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2015 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

School Name: Loyola University Chicago (LUC)

Mascot: RAMBLERS

Location: Chicago, IL

NCFA Conference: Great Lakes

Coach(s): John L Clarke (Head Coach, QB, DB and DC), Juan Basadre (TB/WB and OC), Dawn Pedersen (OL), Connor Gomer (WR/TE), Kim Marks (ILBs), Norm Perez (OLBs), D'Maury Earl (DB's), Demetrius Hughes (DL/co-Special Teams Coordinator) and Cory Reidl (DL/Co-Special Teams Coordinator)

Captain(s): OG Kenny Swezey (Jr.), FS Nick Ondrla (Sr.), QB Matt Bos (Sr.) and a 4th voted on every week

2014 Performance:

- Record: **3-4**
- Final Conference Ranking: **3rd**
- Final National Ranking: **15th**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players: 20

Number of Returning Starters: 15

Returning Player Award Winners/Accolades:

OL Kenny Swezey (NCFA Academic All-American/NCFA All-American/Team Co-Offensive MVP),
QB Matt Bos (NCFA All-American All Purpose/Team Co-Offensive MVP),
DE Jon Khosa (NCFA Academic All-American/NCFA All-American /Team Rookie of the Year) and
FS Nick Ondrla (NCFA Academic All American/Team Defensive MVP)



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Players to Watch:

QB Matt Bos (Sr.),
DE Jon Khosa (Soph)
FS Nick Ondrla (Sr.),
CB Matt Kening (Sr.),
WB Kyle Marreo (Sr.),
OL Mike Oppenheimer (Sr.),
ILB/OL Kenny Swezey (Jr.),
OL Evan Funk (Soph)

New additions:

TE/DE Derrick Morgan,
TB/OLB Daniel Catlin,
(TE/SS) Michael Polowski,
TB Nick Schmidt

Biggest Rival: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUe)

Best Player Nickname: The Wonderful Wizard of Bos (QB Matt Bos)

2015 Season Outlook: After struggling with growing pains from their resurrection after a 41 year hiatus in 2012, the 2014 team showcased a lot of promise. LUC went 3-4 and had several NCFA post season honors, including 6 All Americans, 5 Academic All Americans and Coach of the Year. Losing 8 Senior leaders, including 3 All Americans, will be hard to replace, but this year's recruiting class looks to be the biggest and most athletic in history.

Head Coach Quote: Now that we have some momentum, it's time to start putting in the extra work to Deserve Victory. Hard work has always been in our DNA, but in order to grow as a program, extra effort is necessary to deserve every victory in the NCFA. This team knows that nothing will be given to them and anything that they deserve has to be earned. DESERVE VICTORY is our 2015 maxim and our team has singular and aggressive focus of doing just that.



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School Name: Miami University

Mascot: Redhawks

Location: Oxford, OH

NCFA Conference: Great Lakes - East

Coach(s): Jay Fry Sr., Joe Jackson, Jay Fry Jr.

Captain(s): Zak Ogilbee, Ryan Gannon

2014 Performance:

- Record: **6-1**
- Final Conference Ranking: **2**
- Final National Ranking: **7**
- Notables: **Lost to Oakland**

Number of Returning Players: 35

Number of Returning Starters: 16

Returning Player Award Winners/Accolades: Gannon - Offensive POY, Ogilbee - Defensive POY

Players to Watch: Gannon, Mattress, Shaw, Ogilbee, Zuccaro, Joyce

New additions: N/A

Biggest Rival: Oakland

Best Player Nickname: RPG - Ryan Gannon, Ogiebear - Zak Ogilbee

2015 Season Outlook: Potential National Title Contenders

Head Coach Quote: "Winners are workers"

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2015 TEAM

School Name: Michigan State University

Mascot: Spartan

Location: East Lansing, MI

NCFA Conference: Great Lakes East

Coach(s): Head Coach: Al Manfroni
Offensive Coach: Brad Boven
Offensive Assistant: Mitch Brooks
Defensive Coach: Chris Pickney
Defensive Assistant: Kevin Palmer
Defensive Assistant: Chris Miller
Special Teams: Tony Tinnin

Captain(s): not decided yet

2014 Performance:

- Record: N/A
- Final Conference Ranking: N/A
- Final National Ranking: N/A
- Notables: N/A

Number of Returning Players: 0

Number of Returning Starters: 0

Returning Player Award Winners/Accolades: 0

Players to Watch:

Offense-

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10. Vinny Costanzo, QB

7. Steven Dewitt, QB

- Both quarterbacks so far have really shown leadership in the young stages of this football team.

Defense -

21. Lucas Mayo, S - Has great speed and shows leadership with the secondary.

50. Quinn Jackson, LB - Great defensive player to stop the run.

89. Devin Schlossberg, DL - Strong presence on the line, big hitter.

24. Luis Parra, CB - Quick feet, great coverage.

New additions: Everyone

Biggest Rival: UM Flint

Best Player Nickname:

2015 Season Outlook: Despite being a first year program we have the numbers, the talent, and the coaching of a well established team. We are preparing to make our mark on the NCFA right from the start.

Head Coach Quote: "MSU has hit the ground running holding numerous camps already. With a 60 man roster MSU will be very deep. I am impressed at the work ethic our players have shown and their willingness to be selfless. We fully expect to be in the thick of it at seasons end." - Coach Manfroni



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School Name: Oakland University

Mascot: Grizzlies

Location: Rochester Hills, MI

NCFA Conference: Great Lakes

Coach(s): Head Coach: Jeff Allor, OC: William Jackson, DC: Tom Menas, Assistants: Jack Fugate(DL) , Al Gillert(DBs) , Jim Garris(WRs) , Pat Olszewski (OL) , Karl Featherston (Spec Teams)

Captain(s): TBD

2014 Performance:

- Record: **9-0**
- Final Conference Ranking: **1st**
- Final National Ranking: **1st**
- Notables: **Great Lakes East Champion, Great Lakes Conference Champion, National Champions**

Number of Returning Players: 20

Number of Returning Starters: 15

Returning Player Award Winners/Accolades: 5



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Players to Watch: Joe Cox, Malik Pettway, Tra Saey, Brian Khashola, Omar Al Omari, Jim Bartsch, Steve O'Connell

New additions: Joe Cox, Tra Seay, Nick Sudnick, Steve O'Connell, Andre Hayes, Brett Jacobs, Grant Grabowski, Craig Burns, Jumaane Mayberry, Simon Gappe, Denolious Cooper, Stone Firoosz, Michael Herson, Kyle Klug, Scott VanLuvender, Blake Fetteroff, Aaron Roberts, Nick Keyes, Lou Harris, Cortez Pitman, David Gaedcke, Brett Jacobs, Edwin Jimenez, Chris Dowell, Darrin Tuttle, Dan Gubin, Will Hernandez, Chris Gallusser, Frank Hermiz

Biggest Rival: RMU

Best Player Nickname: "TIK"- Tall Italian Kid (But he is actually Albanian)

2015 Season Outlook: We expect to compete. With the right commitment, effort, and team sacrifice, we expect to be in the mix for post season play.

Head Coach Quote: "One Team.....One Goal!"



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School Name: Ohio State

Mascot: Buckeyes

Location: Columbus, OH

NCFA Conference: Great Lakes

Coach(s): Darryl Payne (HC/OC), Richard Stotts (DC), David Ladden (WR/TE), Dan Harter (OL), Ben Hoyt (DL), Tyler Gabalski (LB), Aaron Brown (DB), Caelan Allmon (Special Teams)

Captain(s): James Etheridge, Will Madley, Matt Thiede, Kenny Merchant

2014 Performance:

- Record: **3-4**
- Final Conference Ranking: **4**
- Final National Ranking: **?**
- Notables: **George Mason, UW-Milwaukee**

Number of Returning Players: 12

Number of Returning Starters: 12

Returning Player Award Winners/Accolades: 0

Players to Watch: Chellie Colbert (QB/RB/DB), Elisha Glass (WR), Kenny Merchant (CB), Will Madley (OL/DL)

New additions: Alex Strohm, Andrew Ding, Andrew Madley, Benjamin Harvey, Bobby Newby, Brad Yohe, Dan Koroma, Daniel Korot, Jack Grote, Keaton Wineman, Mac Parker, Steven McFarland, Taariq Parker, Taylon Molnar, Tyler Jackson, William Hamilton

Biggest Rival: UM-Flint

Best Player Nickname:



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2015 Season Outlook: The Buckeyes look to have a strong run this year following a great offseason. The combination of veteran leadership and fresh young talent should help pave the way for a successful season in Columbus.

Head Coach Quote: "I am excited about the direction our program is headed. We have strong upperclassmen leadership returning as well as a strong staff in place now. It's very exciting to see young players grow. I think this year's team will be a special group." - Head Coach Darryl Payne.



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School Name: Robert Morris University-Peoria Campus

Mascot: Eagles

Location: Peoria, Illinois

NCFA Conference: Great Lakes

Coach(s): Seth Carson- Head Coach
Co-Offensive Coordinator- Josh Carter
Co-Offensive Coordinator- Austin Wertz
Runningback and TEs Coach- Michael Dixson
Wide Receiver and DBs - Mike Carev

Captain(s): TBA

2014 Performance:

- Record: **8-2**
- Final Conference Ranking: **2**
- Final National Ranking: **2**
- Notables: **2014 National Runner-up**

Number of Returning Players: 13

Number of Returning Starters: 8

Returning Player Award Winners/Accolades: Xavier Blake-First Team All-American
Kyle McKenna-First Team All-American
Tim Finney- Second Team All-American
Dushon Morris- Second Team All-American
Lamont Miller-Second Team All-American



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Players to Watch: Johnathan Maebane, Xavier Blake, Kyle Mckenna, Tim Finney, Dushon Morris

New additions: Johnathan Maebane, Tyrell Young, Jermon Jones

Biggest Rival: Oakland University and UW-Milwaukee
Robert Morris University-Chicago JV

Best Player Nickname: Bobby Mo is our schools nickname

2015 Season Outlook: Robert Morris-Peoria returns a lot of experience in some key positions this year. Five all-americans come back from the national runner-up team last year. Coach Carson and his staff have all the ingredients for another successful season.

The Eagles are returning 13 players from last year's team. RMU-Peoria has a tough non-conference schedule that will help prepare them for their Great Lake Conference schedule. The team looks to improve each week by working together as a team to reach its ultimate goal.

Offensive Line

Everybody knows that football championships are won at the line of scrimmage. The eagles should have some good experience returning in the trenches.

RMU has three starters returning from last year line with 4 freshman coming in to fill the void of All-American Kenny Pusley and Blaine Couve departure. Junior Joe Lee (5'10 270) returns as the starting center and Contrell Smith (6'2 270) at tackle. LeRoy Smith and Aaron Martin will both return at guard and compete for a starting spot on their respective sides.

The Eagles are counting on the veterans to lead the young offensive lineman.

Tight End/Wide Receiver

This position group carries the most depth and versatility for the Eagles. They expect great of leadership and maturity from this group.

The Eagles return All-Americans Dushon Morris and Lamont Miller on the receiving core. They will be adding some fresh faces including Brian Thomas and Marcell Tyler.

Xavier Blake, Steve Carreon and Shawn Marizetts can give Robert Morris some versatility to run multiple sets on offense.

Quarterback



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Tim Finney comes back after an All-American season last year. Tim is one of the smartest players that the Eagles have. The coaching staff trust Tim to get the offense in the right situation, so that it can be successful.

Xavier Blake is the backup quarterback for RMU.

Running Back

Running Back position has the most competition this offseason. The team has some new players to come in and compete for the job.

Jermon Jones, Alandis Tolliver and Johnathan Maebane are all freshman who can get some carries at running back.

Also, the Eagles have James Gray returning from last year's team that should be in the mix as well.

Defensive Line

The Eagles have several good options to put in on the defensive front.

Nose Guard Aaron Martin and End Shawn Marizetts are returning on the defensive line. Their experience should help out the younger defensive lineman progress faster as a unit.

Marschal Stewart-Hall, Raaheem Ramsey, Elijah Davis, and Diamond Gartor should add some depth to the defensive line and push to start on the offensive line.

Linebackers

Linebackers have the most turnover from last year but the coaching staff is confident that everybody will fit in. RMU only returner is Xavier Blake from last year's linebacking core. One of the key losses for the Eagles is Taylor Hornuog. He is out for the season because of an injury. Newcomers Lary Billups, Steven Carreon and Tyrell Young look to fill the void at linebacker.

Defensive Backs

Like the rest of the defense, Robert Morris plans on having some newcomers step up and see some significant playing time. The only returner from the defensive backfield is All-American safety Kyle McKenna. His leadership and commitment should help RMU be solid in the secondary physical.

The newcomer to watch is safety Johnathan Maebane. He will bring explosiveness and physical process to the position that the Eagles did not have last year.



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DonTez Hampton, Jermon Jones and Ireland Driver will also become impact players on the back end of the defense.

The Schedule.

The schedule has a lot of first time opponents for the Eagles. RMU will start off with a quality opponent Midwestern Prep on September 6th. Next, they will travel to Wartburg College to face its JV squad. The varsity squad made it all the way to the DIII Final Four last year.

The game that all of Peoria has circle will be against the RMU-Chicago JV team. It will be an intense matchups for both ball clubs.

After that game starts the conference schedule. The Eagles opens up conference play against Depaul

Head Coach Quote: We are looking to continue the success of the program and improve everyday on and off the field.



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Mascot: Kodiaks

Location: Flint, Mi

NCFA Conference: Great Lakes

Coach(s): William Schaffer, Todd Beck, Walter Jackson Jr., Ben Carter, Donald Bacon

Captain(s): Evan Philburn, Toney Watkins, Drake McComb, Shayne Beggs

2014 Performance:

- Record: **0-2**
- Final Conference Ranking: **NA**
- Final National Ranking: **NA**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players: 6

Number of Returning Starters: 6

Returning Player Award Winners/Accolades: 0

Players to Watch: Evan Philburn, Austin Sigourney

New additions:

Biggest Rival: Oakland

Best Player Nickname:

2015 Season Outlook: 5-3

Head Coach Quote: B.T.F "BRING THE FUNK"



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School Name: UW-Milwaukee

Mascot: Panthers

Location: Milwaukee, WI

NCFA Conference: Great Lakes

Coach(s): Head Coach - Dave Mogensen

Assistant Head Coach - Antoine Burns

Defensive Coordinator - Jim Knowles

Defensive Line - Chester Hall

Offensive Line - Jason Kavalary

Defensive Backs - Curtis Beals

Offensive Assistant - Josh Fuher

Tight Ends - Chris Hil

Defensive Assistant - Joey Johnson

Running Backs - Manny Mills

Defensive Ends - Jon Collier

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Captain(s): TBD

2014 Performance:

- Record: **4-2**
- Final Conference Ranking: **2**
- Final National Ranking:
- Notables: **Lost to Oakland by 1pt, lost to RMU by 7**

Number of Returning Players: 25

Number of Returning Starters: 16

Returning Player Award Winners/Accolades: Johnny Seidl NCFA All-American



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Keith Morris - NCFA All-American - Dez Marion-Moore NCFA All-American - Brandan Stepro NCFA All-American

Players to Watch: Offense - Johnny Seidl WR / Brandon Smith - WR / Keith Morris RB / Brandon Stepro - TE ---- Defense - Dez Marion-Moore DL / Josh Draper CB / Dan Brennan SS / Ryan Miller LB

New additions: Shane Schwaller RB, All State at Little Chute

Sean Oroni - D3 transfer, 2014 starter at Carthage College

Kyle Wirtz WR- All State at Brookfield East

Denzel Barnes QB Juco Transfer from Iowa Central

Jordan Platek QB D3 Transfer from Concordia WI

Biggest Rival: Robert Morris-Peoria

Best Player Nickname: Alex "The Russian" Blanck

2015 Season Outlook: Good

Head Coach Quote: "We are looking to build upon a near breakthru 2014 season, if we can avenge narrow loses to Oakland and RMU we should be looking at some NCFA post season action. We have to replace 2014 NCFA Offensive Player of the Year QB Sam Clark but we return numerous starters and have added some very accomplished new faces. We will look to ride our defense, under the direction of new coordinator Jim Knowles, and the two headed monster of returning NCFA All-American RB Keith Morris and incoming RB Shane Schwaller a 2014 Wisconsin All-State performer as our three QB's returner Dakota Behrs, D3 Transfer Jordan Platek and Junior College transfer Denzel Barnes look to battle to replace Sam and take the reigns of our wide open no huddle offense."



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2015 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

School Name: Wright State University

Mascot: Raiders

Location: Fairborn, OH

NCFA Conference: Great Lakes

Coach(s): HC: Jeff Knittle, Asst HC/DC: Scott Mcnett, OC/QB: Marcus Fails, WR: Tyrell Thompson, RB: Lucios Dorise, OL: Kevin West, DL: Jason Schultz, LB Deshaun Holder, DB: Jimmy Johnson, Assistant: Jordan Fries

Captain(s): John Phillippe, Tre Sherman, Jimmy Neyhouse, Forrest Cordova

2014 Performance:

- Record: 7-3
- Final Conference Ranking: 3
- Final National Ranking: 9
- Notables: 9 All-Americans, Beat NCAA D3 Willmington Game 1, stayed top 5 in National Rankings for 4 weeks straight,

Number of Returning Players: 13

Number of Returning Starters: 13

Returning Player Award Winners/Accolades: John Phillippe (1st Team All-American MLB), Tre Sherman (1st Team All-American Punter/ 2nd Team All-American Safety), Jimmy Neyhouse (1st Team Academic All-American DL), Forrest Cordova (POW week 2 for Conference and League)

Players to Watch: John Phillippe (MLB), Tre Sherman (SS), Jimmy Neyhouse (DE), Shaun Wenrick (NT), Matt Cline (RB), Forrest Cordova (QB), Tyrice Fizer (DB), Issah Ray (LB) Jordan Chesney (WR), Tyler Talboom (TE), Robert Packnett (TE), Concepcion Hernandez (WR),

New additions: 37

Biggest Rival: Oakland



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Best Player Nickname: Big Country (Dan Fairchild: OG)

2015 Season Outlook: The 2015 Outlook for the Raiders this season is very bright and expect nothing but hard nose, Technique Driven, in your face football. Our expectations for ourselves are perfection, it's been done before so why not us? We are loaded at every position with young talent and veteran grit, we will take each day, week, game one at a time not caring what we did the day before or what we are doing the day after but WINNING THE MOMENT. We are the ONLY team with a full 10 game schedule which includes the National Champions, 2 NCAA Programs and last years #1 Offense in the League. With the returning Game Day motto of Demand Respect, mixed with the tradition of Together Family Raiders we look forward to making the GLC and the NCFE proud with Standard Setting Football.

Head Coach Quote: Dont let your achievements or failurs of yesterday define you, Make History Today