State Beavers 58-27.

The Rams have 15 conference titles.

They have long standing rivalries with Colorado, Wyoming and Air Force.

They have produced 3 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are green and gold.

New Mexico

The New Mexico Lobos football team is coached by Bob Davie and he is in his 7th season.

The Lobos play their games at Dreamstyle Stadium, located in Albuquerque New Mexico.

They have won 4 conference titles and have produced 3 Consensus All-Americans.

Their rivalries are New Mexico State and Arizona.

Their colors are cherry and silver.

*West*

Fresno State

Mascot- Timeout

The Bulldogs head coach is Jeff Tedford and he is in his 2nd season.

The Fresno State Bulldogs play their home games on Jim Sweeney Field in Fresno, California.

The green “V” on the Bulldogs’ helmets, uniforms and field symbolize California Central Valley, the agricultural valley from which they draw their support.

They have won 26 conference titles and 4 division titles.

The program has produced 2 Consensus All-Americans

Their colors are red and blue.

Hawaii

Mascot- Vili the Warrior

The Hawaii Rainbow Warriors football team us coached by Nick Rolovich and he is in his 3rd season.

The team represents the University of Hawaii at Manoa and play their games at Aloha Stadium located in Honolulu, Hawaii.

They have won 4 conference titles.

Their rivalries are the Fresno State Bulldogs, Air Force Falcons and the Wyoming Cowboys.

The Rainbows’ colors are green, black, silver and white.

Nevada

Mascot- Alphie and Wolfie Jr.

The Nevada Wolf Pack football program is coached by Jay Norvell and he is in his 2nd season.

The Wolf Pack’s home field is Mackay Stadium, located at the north end of the University of Nevada campus in Reno, Nevada.

Nevada has had 3 individuals inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame; coach Chris Ault, running back Frank Hawkins and coach Buck Shaw.

They have won 14 conference titles and produced 1 Consensus All-Americans.

The Wolf Pack’s colors are navy blue and silver.

San Diego State

Montezuma The Aztec Warrior

Rocky Long is the head coach for the Aztecs and he is in his 8th season.

They have won 21 conference championships and three national championships.

The San Diego State Aztecs football program has produced 11 Consensus All-Americans.

They play their home games at SDCCU Stadium in San Diego, California.

The Aztec’s colors are scarlet and black.

UNLV

Mascot- Hey Reb!

The UNLV Rebels are coached by Tony Sanchez and he is in his 4th season.

The UNLV Rebels football team represents the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

They play their home games at Sam Boyd Stadium in Whitney, Nevada.

UNLV forfeited all of their wins for the 1983 and 1984 seasons by the order of the NCAA due to multiple violations on ineligible players.

They have 1 conference title and have produced 1 Consensus All-Americans.

UNLV’s colors are scarlet and gray.

San Jose State

The San Jose State Spartans football program represents San Jose State University in San Jose, California.

The Spartans coach is Brent Brennan and he is in his 2nd season.

SJSU first fielded a football team in 1893 and has won 16 conference championships dating back to 1932.

During the 1930’s and 1940’s, the Spartan football program was considered a powerhouse, posting 12 consecutive winning seasons and earning 8 conference championships over an 18-year span.

They have 16 conference titles.

San Jose State’s colors are blue, white and gold.

**Pac-12**

*North*

Washington State

Mascot- Butch T. Cougar

The Washington State Cougars are coached by Mike Leach and he is in his 7th season.

The first football team was fielded in 1894.

The Cougars play home games on campus at Martin Stadium in Pullman, Washington, which opened in 1972.

Their main rivals are the Washington Huskies who they play in the Apple Cup rivalry game in late November to end the season.

They have 4 conference titles and 1 division title.

The program has produced 7 Consensus All-Americans.

The Cougars colors are crimson and gray.

Washington

Mascot- Dubs, Harry the Husky

The Huskies’ head coach is Chris Petersen and he is in his 5th season.

They play their home games at Husky Stadium in Seattle, Washington.

The team represents the University of Washington in college football.

From 1977 through 2003, the team had 27 consecutive non-losing seasons- the most of any team in the Pac-12 and the 14th longest streak by an NCAA Division I-A team.

They have 17 conference titles and 3 division titles.

The team has produced 22 Consensus All-Americans.

The Huskies’ colors are purple and gold.

Stanford

Mascot- Stanford Tree

The Stanford Cardinal football program is coached by David Shaw and he is in his 8th season.

The team is currently known as the Cardinal, adopted prior to the 1982 season.

Its annual Big Game against California is the oldest and most storied rivalry in the Pac-12 and western United States.

They play their home games at Stanford Stadium in Stanford, California.

They have 15 conference titles and 3 division titles.

The program has produced 34 Consensus All-Americans and 1 Heisman winner.

Their colors are cardinal and white.

Oregon

Mascot- The Duck

The Oregon Ducks football program us coached by Mario Cristobal and he is in his 1st season.

The first football team was fielded in 1894.

Oregon plays its home games at the 54,000 seat Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Oregon.

The team was commonly called the Webfoots until the mid-1960s.

The Oregon Ducks and the Oregon State Beavers historically end each regular season with the Civil War rivalry game in late November.

They have 11 conference titles and 4 division titles.

Marcus Mariota is a Heisman winner that played for the Ducks.

They have produced 8 Consensus All-Americans.

The Oregon Ducks’ colors are green and yellow.

California

Mascot- Oski

The California Golden Bears football team is coached by Justin Wilcox and he is in his 2nd season.

The team plays its home games at California Memorial Stadium, located in Berkeley California.

The stadium was built to honor Berkeley alumni, students and other Californians who died in World War I.

They have 5 claimed national titles and 14 conference titles.

The program has produced 27 Consensus All-Americans.

The Golden Bears’ colors are blue and gold.

Oregon State

Mascot- Benny Beaver

The Oregon State Beavers football team is coached by Jonathan Smith and he is in his 1st season.

The team first fielded an organized football team in 1893.

Their home games are played at Reser Stadium in Corvallis, Oregon.

The team has 5 conference titles (1941, 1956, 1957, 1964, 2000)

They have produced 1 Heisman winner, Terry Baker.

They have had 7 Consensus All- Americans.

The Beaver’s colors are orange and black.

*South*

Utah

Mascot- Swoop

The Utah Utes head coach is Kyle Whittingham and he is in his 14th season.

The Utah Utes football program represents the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Among Utah’s bowl appearances are two games from the Bowl Championship Series: The Fiesta Bowl and the Sugar Bowl.

They have won 24 conference championships in 5 conferences in their history.

They have 1 claimed national title and 1 division title.

The program has produced 5 Consensus All-Americans.

The Utes’ colors are red and white.

Arizona State

Mascot- Sparky

The Arizona State Sun Devils football team is coached by Herm Edwards and he is in his first season.

Arizona State University has fielded a football team since 1987.

They play their home games at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona.

They have won 17 conference titles, including 3 Pac-12 titles.

The program has produced 17 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are maroon and gold.

Arizona

Mascot- Wilbur the Wildcat

The Arizona Wildcats are currently coached by Kevin Sumlin and he is in his 1st season.

The program represents the University of Arizona located in Tucson, Arizona.

Arizona has won 6 conference championships, including the 1993 Pac-10 title and have appeared in 21 bowl games.

The Wildcats have produced 16 Consensus All-Americans.

The team colors are cardinal and navy.

USC

The USC Trojans’ head coach is Clay Helton and he is in his 3rd season coaching.

The program was established in 1888 and represents the University of Southern California in college football.

They have claimed 11 national championships.

As of 2017, 502 Trojans have been taken in the National Football League draft, most of all time by any university.

The Trojans have also had more players drafted in the first round than any other university.

USC has the highest all-time post-season winning percentage of schools with 25 or more bowl appearances.

They play their home games in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum located in Los Angeles, California.

They have 39 conference titles and 2 division titles.

They have produced 6 Heisman winners and 80 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are cardinal and gold.

UCLA

Mascot- Joe and Josephine Bruin

The UCLA Bruins are coached by Chip Kelly and he is in his 2nd season.

The Bruins have enjoyed several periods of success in their history, having been ranked in the top ten of the AP Poll at least once in every decade since the poll began in the 1930s.

The program has produced 28 first round picks in the NFL Draft, 39 Consensus All-Americans and multiple major award winners, including Heisman winner Gary Beban.

They have won 17 conference titles and 2 division titles.

They represent the University of California, Los Angeles and play their home games in Pasadena, California.

Their colors are blue and gold.

Colorado

Mascot- Ralphie

The head coach for the Colorado Buffaloes is Mel Tucker and he is in his first season.

The CU football team has played at Folsom Field in Boulder, Colorado since 1924.

The program is 23rd on the all-time win list and 30th in all-time winning percentage.

Colorado won a National Championship in 1990.

Their first season was in 1890.

The team has won 27 conference titles and 5 division titles.

They have produced 30 Consensus All- Americans.

CU’s colors are silver, black and gold.

**Southeastern**

*West*

Alabama

Mascot- Big Al

The Alabama Crimson Tide football program’s head coach is Nick Saban and he is in his 12th season.

They play their home games at Bryant-Denney Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Crimson Tide is among the most storied and decorated football programs in NCAA history.

Since beginning play in 1892, the program claims 17 national championships.

Mark Ingram was the university’s first Heisman winner in 2009.

Alabama has 904 official victories in NCAA Division I, has won 31 conference championships and has made an NCAA record 64 postseason bowl appearances.

Alabama has completed 10 undefeated seasons, 9 of which were perfect seasons.

Alabama holds a winning record against every current and former SEC school.

They have produced 69 Consensus All-Americans

The team colors are crimson and white.

LSU

Mike the Tiger

The LSU Tigers football program, also known as the Fighting Tigers, represents Louisiana State University.

They are coached by Ed Orgeron and he is in his 2nd season.

LSU ranks 16th most in victories in NCAA Division I FBS history and claims 3 national championships.

They have won 15 conference championships and produced 31 Consensus All- Americans.

As of the beginning of the 2017 NFL season, 51 former LSU players were on active rosters in the NFL, the most out of any college program.

The Tigers have 8 division titles and have 1 Heisman winner, Billy Cannon.

Their colors are purple and gold.

Texas A&M

Mascot- Reveille

The Texas A&M Aggies are coached by Jimbo Fisher and he is in his 1st season.

Texas A&M football claims 3 national titles and 18 conference titles.

The team plays all home games at the newly redeveloped Kyle Field on the university campus.

They have produced 2 Heisman winners, John David Crow and Johnny Manziel.

The Aggies football program has also produced 28 Consensus All-Americans.

The team’s colors are maroon and white

Mississippi State

Bully the Bulldog

The Mississippi State Bulldogs are coached by Joe Moorhead and he is in his 1st season.

Mississippi State has won 1 SEC championship in 1941 and a division championship in 1998.

The Bulldogs have 16 postseason bowl appearances.

The program has produced 38 All-Americans (2 consensus), 171 All-SEC selections and 124 NFL players.

The Bulldogs’ home stadium, Davis Wade Stadium, is the second oldest in the NCAA Division I FBS.

Their colors are maroon and white.

Auburn

Mascot- Aubie the Tiger

The Auburn Tigers’ football head coach is Gus Malzahn and he is in his 5th season.

Auburn officially began competing in intercollegiate football in 1892.

Auburn officially claims 2 national championships.

They have achieved 12 undefeated seasons and won 12 conference championships, along with 8 divisional championships.

The Tigers have made 41 post season bowl appearances.

They have the 13th most wins in FBS history with over 700 victories.

They have finished ranked in the Top 25 of either the AP or Coaches polls 37 times.

The Tigers have produced 3 Heisman Trophy winners: quarterback Pat Sullivan, running back Bo Jackson, and quarterback Cameron Newton.

Auburn has also produced 30 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are burnt orange and navy blue.

Ole Miss

Mascot- Landshark Tony

The Ole Miss Rebels football program represents the University of Mississippi and is coached by Matt Luke who is in his 2nd season.

The Rebels have won 6 Southeastern Conference titles and claim 3 national titles.

They play their home games at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, Mississippi.

The team represents the University of Mississippi.

They have claimed 3 national titles and 6 conference titles.

The Rebels program have produced 12 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are cardinal red and navy blue.

Arkansas

The Arkansas Razorbacks football program represents the University of Arkansas, located in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The program has claimed 1 national championship awarded by the Football Writers Association of America and Helms Athletic Foundation in 1964.

They have 13 conference championships and have produced 45 All-Americans.

The Razorbacks are the 23rd ranked team in college football history by total number of wins.

The team’s head coach is Chad Morris and he is in his 1st season.

The team colors are cardinal and white.

*East*

Georgia

Mascot- Uga Hairy Dawg

The Bulldogs’ head coach is Kirby Smart and he is in his 3rd season.

They play their home games at historic Sanford Stadium on the university’s Athens, Georgia campus.

The Bulldogs have won 15 conference championships, including 13 SEC championships and have appeared in 54 bowl games.

The program has produced 2 Heisman Trophy winners, 4 number-one NFL draft picks and many winners of other national awards.

The team is known for its storied history, unique traditions and rabid fan base, known as the “Bulldog Nation”.

Georgia has won over 800 games in their history, placing them 11th all-time in wins.

Their colors are red and white.

Florida

Mascot- Albert and Alberta

The Florida Gators football program represents the University of Florida and is coached by Dan Mullen who is in his 1st season.

They play their home games in Steve Spurrier-Florida Field at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (nicknamed “The Swamp”)

The Gators have won 3 national championships and 8 SEC titles.

They have produced 3 Heisman winners: Steve Spurrier, Danny Wuerffel, and Tim Tebow.

They have also produced 32 Consensus All-Americans.

The Gators’ colors are orange and blue.

Kentucky

Mascot- Wildcat, Scratch

The Kentucky Wildcats football program represents the University of Kentucky and is coached by Mark Stoops who is in his 6th season.

The Wildcats play their home games at Kroger Field in Lexington, Kentucky.

They have 2 conference titles and have produced 10 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are blue and white.

Missouri

Mascot- Truman the Tiger

The Missouri Tigers football program represents the University of Missouri, often referred to as Mizzou.

They are coached by Barry Odom and he is in his 3rd season.

Missouri’s football program dates back to 1890 and has appeared in 32 bowl games.

Mizzou has won 15 conference titles, 5 division titles and has 2 national championship selections recognized by the NCAA.

The Tigers have produced 14 Consensus All-Americans

Their colors are old gold and black.

South Carolina

Mascot- Cocky

The South Carolina Gamecocks are coached by Will Muschamp and he is in his 3rd season.

They play their home games at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, South Carolina.

The stadium is the 20th largest stadium in college football.

The Gamecocks have produced a National Coach of the Year in Joe Morrison, 3 SEC coaches of the year in Lou Holtz and Steve Spurrier (twice) and one ACC coach of the year in Paul Dietzel.

They have won 1 conference title and 1 division title.

They have produced 1 Heisman winner, George Rogers.

Their colors are garnet and black.

Vanderbilt

Mascot- Mr. C

The Vanderbilt Commodores football program is coached by Derek Mason and he is in his 4th season

Vanderbilt plays their home games at Vanderbilt Stadium, located on the university’s Nashville, Tennessee campus.

They have 14 conference titles and have produced 7 Consensus All-Americans.

The team’s fight song is “Dynamite!” and their colors are black and gold.

Tennessee

Mascot- Smokey X

The Tennessee Volunteers football program represents the University of Tennessee and is coached by Jeremy Pruitt in his 1st season.

The Vols started playing football in 1891.

Their all-time ranking in bowl appearances is 3rd and 6th in all time bowl victories, most notably 4 Sugar Bowls, 3 Cotton Bowls, an Orange Bowl and a Fiesta Bowl.

They have won 16 conference championships and 6 national titles in their history.

The Vols play at Neyland Stadium, where Tennessee has the highest home-field total wins in college football history for any school in the nation at its current home venue.

Its 102,455 seat capacity makes Neyland the nation’s fifth largest stadium.

They have produced 40 Consensus All-Americans.

Their colors are orange and white.

**Sun Belt**

*East*

Appalachian State

Mascot- Yosef

The Appalachian State Mountaineers football team’s head coach position is currently vacant.

They play their home games at Kidd Brewer Stadium, named after former head coach Kidd Brewer, whose 1937 squad was unbeaten and unscored upon during the regular season.

They won 3 straight national championships from 2005 to 2007, the first FCS team to do so since the playoffs began in 1978.

The Mountaineers have 19 conference championships and boast one of the nation’s best home field advantages.

The program also has one Walter Payton Award winner, Armanti Edwards who was the first player to win the award in back-to-back years (2008, 2009)

The team’s colors are black and gold.

Troy

Mascot- T-Roy

The Troy Trojans football program represents Troy University in Troy, Alabama and is coached by Neal Brown who is in his 4th season.

The football program joined the Sun Belt Conference in 2004.

The Troy Trojans play their home games at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Troy, Alabama.

They have 3 claimed national titles and 21 conference titles.

Their colors are cardinal, silver and black.

Georgia Southern

Mascot- Freedom (live), GUS (costume)

The Georgia Southern Eagles football program represents Georgia Southern University and is coached by Chad Lunsford in his 1st full season.

The Eagles first continuously fielded a football team in 1924; however, play was suspended for WWII and revived in 1981.

The Eagles won the Sun Belt Conference championship outright in its first year as an FBS member (2014).

They have 11 conference titles and have produced 85 Consensus All-Americans.

The Eagles’ colors are blue and white.

Coastal Carolina

Mascot- Chauncery

The Coastal Carolina Chanticleers football team represents Coastal Carolina University and is currently coached by Joe Moglia in his 6th season.

They play their home games at James C. Benton Field at Brooks Stadium in Conway, South Carolina

The team has 7 conference titles.

Their colors are teal, bronze and black

Georgia State

Mascot- Pounce

The Georgia State Panthers football team is the college football program for Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.

They are coached by Shawn Elliott and he is in his 2nd season.

The Panthers football team was founded in 2010.

They play their home games in Georgia State Stadium, located in Atlanta, Georgia.

Their fight song is “Fight Panthers, Panther Pride”

Georgia State’s colors are blue and white.

*West*

Arkansas State

Mascot- Howl

The Arkansas State Red Wolves football team represents Arkansas State University and is coached by Blake Anderson in his 5th season.

Their home field is Centennial Bank Stadium, on campus in Jonesboro.

The Red Wolves have appeared in 7 bowl games and claimed 11 conference championships.

Arkansas State’s most recent conference championships came in 2016 as they claimed their 5th title in 6 years.

Until 2008, the team’s name was the Arkansas State Indians.

Their colors are scarlet and black.

Louisiana-Lafayette

Mascot- Cayenne

The Louisiana Ragin’ Cajuns football program is a college football team that represents the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in the Sun Belt Conference.

The head coach is Billy Napier and he is in his 1st season.

They play their home games at Cajun Field in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The Ragin’ Cajuns have 7 conference titles and 1 division title.

They have produced 4 Consensus All-Americans

The team colors are vermillion and white.

Louisiana- Monroe

Mascot- Ace the Warhawk

The Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks football program represents the University of Louisiana at Monroe and is coached by Matt Viator in his 3rd season.

The Warhawks play their home games at JPS Field at Malone Stadium located on the campus in Monroe, Louisiana.

They played in their first ever bowl fame in 2012 in the Independence Bowl and lost to the Ohio Bobcats.

The team has 5 conference titles.

The Warhawks’ colors are maroon and gold.

South Alabama

Mascot- SouthPaw and Mrs. Pawla

The South Alabama Jaguars represent the University of South Alabama and they are coached by Steve Campbell who is in his first season.

The program was established in 2009 and became a member of the NCAA in 2012.

They play their home games at Ladd-Peebles Stadium, located in Mobile, Alabama.

The teams’ colors are blue, white and red.

Texas State

Mascot- Boko the Bobcat

The Texas State Bobcats football program represents Texas State University and is coached by Jake Spavital in his 1st season.

Home games are played at Bobcat Stadium in San Marcos, Texas.

The program has a total of 14 conference titles, 9 of them being outright conference titles.

They have 2 claimed national titles.

The Bobcats’ colors are maroon and gold.

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**Sports Statements: “You know you are a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when”.**

You know you’re an athlete when you care about performance more than appearance.

You know you’re an athlete when you start treating food as fuel.

You know you’re a football player when you no longer look forward to rest days.

You know you’re a good quarterback when you worry opposing defenses.

You know you’re a quarterback when you watch game films in your little free time.

You know you’re a quarterback when you elevate the play of the rest of the team.

You know you’re a big sports fan when you ignore important tasks to watch a live game.

You know you’re a sports fanatic when you check scores from last night when you wake up in the morning.

You know you’re a football fan when you frequently lose your voice supporting your favorite team.

You know you’re a football fan when you’re still not over last year’s loss.

You know you’re a football fan when you know which of your friends support your favorite team.

You know you’re a football fan when your friends know not to contact you for plans when there is a game on.

You know you’re a football fan when Sunday will forever be your favorite day of the week.

You know you’re a football fan when you’re in multiple fantasy football leagues.

You know you’re a football fan when your team’s best player getting injured is the end of the world.

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**History of the Kansas City Chiefs**

The Chiefs began to play in 1960 as the Dallas Texans.

Texan Lamar Hunt was the founder of the team

The team was a charter member of the American Football League (AFL) and now is currently part of the National Football League (NFL).

The Texans won the AFL championship in 1962 and the team relocated to Kansas City, Missouri the following year.

They relocated because the Dallas Cowboys joined the NFL as an expansion team in 1960 and it became apparent that Dallas couldn’t support two teams.

The support the team received from the Kansas City community before the team announced the move was extraordinary.

The name “Chiefs” was derived from a fan contest.

The Chiefs moved into Municipal Stadium and shared the facilities with the Kansas City Athletics of Major League Baseball.

The Chiefs finished their first season in Kansas City with a 5–7–2 record and failed to reappear in the AFL Championship game for a consecutive year.

In their third season in 1962, they won the AFL championship with a 20-17 win over the Houston Oilers

In 1966, the Chiefs won their second AFL title and appeared in the inaugural AFL-NFL World Championship game.

In 1969, the Chiefs won the final AFL title and went on to defeat the NFL’s heavily favored Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl IV.

The Texans/Chiefs were the most victorious franchise in AFL history, compiling an 87-45-5 record from 1960-69.

Their victory on January 11, 1970 remains the franchise’s only Super Bowl title to date.

In 1972, they moved into their current home, 78,097-seat Arrowhead Stadium, considered to be one of the world's finest.

The Chiefs won the AFC Western Division title in 1971

The Chiefs were perennial playoff contenders under coach Marty Schottenheimer from 1989-1998.

The Chiefs are now in the capable hands of head coach Andy Reid, who earned a playoff spot in his first season with the team.

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**Kansas City Chiefs Trivia**

What was the original name of the Kansas City Chiefs?

The team was founded in 1960 as the Dallas Texans

Which Chiefs QB holds the team record for most passing yards in a single game?

On November 5th, 2000, Elvis Grbac completed 39 of 53 passes for 504 yards.

Who did the chiefs defeat in Super Bowl IV?

They defeated the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl IV

Which Chiefs player was nicknamed “The Nigerian Nightmare”?

Born in Enugu Nigeria, Okoye was known for his powerful running style and ability to break tackles.

Who did Derrick Thomas sack seven times during a single game in 1990?

Thomas set a single game record, sacking Seattle’s Dave Kreig 7 times on Veterans Day, 1990.

What number did Len Dawson wear?

The Chiefs retired Dawson’s number 16.

Which player was named MVP of Super Bowl IV?

Len Dawson became the fourth consecutive winning QB to be named Super Bowl MVP.

Which Chiefs running back holds the team record for the most rushing touchdowns in a season?

In 2003, Priest Holmes broke Marshall Faulk’s NFL record for total touchdowns in a season with 27.

Who founded the Kansas City Chiefs?

A charter member of the American Football League, the team was founded by Lamar Hunt.

Which player established Chiefs career records for sacks, safeties, fumble recoveries and forced fumbles?

Derrick Thomas was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009.

What stadium did the Chiefs move into in 1972?

Construction on Arrowhead Stadium was completed in time for the 1972 season.

What player escaped war-torn Liberia at the age of 10?

*The Sporting News* made Tamba Hali’s amazing story of escape their April 21, 2006 cover story.

What team did the Chiefs share a stadium with during their first three years of existence?

The Chiefs shared the Cotton Bowl with the NFL’s cross-town competition Dallas Cowboys for three seasons.

Which Chiefs player was the AFL’s first Player of the Year in 1960?

Abner Haynes captured the AFL’s first rushing crown with 875 yards.

Which Chiefs player was the top high school baseball hitter in Northeast Ohio during his senior year?

During Travis Kelce’s senior year, he had a .577 batting average.

Who was the first Chiefs player inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame?

Bobby Bell was inducted into the Chiefs Hall of fame in 1980 and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1983.

Which Chief holds the NFL record for career receiving yards by a tight end?

Tony Gonzalez, a fourteen-time Pro Bowl selection, currently holds the NFL record for total receiving yards by a tight end.

Which Chiefs player was a punter at Rutgers University?

In 1981, Deron Cherry was signed by the Kansas City Chiefs.

Which Chief holds the team record for most receiving yards in a single game?

On December 22, 1985, Stephone Paige had 309 yards receiving yards versus the San Diego Chargers.

Who was the Chiefs’ first head coach?

Hank Stram was hired as the team’s first head coach after the job was declined by Bud Wilkinson and Tom Landry.

What was the first Super Bowl the Chiefs played in?

In the very first Super Bowl, the NFL champion Green Bay Packers defeated the AFL champion Kansas City Chiefs by the score of 35-10.

Which Chiefs RB died suddenly after undergoing knee surgery?

Mack Lee Hill was still on the operating table when he suffered a sudden embolism

Marc Boerigter had 20 receptions during his rookie season. How many of those went for touchdowns.

Boerigter took eight of his twenty receptions to the house.

Which Chiefs QB holds the dubious record of most interceptions in a single game?

Todd Blackledge threw 6 interceptions in a 0-16 loss to the Los Angeles Rams.

Who was the first black middle linebacker in professional American football history?

Willie Lanier won postseason honors for eight consecutive years, making the AFL All-Star team in 1968. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1986.

How many times did the Chiefs qualify for the playoffs during the 1970’s?

The Chiefs’ only playoff appearance of the 70s came in 1971.

Which Chief holds the team record for most receiving touchdowns in a season?

In 2010, Dwayne Bowe led the NFL in receiving touchdowns with 15, earning Pro Bowl and Second Team All-Pro honors.

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**Steelers Sentences**

1. The Patriots and the Steelers have won the most Super Bowls with six championships.
2. During Roethlisberger’s rookie year in 2004, he became the first quarterback in NFL history to win his first 13 career starts.
3. Roethlisberger is one of six NFL quarterbacks to throw at least 200 touchdowns at home during the regular season.
4. Roethlisberger is the first quarterback since 1950 to have a perfect passer rating in four regular season games.
5. In 2018, Roethlisberger led the league in pass completions and passing yards.
6. Roethlisberger set single-season franchise records for touchdown passes (34).
   1. He also set the single-season franchise record for pass completions (452).
7. Roethlisberger became the seventh quarterback to reach the 5,000 yard milestone with 5,129 yards.
8. “Big Ben” broke a tie with hall of famer Dan Marino for the most 450-yard games.
9. Roethlisberger and Mike Tomlin made team history by becoming the winningest head coach-quarterback tandem.
   1. The duo’s 115 regular-season wins are the fourth most in NFL history.

Source: https://www.steelers.com/video/lessons-in-leadership-community-involvement

**Steelers Sayings**

1. “You can’t get hit for 16 yards on third-and-11 in a screen when you know the screen is part of their personality in that down and distance.” -Mike Tomlin
2. Black and gold doesn’t fold.
3. Oh, you’re not a Steelers fan?
   1. I guess that’s what Mama meant when she said, “Some people just weren’t raised right”!
4. I will not keep calm when the Steelers are on!
5. We’re a road team.
   1. We’re the Pittsburgh Steelers and we have fans everywhere!

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