



# SIOUX FALLS STORM

CULTURE WINS

# STORM vs RATTLEERS

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HEAD COACH:  
KEVIN GUY  
COACHING RECORD:  
105-37

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### 2017 AWAY SCHEDULE

- @ CEDAR RAPIDS TITANS  
SAT FEB 25 | CEDAR RAPIDS | 7:05 PM
- @ NEBRASKA DANGER  
SAT MAR 11 | GRAND ISLAND | 7:05 PM
- @ CEDAR RAPIDS TITANS  
SAT APR 08 | CEDAR RAPIDS | 7:05 PM
- @ GREEN BAY BLIZZARD  
SAT APR 22 | GREEN BAY | 7:05 PM
- @ WICHITA FALLS NIGHTHAWKS  
SAT APR 29 | WICHITA FALLS | 7:05 PM
- @ GREEN BAY BLIZZARD  
SAT MAY 13 | GREEN BAY | 7:05 PM
- @ COLORADO CRUSH  
SAT JUN 03 | FT. COLLINS | 6:00 PM
- @ IOWA BARNSTORMERS  
SAT JUN 17 | DES MOINES | 7:05 PM

### NEXT UP:



VS IOWA BARNSTORMERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
3:00pm

@ THE TALKING STICK RESORT ARENA

HEAD COACH:  
KURTISS RIGGS

COACHING RECORD:  
199-34

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### 2017 HOME SCHEDULE

- VS ARIZONA RATTLEERS  
FRI FEB 17 | SIOUX FALLS | 7:05 PM
- VS IOWA BARNSTORMERS  
MON MAR 20 | SIOUX FALLS | 7:05 PM
- VS WICHITA FALLS NIGHTHAWKS  
SAT MAR 25 | SIOUX FALLS | 7:05 PM
- VS GREEN BAY BLIZZARD  
SAT APR 15 | SIOUX FALLS | 7:05 PM
- VS SPOKANE EMPIRE  
SAT MAY 06 | SIOUX FALLS | 7:05 PM
- VS CEDAR RAPIDS TITANS  
SAT MAY 20 | SIOUX FALLS | 7:05 PM
- VS WICHITA FALLS NIGHTHAWKS  
SAT MAY 27 | SIOUX FALLS | 7:05 PM
- VS NEBRASKA DANGER  
SAT JUN 10 | SIOUX FALLS | 7:05 PM

### NEXT UP:



@ CEDAR RAPIDS TITANS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 7:05pm

@ U.S. CELLULAR CENTER

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|----|-------------|----------|-------|------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1  | Williams    | Korey    | WR/RB | 5'11 | 185 | Northwestern Oklahoma State University/CFL-B.C. Lions | 3     |
| 2  | Smith       | Rashard  | DB    | 5'10 | 180 | North Carolina State University/NFL-Dolphins          | 3     |
| 3  | Knight      | Tyler    | LB    | 6'0  | 225 | Mississippi Valley State University                   | V     |
| 4  | Blackmon    | J'Vontez | DB    | 6'0  | 210 | University of Tennessee at Martin                     | 2     |
| 6  | Fields      | Elijah   | DB    | 6'2  | 215 | University of Pittsburgh                              | V     |
| 8  | Brown       | Lorenzo  | QB    | 6'0  | 205 | University of Sioux Falls                             | V     |
| 9  | Rouse       | Robbie   | RB    | 5'6  | 190 | Fresno State University                               | 3     |
| 11 | German III  | Melvin   | WR    | 6'3  | 215 | Florida Atlantic University                           | 2     |
| 12 | Hermanson   | Matt     | DB    | 6'0  | 200 | University of Montana                                 | 3     |
| 13 | Powell      | Drew     | QB    | 6'3  | 220 | Livingstone College                                   | I     |
| 15 | Davis       | Claude   | DL    | 6'5  | 265 | University of South Florida/NFL-Jets                  | 3     |
| 18 | Barnes      | Fred     | DB    | 6'1  | 190 | University of West Alabama                            | I     |
| 19 | Syrovtka    | Justin   | K     | 5'9  | 200 | South Dakota State University                         | 2     |
| 20 | Gener       | Julian   | LB    | 5'11 | 225 | University of Hawaii/CFL-Ottawa                       | I     |
| 22 | Finch II    | Rolandan | RB    | 5'10 | 215 | Boston College                                        | 3     |
| 23 | Tatum       | Mike     | WR    | 5'10 | 170 | Oxnard College                                        | V     |
| 24 | Watkins Jr. | Carlton  | DB    | 5'10 | 190 | Tiffin University                                     | 2     |
| 34 | Henry       | Cory     | DL    | 6'4  | 255 | Florida Atlantic University                           | 2     |
| 56 | Richardson  | Nicholas | DL    | 6'2  | 240 | Abilene Christian University                          | I     |
| 58 | Mitchell    | Khalif   | DL    | 6'6  | 330 | East Carolina University/NFL-49ers                    | ---   |
| 69 | Mungro      | Rashaud  | OL    | 6'6  | 330 | Eastern Kentucky University                           | V     |
| 71 | Bryant      | Kyle     | OL    | 6'6  | 315 | Youngstown State University                           | 3     |
| 74 | Ruff        | Fred     | OL    | 6'6  | 320 | Phoenix College                                       | V     |
| 75 | Buckley     | Jabari   | OL    | 6'6  | 330 | Bethel University                                     | 2     |
| 95 | Bennett     | Bryon    | DL    | 6'2  | 295 | University of Mississippi                             | 2     |

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

| NAME              | PRONUNCIATION |
|-------------------|---------------|
| J'Vontez Blackmon | Ja-VON-tez    |
| Justin Syrovatka  | Seer-o-vot-ka |
| Rashaud Mungro    | Rah-shaud     |
| Rashard Smith     | Rah-shard     |
| Robbie Rouse      | Roo-se        |
| Khalif Mitchell   | Kah-lef       |
| Jabari Buckley    | Jah-bar-E     |

### PROJECTED STARTERS

| OFFENSE            | DEFENSE            |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| QB Lorenzo Brown   | LB Tyler Knight    |
| OL Kyle Bryant     | DL Claude Davis    |
| OL Rashaud Mungro  | DL Khalif Mitchell |
| OL Fred Ruff       | DL Cory Henry      |
| WR Korey Williams  | DB Rashard Smith   |
| WR Mike Tatum      | DB Carlton Watkins |
| WR Melvin German   | DB Matt Hermansen  |
| RB Robbie Rouse    | DB Elijah Fields   |
| K Justin Syrovatka |                    |



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| Barnes      | Fred     | 18 | DB    | 6'1  | 190 | University of West Alabama                            | I     |
| Bennett     | Bryon    | 95 | DL    | 6'2  | 295 | University of Mississippi                             | 2     |
| Blackmon    | J'Vontez | 4  | DB    | 6'0  | 210 | University of Tennessee at Martin                     | 2     |
| Brown       | Lorenzo  | 8  | QB    | 6'0  | 205 | University of Sioux Falls                             | V     |
| Bryant      | Kyle     | 71 | OL    | 6'6  | 315 | Youngstown State University                           | 3     |
| Buckley     | Jabari   | 75 | OL    | 6'6  | 330 | Bethel University                                     | 2     |
| Davis       | Claude   | 15 | DL    | 6'5  | 265 | University of South Florida/NFL-Jets                  | 3     |
| Fields      | Elijah   | 6  | DB    | 6'2  | 215 | University of Pittsburgh                              | V     |
| Finch II    | Rolandan | 22 | RB    | 5'10 | 215 | Boston College                                        | 3     |
| Gener       | Julian   | 20 | LB    | 5'11 | 225 | University of Hawaii/CFL-Ottawa                       | I     |
| German III  | Melvin   | 11 | WR    | 6'3  | 215 | Florida Atlantic University                           | 2     |
| Hermanson   | Matt     | 12 | DB    | 6'0  | 200 | University of Montana                                 | 3     |
| Henry       | Cory     | 34 | DL    | 6'4  | 255 | Florida Atlantic University                           | 2     |
| Knight      | Tyler    | 3  | LB    | 6'0  | 225 | Mississippi Valley State University                   | V     |
| Mitchell    | Khalif   | 58 | DL    | 6'6  | 330 | East Carolina University/NFL-49ers                    | ---   |
| Mungro      | Rashaud  | 69 | OL    | 6'6  | 330 | Eastern Kentucky University                           | V     |
| Powell      | Drew     | 13 | QB    | 6'3  | 220 | Livingstone College                                   | I     |
| Richardson  | Nicholas | 56 | DL    | 6'2  | 240 | Abilene Christian University                          | I     |
| Rouse       | Robbie   | 9  | RB    | 5'6  | 190 | Fresno State University                               | 3     |
| Ruff        | Fred     | 74 | OL    | 6'6  | 320 | Phoenix College                                       | V     |
| Smith       | Rashard  | 2  | DB    | 5'10 | 180 | North Carolina State University/NFL-Dolphins          | 3     |
| Syrovtka    | Justin   | 19 | K     | 5'9  | 200 | South Dakota State University                         | 2     |
| Tatum       | Mike     | 23 | WR    | 5'10 | 170 | Oxnard College                                        | V     |
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| Williams    | Korey    | 1  | WR/RB | 5'11 | 185 | Northwestern Oklahoma State University/CFL-B.C. Lions | 3     |






### ARENA INFORMATION

|                              |
|------------------------------|
| Home Facility                |
| Denny Sanford Premier Center |
| Capacity                     |
| 10,678                       |
| Opened                       |
| 2014                         |






### COACHING STAFF

|                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|
| Head Coach: Kurtis Riggs                        |
| Defensive Coordinator: Brian Hermanson          |
| Defensive Backs/Special Teams: Andre Fields     |
| Defensive Line: Jared Fredenburg                |
| Offensive Line: Paul Keizer                     |
| Assistant Defensive Line: Cory Johnsen          |
| Wide Receivers Coach/ Kick Return: Blake Wilson |






**UNITED CONFERENCE**

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**INTENSE CONFERENCE**

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| 3  | Chapman     | Allen    | DB  | 5'11 | 195 | Kansas State University        |
| 4  | Lindsey     | Nathan   | DB  | 6'0  | 200 | Fort Hays State University     |
| 5  | Amos        | Anthony  | WR  | 6'0  | 185 | Middle Tennessee State U       |
| 6  | Sauder      | Adam     | DB  | 6'3  | 215 | Taylor University              |
| 7  | Washington  | Demarius | WR  | 6'4  | 205 | Tyler Junior College           |
| 9  | Martin      | Justin   | DL  | 6'2  | 275 | Arkansas Tech University       |
| 11 | Brown       | Arkeith  | DB  | 6'1  | 195 | Texas A&M                      |
| 12 | Borel       | Diondre  | WR  | 6'1  | 200 | Utah State University          |
| 14 | Monroe      | Darrell  | RB  | 6'2  | 220 | Arizona Western College        |
| 15 | Winfrey     | Dillion  | WR  | 5'8  | 185 | University of Central Arkansas |
| 16 | Miles       | Jamal    | RB  | 5'10 | 180 | Arizona State University       |
| 17 | Wolf        | Jon      | QB  | 6'4  | 225 | Minnesota State, Mankato       |
| 18 | Boston      | Dewayne  | WR  | 6'3  | 205 | Ferris State University        |
| 19 | Sokol       | Cody     | QB  | 6'2  | 205 | Louisiana Tech University      |
| 21 | Atkinson    | Josh     | DB  | 6'0  | 190 | Azusa Pacific University       |
| 22 | Petre       | Sawyer   | K   | 5'10 | 185 | University of Puget Sound      |
| 42 | Harmon      | Ketrich  | RB  | 6'2  | 250 | Arkansas Tech University       |
| 47 | Galea       | Cody     | DL  | 6'3  | 245 | San Diego State University     |
| 49 | Mosley      | Edward   | DL  | 6'3  | 255 | Alabama State University       |
| 50 | Haisley Jr. | Glen     | OL  | 6'1  | 310 | Prairie View A&M University    |
| 53 | Ashak       | Kevin    | OL  | 6'3  | 310 | Adams State University         |
| 55 | Mady        | Lamar    | OL  | 6'2  | 315 | Youngstown State University    |
| 58 | Love        | Damian   | OL  | 6'4  | 300 | Alabama State University       |
| 74 | Byrd        | DeShawn  | OL  | 6'5  | 320 | Tennessee State University     |
| 90 | Jemison     | Antonio  | DL  | 6'3  | 320 | Faulkner University            |
| 95 | Gordon      | Joshua   | DL  | 6'1  | 250 | Minnesota State University     |



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## FRED BARNES #25

Professional (2017-present): Fred signed with the Sioux Falls Storm of the Indoor Football League (IFL) for the 2017 season.

Senior (University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL, 2013): Fred was awarded a medical redshirt after moving to linebacker from safety. He saw action in one game, making six tackles.

Junior (University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL, 2012): Fred played in 11 games as a nickel back and was member of special teams. He recorded 12 total tackles, eight solo, two pass break-ups and one fumble recovery. Sophomore (Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, 2011): Fred played in eight games at Georgia State where he recorded 28 total tackles, two tackles for loss and two forced fumbles.

Freshman (Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, 2010): Fred was the starting safety at Georgia State. Barnes led the team in tackles with 47 solo tackles and 38 assists, including three tackles for loss, one sack, one interception, one pass break-up and one forced fumble.

- He was named Defensive Player of the Year.
- Barnes was voted GSU's Outstanding Defensive Back by his teammates.

## BRYON BENNETT #95

Professional (2015-present): Bryon spent time with the National Football League's (NFL) Dallas Cowboys. Bennett played for the Spokane Empire of the Indoor Football League (IFL) before signing with the Sioux Falls Storm.

Senior (Ole Miss, Oxford, Miss, 2013): Bryon played in 11 games with seven starts (two at DT, five at DE). He finished the year with 10 tackles (four solo), 2 tackles for loss, one sack and one forced fumble.

Junior (Ole Miss, Oxford, Miss, 2012): Bennett played in every game with six starts. He helped Ole Miss lead all SEC teams and rank fourth in the nation in tackles for loss, second in the SEC and 11th nationally in sacks.

Sophomore (Ole Miss, Oxford, Miss, 2011): Bryon played in 12 games with eight starts. He tallied 15 total tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss.

Freshman (Ole Miss, Oxford, Miss, 2010): Did not see action and was redshirted.

## J'VONTEZ BLACKMON #4

Professional (2015-present): J'Vontez played one year for Lowlanders Bialystok in the second division of the Polish American Football League. J'Vontez signed with the Storm for the 2016 season. He was named IFL Special Teams Player-of-the-Week in Week 10 of the 2016 season. Senior (University of Tennessee-Martin, 2013): J'Vontez played in four games and record two interceptions as a safety. Junior (University of Tennessee-Martin, 2012): J'Vontez had played in four games and captured two interceptions.

## LORENZO BROWN #8

Lorenzo has played multiple positions in his career, starting in 2010 with the Sioux Falls Storm. He spent the 2014 season with the Sioux City Bandits. Brown re-signed with the Storm in October 2014.

- Brown was named the 2016 United Bowl MVP.
- In 2016, he earned IFL's Honorable Mention list.

Junior (University of Sioux Falls, 2009): Brown led USF to their second consecutive National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) National Championship and capped a perfect 15-0 season that gave the two-year starter a 29-0 career record. Lorenzo threw for 3,221 yards and 40 touchdowns to only six interceptions. On the ground, Brown was the team's second leading rusher with 844 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns. He also recorded one reception and returned one punt for six yards.

- Brown, who led the NAIA with 56 total touchdowns, was recently named to College Fanz's NAIA All-Decade Team.

- He received the NAIA Player-of-the-Year award.
- Lorenzo was recognized as the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Offensive Player-of-the-Year.
- He was a First Team All-American-

recipient.



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## KYLE BRYANT #71

Professional (2016-present): Kyle signed with the Sioux Falls Storm during the 2016 season.

Senior (Youngstown State University, 2013): Kyle started in 10 contests at left tackle, missing two with an injury. Additionally, he played in the 88th East-West Shrine Game.

- He received the 2013 Dwight "Dike" Beede Scholarship.

Junior (2012): Kyle played in all 11 games, starting in the final six contests.

Sophomore (Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, OH, 2011): Bryant played in seven games, making six starts.

Freshman (2010): He saw action in two contests.

## JABARI BUCKLEY #75

Professional (2016-present): During the 2016 season, Jabari played for the Chicago Eagles of the Champions Indoor Football (CIF) League. Buckley signed with the Sioux Falls Storm of the Indoor Football League (IFL) for the 2017 season.

## CLAUDE DAVIS #15

Professional (2013-present): Claude was signed to the New York Jets in 2013 as a reserve player. After a short stay with the Jets, he moved to Florida to play with the Arena Football League's (AFL) Tampa Bay Storm. Davis later became a part of Indoor Football League (IFL) with the Nebraska Danger. After his release, Claude signed with the Billings Wolves. After two days with Billings, Davis was traded to the Sioux Falls Storm to play the 2015 season.

- Claude was named to the All-IFL Second-Team Defense roster in 2016.

Junior-Senior (University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 2010-2011): During Davis' senior season, he accumulated 16 tackles, six sacks, two forced fumbles and one pass deflection.

Freshman-Sophomore (East Mississippi Community College, Scooba, MS, 2008-2009): While attending East Mississippi Community College, Claude was a two-year letterman.

- He was named to the 2009 Mississippi Association of Community & Junior Colleges All-North State First Team.
- Davis was also selected to the 2009 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Preseason All-American First Team.
- Claude was a 2008 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) All-North State Second Team selection.

## ELIJAH FIELDS #6

Professional (2012-present): Played for Cedar Rapids in 2012, but suffered a broken hand. After the season, he was traded to Green Bay. After the 2013 season and training, Elijah landed with the Storm for the upcoming season.

- Fields was selected as Green Bay's Defensive MVP in 2013.
- In 2013, he was Defensive Player-of-the-Week in Week 11 with the Blizzard.
- Elijah was selected as Second Team All-IFL in 2013 with Green Bay.
- He was named to the Second Team All-IFL squad in 2015 and 2016.
- Elijah was named IFL Defensive Player-of-the-Week in Week 18 of the 2016 season.

Redshirt Junior (University of Pittsburgh, 2008): Elijah had 18 tackles and 5 pass breakups on the season.

Freshman (University of Pittsburgh, 2006): He played in eight games as a true freshman.



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## CORY HENRY #34

Professional (2014-present): Cory played for the Cleveland Gladiators of the Arena Football League (AFL) during the 2014 season. Henry signed with the Sioux Falls Storm during the 2017 season.

Senior (FAU, Boca Raton, FL, 2013): Cory saw action in every game as a starter. Henry recorded 27 tackles on the year, 21 of which were solo. He ended his career as FAU's all-time sack leader and ranked No. 3 in Conference USA.

- Cory earned First Team Conference USA All-Conference.
- He was named Most Outstanding Player for the 2013 Shula Bowl.
- Henry participated in the 2014 Medal of Honor Bowl.

Junior (FAU, Boca Raton, FL, 2012): Cory saw action in every game as a regular starter.

Sophomore (FAU, Boca Raton, FL, 2011): Henry began the spring by moving from defensive end to outside linebacker. He saw action in 10 games, including starting the first eight games before he was sidelined with an ankle injury. Cory recorded 39 tackles on the year including 27 solo. He was rewarded with six quarterback hurries on the year and is the team's leading returner in that category.

## MELVIN GERMAN #11

Professional (2016-present): Melvin signed with the Sioux Falls Storm for the 2016 season.

Senior (Slippery Rock University, 2014): German appeared in 12 games and had 32 catches for 569 yards and seven touchdowns. He also completed 2 of 4 passes for 36 yards and 1 touchdown. German caught 5 passes for 94 yards and a touchdown in the PSAC (Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference) championship game and helped Slippery Rock win its first PSAC Championship since 2000 with a 28-26 victory over Bloomsburg.

Junior (Florida Atlantic University, 2013): Melvin appeared in five games and made one start for the Owls. He recorded four receptions and 40 yards.

Sophomore (Pearl River Community College, 2012): German played for Pearl River Community College where he completed 293 of 453 pass attempts for 3,121 yards and 21 touchdowns. He added 88 carries for 180 yards rushing and six touchdowns.

- Melvin earned First-Team All-Conference and All-America honors.
- He led the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) nationally in passing offense and was selected to play in the JUCO MACJC (Mississippi Association of Community & Junior Colleges) All-Star Game.

## ROLANDAN FINCH II #22

Professional (2015-present): Rolandan signed with the Sioux Falls Storm during the 2015 season. Freshman-Junior (Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 2009-12): Rolandan redshirted in the 2010 season. He rushed for 1,280 yards and five touchdowns in his career; leading the Eagles in rushing in 2011.

- Finch earned Atlantic Coast Conference Offensive Back of the Week honors.

## JULIAN GENER #20

Professional (2016-present): Julian spent the 2016 season with the Ottawa Redblacks of the Canadian Football League (CFL). He signed with the Sioux Falls Storm of the Indoor Football League (IFL) for the 2017 season. Senior (University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, 2015): Julian appeared in 11 games with nine starts at linebacker. Gener led Hawaii in both total tackles (95) and solo tackles (62). He ranked second on the team with 13.0 tackles for loss and had 2.5 sacks on the season. • Julian earned the UH Defensive Player of the Year Award at the annual team banquet.

• He received All-Mountain West Honorable Mention honors. Junior (University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, 2014): Julian appeared in seven games, making four starts at inside linebacker, he missed six games due to leg injury. Gener finished the season with 46 total tackles (36 solo, 10 assisted), 5.0 for loss, one sack, three quarterback hurries, and one pass breakup.

Sophomore (University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, 2013): Julian appeared in the first three games of the season, making one start, before suffering a season-ending injury at Nevada. Gener recorded season totals of 16 tackles, 2.0 for loss, one sack, and one forced fumble, and returned an interception for a touchdown.



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## TYLER KNIGHT #3

Professional (2010-present): After playing semi-professional football with the Arkansas Rhinos, Knight began playing with the Arkansas Diamonds of the Indoor Football League (IFL). Knight helped the Diamonds to an 11-3 regular season record, and a berth in the Intense Conference Finals. In 2011, Sioux Falls Storm signed Knight as a backup linebacker. Tyler had 104 tackles, leading the IFL, and helping the Storm win the United Bowl. After the 2011 season, Knight signed with the Kansas City Command of the Arena Football League (AFL). Knight returned to Sioux Falls in 2013, where he has continued to play and excel in his career. Tyler assisted the Storm in four United Bowl Championship wins.

- Knight was named a North American Football League (NAFL) All-Star while playing with the Arkansas Rhinos.
- He was named the two-time IFL Defensive Player-of-the-Year in 2013 and 2014.
- Tyler is a five-time Defensive Player-of-the-Week for the Storm.
- He was named IFL Special Teams Player-of-the-Week in Week 1 of the 2016 season.
- Knight was named to the All-IFL Second-Team Defense roster in 2015.
- He was named to the All-IFL First-Team Defense roster in 2016.
- In 2016, he ranked fifth on the IFL's Top 10 Players List.

Freshman-Senior (Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS, 2004-06): During his career at MVSU, Tyler started 36 games, where he recorded 369 tackles, 51.5 tackles for loss, and 18.5 sacks.

- He was named MVSU Male Athlete-of-the-Year.
- Knight was honored as a Don Hansen First Team All-American.
- Tyler received multiple awards his sophomore year, including named Sports Business News (SBN) Sports Black College All-American Team, Sports Network All-American, Black College All-American, and a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) I-AA Southwest All-Region Team selection.
- Knight was named a three-time All-Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) and a two-time SWAC Defensive Player-of-the-Year.
- the SBC's Top-10 Sack List.

## MATT HERMANSON #12

Professional (2015-present): Matt signed with the Sioux Falls Storm during the 2015 season. Senior (University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 2014): Matt started his third season in a row. He was Montana's leading returning tackler as a senior. He began his senior season ranked 29th in school history with 239 career tackles.

• Hermanson was a 2014 All-American Candidate. Junior (University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 2013): Matt was second on the team with 107 tackles, in solo stops with 53, in forced fumbles (tie) with three, and in fumble recoveries with two. He was ranked 13th in the Big Sky Conference with 8.9 tackles a game, which ranked him 51st in the FCS.

- He was a Second Team All-League selection. Sophomore (University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 2012): Hermanson started in 10 games and was fourth on the team with 67 tackles, and tied for the team lead with two interceptions.
- He was an honorable mention All-Big Sky pick. Freshman (University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 2011): Matt played in 13 games and started in one as a true freshman. He was fifth on the team with 65 tackles, and tied with two other players with a team-leading three interceptions.

## KHALIF MITCHELL #58

Professional (2008-present): After going undrafted in the 2009 NFL Draft, Mitchell spent two seasons with the San Francisco 49ers of the National Football League (NFL) as a member of their practice roster. The BC Lions of the Canadian Football League (CFL) then signed Khalif on September 21, 2010. With limited playing time in the 2010 CFL season he only recorded six tackles. On April 2, 2013, the BC Lions traded him to the Toronto Argonauts, where he played in 16 games, recording 32 tackles, five sacks (team high for the season) and one fumble recovery. Khalif signed a contract with the BC Lions of the CFL on May 6, 2014. He did not have a significant impact on the Lions defense during the 2014 season, finishing the season with only nine tackles and one sack. He signed a three-year contract with the Montreal Alouettes of the CFL. On June 19, 2015. On August 31, 2016, midway through the 2016 CFL season Mitchell signed with the Saskatchewan Roughriders as a practice squad member. Khalif has signed with the Sioux Falls Storm for the 2017 season.

- In Mitchell's second year in the league he earned 2011 CFL All-Star honors with 33 tackles and 6 sacks.
- He was named a CFL East All-Star and a CFL All-Star in 2013.



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## NICHOLAS RICHARDSON #56

Professional (2017-present): Nicholas signed with the Sioux Falls Storm of the Indoor Football League (IFL) for the 2017 season.

Senior (Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 2014): Nick entered his senior season just 10 sacks away from moving into first place on ACU's all-time sacks list. He entered his senior season having started in 15 straight games for the Wildcats. • Richardson was named to the 2014 College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) Watch List. Junior 2013 (Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 2013): Nick started all 11 games at defensive end. Richardson finished the season with 53 total tackles, 15.5 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries. He also had a team-best 11 sacks, which is tied for the fifth-best single-season total in ACU history. Sophomore (Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 2012): Nick finished the season with 50 tackles (27 solo), 9.5 sacks, 14.5 tackles for loss, one forced fumble, three quarterback hurries and two pass breakups.

• He earned Honorable Mention All-Lone Star Conference honors for his play. Freshman (Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 2011): Nick played in all 11 and started in eight games. Richardson finished the season with 31 tackles (20 solo), 4.5 tackles for loss, 3.0 sacks, three quarterback hurries and one blocked kick.

## DREW POWELL #13

Professional (2017-present): Drew signed with the Sioux Falls Storm during the 2017 season.

Freshman-Senior (Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC, 2012-15): Drew was a four-year starter for Livingstone College. He tallied 10,861 total yards (conference record), 732 career completions (conference record), 1,312 career attempts (conference record), and 100 total touchdowns (school record).

- Drew was the 2015 Hero Sports D2 Offensive Player of the Year.
- Powell was a 2015 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) All-American.
- He was the 2015 Conference Player of the Year.
- Drew received 2015 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) First Team quarterback honors.
- He was a 2014 HBCU All-American.
- Powell earned 2014 First Team quarterback honors.

## RASHAUD MUNGRO #69

Professional (2011-present): Rashaud initially competed in the Ultimate Indoor Football League (UIFL) with the Eastern Kentucky Drillers. He then played with the IFL's New Mexico Stars and the AFL's Orlando Predators. The Storm picked him up last season after being contacted by former quarterback, Chris Dixon, and general manager, Tyler Pederson.

- Rashaud was appointed to the First Team All-UIFL squad in 2012.
- He was Second Team All-IFL in 2014 and 2015.

Senior (Eastern Kentucky University, 2008): He played in nine games, used primarily as a back-up offensive lineman and participated in obtaining back-to-back conference championships.

Junior (Eastern Kentucky University, 2007): He played in four games.

Redshirt Sophomore (Eastern Kentucky University, 2006): Mungro saw action in four games.

## RASHARD SMITH #2

Professional (2014-present):

Rashard spent time with the Miami Dolphins of the National Football League (NFL). He also had a stint with the B.C Lions of the Canadian Football League (CFL). Smith signed with the Sioux Falls Storm of the Indoor Football League (IFL) for the 2017 season.

Senior (North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, 2013): Rashard started at the "Z" wide receiver spot.

Junior (North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, 2012): Rashard ranked sixth in the ACC with a 9.3 yard punt return average and his 294 punt return yards is sixth-highest mark in school history.

Sophomore (North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, 2011): Rashard mainly played at the boundary corner in 2011, where he started three games and played in all 13.

Freshman (North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, 2009-10): Rashard true freshman moved into the starting lineup in just his second collegiate game. Smith redshirted for the 2010 season after suffering a knee injury midway through his freshman campaign.



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## FRED RUFF #74 JUSTIN SYROVATKA #19

Professional (2016-present): During the 2016 season, Fred played for the Chicago Eagles of the Champions Indoor Football (CIF) League and the Cedar Rapids Titans of the Indoor Football League. Ruff signed with the Sioux Falls Storm of the IFL for the 2017 season.

Senior (New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM, 2013): Fred played in one game at New Mexico Highlands.

Junior (Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ, 2012): Fred was named one of the top recruiting offensive linemen in the Western States Football League by the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association).

Sophomore (Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ, 2011): Fred started five games at Phoenix College.

Freshman (Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ, 2010): Fred attended Hargrave Military Academy.

Professional (2015-present): Justin signed with the Sioux Falls Storm of the Indoor Football League (IFL) in 2015.

Redshirt Senior (South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, 2014): Syrovatka set the single season record for consecutive field goals made. He set season best percentage record for extra points and set season record for points kicked.

- Justin was on the Associated Press All-American Second Team.
- He won the College Football Performance Awards Elite Placekicker Award.
- Syrovatka was part of the All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Second Team.
- He was the Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) Special Teams Player of the Week.
- Redshirt Junior (South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, 2013): Justin set Jackrabbits single-season records with 33 consecutive made extra points and 49 for the entire season.
- He ended the season as a recipient of MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award.
- Syrovatka was apart of the All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Second Team.
- He was apart of the MVFC Honor Roll.
- Justin won the MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award. He set a season best percentage record for extra points.

## ROBBIE ROUSE #9

Professional (2015-present): Rouse was not drafted in the 2013 National Football League (NFL) Draft but signed as a free agent with the Cleveland Browns. He was released on May 21, 2013. Rouse signed with the Edmonton Eskimos of the Arena Football League (AFL) on October 2, 2013. In 2015, Rouse signed with the Nebraska Danger of the Indoor Football League (IFL). On April 8, 2015, Rouse signed with the Iowa Barnstormers of the IFL. On September 11, 2015, Rouse re-signed with the Barnstormers for the 2015 season. Robbie signed with the Sioux Falls Storm of the IFL for the 2017 season. Senior (Fresno State, Fresno, CA, 2012): Robbie is Fresno State's All-Time leading rusher with 4,647 career yards. Rouse started all 13 games where he tied the Mountain West record during the regular season with nine 100-yard rushing games on the year, which is the second-most in school history. He was third in the conference in rushing and 16th nationally with 114.6 yards per game. His 63 receptions tied for the fourth-most in the conference. Rouse was second in the Mountain West in all-purpose yardage with 1,925 and he ranked 18th nationally with 148.1 all-purpose yards per game.

- He was named the Mountain West Co-Offensive Player of the Week.
- Robbie was named the MW Offensive Player of the Week and the MAACO Bowl Las Vegas MW Offensive Player of the Week.
- Rouse was an First-Team All-Mountain West selection.



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## MIKE TATUM #23

Professional (2009-present): In 2009, Mike joined the Marion Mayhem of the Continental Indoor Football League (CIFL) as a wide receiver and special teams. During the 2010 season, the team abruptly disbanded due to financial reasons, and Tatum signed to play with the Fort Wayne Firehawks, also of the CIFL. In 2011, Mike returned to Marion with a new indoor football team, the Marion Blue Racers. In 2012, Tatum signed to play with Indoor Football League (IFL) expansion team Everett Raptors. Due to injury, he only played in 12 games but was able to tie the record for the longest return at 48 yards. In 2013, Tatum signed with the Sioux Falls Storm, winning his first IFL championship. Before his return with the Storm for their 2014 championship season, he also played for the Blue Racers of the CIFL.

- Tatum is a three-time CIFL Special Teams Player-of-the-Week with the Marion Mayhem in 2009 and twice with the Marion Blue Racers in 2011.
- He earned First Team All-CIFL as a Kick Returner with the Firehawks in 2010.
- Mike is a two-time CIFL Special Teams Player-of-the-Year with the Firehawks in 2010 and Blue Racers in 2011.
- Tatum was a two-time IFL Special Teams Player-of-the-Week, during weeks three and twelve, with the Everett Raptors.
- He was the 2012 IFL Special Teams Player-of-the-Year with the Everett Raptors.
- Mike earned First Team All-CIFL Wide Receiver with the Blue Racers in 2014.

## KOREY WILLIAMS #1

Professional (2012-present): Korey first played with the Omaha Beef of the IFL during the 2012 season. Korey was then traded to the Storm for the 2013 season where he accumulated 1,329 all-purpose yards and had 18 touchdowns in 10 games. In 2013, Korey signed with the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League (CFL). Korey played in four games for Lions as a receiver where he had seven catches for 112 yards and one receiving touchdown. Korey was signed by the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the CFL prior to the 2014 season and was released shortly afterword's. Korey is back with the Storm for the 2016 season.

- He was named IFL Special Teams Player-of-the-Week in Week 8 and Offensive Player-of-the-Week in Week 16 of the 2016 season.
- Korey received the 2016 IFL Special Teams Player of the Year.
- Williams was named to the All-IFL First-Team Special Teams roster in 2016.
- In 2016, he ranked sixth on the IFL's Top 10 Players List.

Sophomore (Northwestern Oklahoma State, Alva, OK, 2008): Williams caught 50 passes for 771 yards with a 15.4 yard average per reception and 70.1 yards per game. He also scored seven touchdowns for the Rangers. Korey set a school record with 202 reception yards and touchdown catches in a game with four against Southwestern College.

- Korey was named First-Team All-Conference as a receiver.
  - He was ranked 31st in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in yards per game.
- Freshman (Northwestern Oklahoma State, Alva, OK, 2007): Williams was the second leading receiver for the Rangers as he had 321 yards on 23 catches while playing in 12 games. He averaged 14 yards per catch and returned 10 kick-offs for 159 yards.

## CARLTON WATKINS JR. #24

Professional (2016-present): Carlton signed with the Sioux Falls Storm during the 2016 season. Senior (Tiffin University, Tiffin, OH, 2012): Carlton had 28 solo tackles with eight assisted tackles with a combined total of 36 tackles during the season. He also had two tackles-for-loss and broke up four passes.

- Carlton was named to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference all-academic team. Junior (Tiffin University, Tiffin, OH, 2011): Carlton recorded 30 tackles with ten assisted tackles. He also forced one fumble and had one interception.



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### RECENT TRANSACTIONS

| Sioux Falls Storm   | Position | Height | Weight | College/Pro Experience                 | Action  |
|---------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Justin Syrovatka    | K        | 5'10   | 200    | South Dakota State University          | Sign    |
| Lovie Banks-Rose Jr | WR       | 6'1    | 200    | Elizabeth City State University        | Release |
| Marcus Beaurem Jr   | WR       | 6'2    | 190    | Tiffin University/NFL-Lions            | Release |
| Gary Henderson      | DL       | 6'2    | 255    | Glenville State University             | Release |
| Ja-Mes Logan        | WR       | 6'3    | 195    | University of Mississippi/NFL-Patriots | Release |

**Sioux Falls, SD** – The Sioux Falls Storm are set to start their season at home on Friday, Feb. 17th against the Arizona Rattlers, one of two new franchises to join the Indoor Football League for the 2017 season.

Boyer Truckswill serve as the Presenting Sponsor of the game and help give away 5,000 large Storm Posters that will highlight each of the team's ten (10) championship-winning seasons. Opening kick-off is set for 7:05 PM at the Denny Sanford Premier Center.

The Storm will open up this year's campaign as the reigning six-time IFL United Bowl Champions. Last season, the Storm recorded a 15-1 regular season record and swept the two-playoff games in route to the title.

For the 2017 season, the Storm will return some very familiar faces with veterans like linebacker Tyler Knight, wide receiver Mike Tatum, Quarterback Lorenzo Brown, Defensive back Elijah Fields and defensive lineman Claude Davis. At the head of it all, Head Coach Kurtiss Riggs, who recently signed a three-year extension with the team.

Among the new faces taking to the field include running back Robbie Rouse, who played at Cal State Fresno where he ranks as the school's all-time leading rusher at 4,647 yards. Defensive back Rashard Smith who spent time with the Miami Dolphins of the National Football League (NFL). He also had a stint with the B.C Lions of the Canadian Football League (CFL).

The Storm's home opener against Arizona will feature two of the greatest Indoor Football franchises of all-time. The Storm's Championship Pedigree is well documented. The Rattlers departed the AFL with ten (10) Division Titles while playing in nine (9) Arena Bowl Championship Games and taking home the Top Prize five (5) times (1994, 1997, 2012, 2013, 2014).

There will be numerous events and special promotions going on throughout the Storm season home opener that includes a special fundraiser to benefit CURE SMA and the "Taken By Storm Community Fund".

Individual Storm game tickets are on sale at the Premier Center Box Office or online through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).