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Gene Smith,
Senior Vice President and Wolfe Foundation Endowed Athletics Director
A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

At Ohio State, the Department of Athletics' training and competitive facilities are its classrooms, wherein talented student-athletes hone their skills and reach their potential. Coaches prepare student-athletes for competition and success as students, athletes and citizens. Teams focus on winning, but winning transcends the final score of any game or grade point average. Winning is about succeeding in life.

Competitive and practice facilities are inextricably linked to athletic success. For recruits and their parents, high caliber facilities speak to an institutional commitment to excellence. To continue to attract the best and brightest talent – to compete and to coach – Ohio State must continue to provide state-of-the-art facilities.

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The Athletic District will be a win-win-win: for student-athletes, coaches, and for Ohio State.

In this edition of Seasons Pass, you will read about the exciting new projects that will make up the heart of our Athletic District and a handful of the student-athletes that will benefit from this greatly enhanced environment.

Thank you for all that you do for Ohio State Athletics.

GO BUCKS!

Gene Smith
Vice President & Wolfe Foundation Endowed Athletics Director
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LEADING THE WAY

J.T. Barrett earned his undergraduate degree while leading the Buckeyes to a 26-3 career record as a starter. The two-time Big Ten QB of the Year returns for his senior season in 2017.
Orlando Pace earned a seat in New York City’s Downtown Athletics Club for the 1996 Heisman Trophy presentation, finishing fourth in the final balloting. Today, Pace backs Buckeye Nation by wowing top prospects born long after his night in the Big Apple as a finalist for the best player in college football distinction – manifested in the Orlando Pace Recruit Room located in the southeast corner bell tower of Ohio Stadium.

The Orlando Pace Recruit Room showcases a firsthand look at Buckeye apparel, historical accomplishments of the program and serves as an impactful meeting space for hosting the nation’s elite high school football players. The facility has donned the Pace name since 2013 following a generous gift from “The Pancake Man.”

“I am passionate about giving back to Ohio State,” Pace said. “If you love Ohio State the way I love Ohio State, giving is a no-brainer. If you are passionate about the program, student-athletes, doing what is right, and you are able to give back, I encourage you to do so. It enhances the school and influences the students to pay it forward once they complete their education.”

Philanthropic efforts are nothing new for Pace, making a difference in the local community throughout his 13-year professional playing career. The 2016 NFL Hall of Fame inductee teamed up with fellow linemen of the St. Louis Rams yearly to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Pace also had a long history of lining up game tickets for underprivileged youth in the St. Louis area.

Prior to being selected No. 1 overall in the 1997 draft and becoming one of the most dominant offensive lineman in NFL history, Pace started every game during his three seasons as a Buckeye. He took control of the starting gig on the very first day of preseason camp as a freshman and never released his grasp on that spot.

The 6-foot-6, 330-pound left tackle is often credited with redefining the role of an offensive lineman with his revolutionary downfield blocking skills. His pass protection was legendary as well, surrendering zero sacks in his last two seasons and recording 80 of his famous “pancake blocks” (knocking a defender to the ground and on his back) during his junior campaign alone.

“Those were three of the best years of my life. The first day I walked onto campus will always be a moment I remember, realizing that I was actually playing football at The Ohio State University. I’ll never forget my last game either, winning the ’97 Rose Bowl in such dramatic fashion.”

Pace, a native of Sandusky, Ohio, was a two-time consensus All-American, two-time Lombardi Award winner (top offensive lineman or linebacker in college football) and Outland Trophy winner (best interior lineman on offense or defense in college football) while sporting the Scarlet & Gray.

“Orlando Pace is not only the best offensive lineman I have ever coached, but he is the best I have ever seen,” John Cooper, Ohio State head coach from 1988-2000, said. “Every game was a highlight reel for him. I don’t know how you could play the position any better than he did.”

Keep an eye out for the “Pace Pancake,” a playful magnet about the size of one’s palm used to promote Pace’s Heisman candidacy, which can still be spotted every now and then on a fan’s refrigerator or file cabinet.

“Being a Buckeye, it is important for me to give back to the school which gave me so much,” Pace said. “Furthe
"Being a Buckeye, it is important for me to give back to the school which gave me so much."

— ORLANDO PACE
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LETTERWINNERS LEVEL
The Buckeye Club now offers all former letterwinners the same benefits including the opportunity to purchase two season tickets for the 2017 season!

RECENT GRADUATE PROGRAM
Upon joining the Recent Graduate Program, members will begin a 5-year graduated donor scale for ticket eligibility.
The Ohio State University Department of Athletics is one of the most visible, respected and accomplished programs in the nation. It ranks among the largest by two important measures — number of student-athletes (over 900) and number of sports (36). Remaining in the forefront of scholarship, innovation and intercollegiate competition requires an incredible commitment from a generous group of supporters.

The Buckeye Club is the fundraising umbrella of Ohio State Athletics and provides a way for individuals and organizations to help our talented young people receive a quality education and competitive experience.

The mission of the Buckeye Club is to directly support the overall goals of the Ohio State Department of Athletics by generating the funds for athletics grant-in-aid and scholarships for student-athletes in 36 varsity sports. It strives to embrace and engage the most dedicated Buckeye fans within the OSU community to further promote the passion and camaraderie that makes the University so unique.

Buckeyes Forever has been created to continue fulfilling the Buckeye Club’s mission. Ohio State University alumni and friends, who are dedicated to the continued success of Buckeye student-athletes, can make a lasting impact on the program by giving to the Department of Athletics through a planned gift.
SEASONS PASS
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In addition, the relocation of worn, existing facilities into the newly created Athletic District will allow the University to maximize the use of vacated space in a highly desirable location for its core academic mission.

ATHLETIC DISTRICT IMPACT  go.osu.edu/AthDistrict
(videos, photos and more)
The Schumaker Complex will provide a state-of-the-art facility for the nutritional, physical, and psychological development of student-athletes on 33 teams at Ohio State. Over 800 student-athletes will lift, condition, train, and rehabilitate injuries in the complex, while also benefiting from nutritional and mental preparation for peak performance.

This new facility will be the training “hub” for 33 Olympic sport teams. It will be located in the heart of the Athletic District and connected to the iconic Woody Hayes Athletic Center at the Les Wexner Football Complex.

The 108,000 sq. ft. facility will include:
- Sports nutrition and dining center – complete with professionally trained nutritionists
- Sports medicine and athletic training center – featuring hydrotherapy pools, injury rehabilitation equipment and physician offices
- Strength and conditioning center – utilizing all the latest strength and conditioning equipment and biomechanics equipment
- Classroom space for professional development opportunities for both current and former student-athletes

With the growing excellence of Ohio State Athletics, more former players – both men and women – are competing internationally, in the Olympic Games, and professionally. Much in the tradition of Buckeye Football, current student-athletes will have the benefit of working out alongside former Buckeye greats drawn back to train in a state-of-the-art facility.
Nick Myers
Head Men's Lacrosse Coach

Nick Myers is in his ninth season as head coach of the Ohio State Men's Lacrosse team. In his first eight years, Myers tallied 69 wins, including 26 conference victories. He has led the Buckeyes to the first postseason title in program history, two Creator's Trophy titles, a share of a league regular-season championship, a spot in the NCAA Quarterfinals twice (2013, 2015) and to a No. 3 seed in the 2013 NCAA Tournament. Under Myers' tutelage, members of the program have garnered 15 USILA All-America honors, 36 all-conference nods and eight conference player of the year accolades.

What will the Schumaker Complex mean to the men's lacrosse program?

It is a groundbreaking facility that will feature a new locker room, team film room and first-class weight room. Being a Buckeye is very special and knowing that you can attract great people and put them in the best position for successful development with facilities is very exciting to us all.

Which aspect(s) of the Schumaker Complex are you most excited about?

The new weight room facility. The additional space and high-end equipment for a team like ours with 45 men will be a major step forward for us.

If someone was considering a gift to Ohio State Athletics supporting the construction of top-notch facilities, how would you explain the importance these facilities have for student-athletes’ overall experience?

This will create a one stop shop for all our student-athletes’ training needs and allow us as coaches to develop their spirit, mind and body in a way that we have never done before.

“A new complex for our olympic sports athletes will inject new energy and ignite new possibilities within our programs. It will elevate our facilities to championship levels, excite our recruits, and give our student-athletes a home to fill with pride.”

– LORI WALKER, head women’s soccer coach
This state-of-the-art facility will encompass a weight room, medical training facility, rehabilitation research lab and flexible classroom space for 33 of Ohio State’s 36 sports. Programs such as Real Life Wednesdays have provided an eye-opening experience for our football team, but this dedicated area will allow for all 1,100 student-athletes to share in post-graduation growth.

A primary focus is building out the flexible classroom space capable of hosting entrepreneurship brain-storming sessions or guest lecturers focused on topics ranging from professional development to community service options.
John Bluem
Head Men’s Soccer Coach

John Bluem will be entering his 21st season with the Ohio State men’s soccer team in the fall of 2017. The four-time Big Ten Coach of the Year has an impressive list of accomplishments which includes four Big Ten titles and 17 Major League Soccer draft picks. His Buckeyes have advanced to the NCAA Tournament 10 times, and in six of the last 10 years, while reaching the 2007 College Cup.

What will the Schumaker Complex mean to the men’s soccer program?

The Schumaker will be an outstanding addition to the first-class facilities the Men’s Soccer program currently enjoys. A state-of-the-art strength and conditioning room, a locker room and team meeting room that are actually connected, office space for our entire staff with brand-new video analysis systems and the capability to feed our student-athletes nutritional meals and snacks at every training session all within one building.

Which aspect(s) of the Schumaker Complex are you most excited about?

The most exciting thing about the Schumaker is that it represents the commitment the University has toward providing our student-athletes with an exceptional experience.

If someone was considering a gift to Ohio State Athletics supporting the construction of top-notch facilities, how would you explain the importance these facilities have for student-athletes’ overall experience?

Having facilities like these allow our student-athletes to reach their fullest potential and adds to the already existing championship culture in a very positive way.
I was born in The Ohio State University hospital in January of 1995. Just minutes old, I was wrapped in a scarlet blanket and given a small Ohio State football by my grandfather. Buckeye Nation had claimed me before I even had a chance to choose, and I wouldn’t have it any other way. I grew up with many superheroes, but they didn’t wear capes. They wore Ohio State football jerseys. I knew Hang On Sloopy and the Ohio State fight song as if they were nursery rhymes. I have always known what it meant to be a Buckeye “fan,” but it wasn’t until I arrived on campus at the age of 18 that I realized what it meant to be a Buckeye.

There are many fans of The Ohio State University. There are far fewer people who have actually been blessed to be educated at Ohio State, and even less that have had the opportunity to put on an Ohio State jersey and represent their team on the field of play. I am one of these fortunate and few people. It wasn’t until I began playing lacrosse at The Ohio State University, that I realized what it is to be a Buckeye. The slogan that is often used by Ohio State is – “The People. The Tradition. The Excellence.” This slogan took on a new meaning for me once I became a student here.

Woody Hayes once said, “You win with people.” He was speaking in regards to success in athletics, but this mantra extends to life as well. It is only fitting that “The People” is first in our Ohio State slogan. I have found that Buckeyes have a unique affinity for each other and that to be a Buckeye is to care for and help other Buckeyes. Since arriving on campus I have never faced a problem alone. My teammates, coaches, classmates, and professors have made it their priority to help me be successful, and for this I am forever grateful. To be a Buckeye is to better yourself and others along the way.

The second part of our slogan – “The Tradition. The Excellence.” – go hand-in-hand. We have years of tradition at this university. With this tradition every Buckeye has a responsibility to keep the tradition alive. This is where excellence comes in. Buckeye tradition is being the best you can possibly be for yourself and for the university that you call home. My dad always told me you are a product of your environment. If this is true, which I think it is, I am in the perfect place. So with all of this, what does it mean to be a Buckeye? It means to take care of your fellow Buckeyes and to do your absolute best in making sure the tradition of excellence never dies at The Ohio State University.
Leading the way for a new arena was a generous $10 million donation made by the Covelli Family in the fall of 2012.

The 3,700 seat arena will serve as home to seven varsity sports: volleyball, gymnastics, fencing and wrestling. In addition, it will serve as the occasional venue for women’s basketball as well as serving as the host site for local tournaments and camps.

This state-of-the-art facility allows for the greatest flexibility in the use of space by accommodating various configurations specifically designed for each competition.

The arena will serve as the training facility for Men’s and Women’s Volleyball. Coaches and teams will benefit from up-to-date locker rooms, offices, training and treatment rooms all critical to the recruitment of our student-athletes.

Included within the arena on the concourse level is the public space which includes administrative offices, arena box office, concession area and catering space.

“This facility will change the entire game-day experience for our volleyball team. From the in-venue atmosphere to the technology used in player development, we will be among the very elite in what we can offer both current and prospective student-athletes.”

– PETE HANSON, head men’s volleyball coach

ATHLETIC DISTRICT IMPACT
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Carey Fagan
Head Women’s Gymnastics Coach

Carey Fagan is in her 13th season as head coach of the Ohio State Women’s Gymnastics team. Fagan has produced five of the eight All-Americans in program history and led the Buckeyes to the NCAA National Championships for the first time in 23 years in 2012. The North Canton, Ohio, native has been named National Coach of the Year (2012), Big Ten Coach of the Year (2007, 2011) and Central Regional Coach of the Year (2009, 2012).

What will the Covelli Center mean to the women’s gymnastics program?

The Covelli Center will allow our team to compete in front of a packed arena. In gymnastics, a very subjective sport, the energy and enthusiasm from our fans can really impact our performances and the scores. Our athletes thrive in a loud environment. To be in the new Covelli Center with our fans being so close to the action will be awesome for our student-athletes.

Which aspect(s) of the Covelli Center are you most excited about?

I am excited for my team to have a locker room at the Covelli Center. The feeling of being “home” in our locker room before a meet will really enhance our meet-day experience. The new technology of the scoreboards and videoboard will also be very exciting for our program.

If someone was considering a gift to Ohio State Athletics supporting the construction of top-notch facilities, how would you explain the importance these facilities have for student-athletes’ overall experience?

When people think of Ohio State they think of 'big and amazing.' We have over 1,000 student-athletes who all want to be part of something big. Competing in a new arena will bring life to that dream. We have loved competing at St. John Arena and the history and tradition is unmatched.
Built in 1956, St. John Arena is the former home of our men’s and women’s basketball teams. The opening of the Jerome Schottenstein Center in 1998 allowed the volleyball, gymnastics, fencing and wrestling teams to call St. John Arena home – including our 2016 men’s volleyball national championship team and the 2015 wrestling national championship team.

Since St. John Arena was designed and built over 50 years ago, the standards of competition have changed considerably. So, too, has the use of technology in coaching and teaching. Competitive and training facilities are important evidence of an institution’s commitment to excellence. To remain competitive at the national level, a modern facility is needed for Ohio State student-athletes.
Geoff Carlston  
Head Women’s Volleyball Coach

The 2016 season marked Geoff Carlston’s ninth as the Ohio State women’s volleyball head coach. Carlston has guided his charges to six NCAA ‘Sweet 16’ appearances in 14 seasons as a Division-I head coach. He owns an overall record of 336-139 (.707) during his time at Ohio University (2003-07) and OSU (2008-present).

What will the Covelli Center mean to the women’s volleyball program?

The Big Ten is and has been the strongest conference for women’s volleyball for years. The amenities and arenas within our conference have also become the best in the nation over the past 5-10 years. The Covelli Center gives us the opportunity to be in the dialogue with the best recruits from the moment they step on campus. It also provides us with an incredible base for our women to call home.

Which aspect(s) of the Covelli Center are you most excited about?

It's an intimate arena with under 4,000 seats that we will be able to sell out on a regular basis. Having state-of-the-art technology at our hands, a volleyball suite for our staff, as well as, an amazing locker room for our student-athletes are all very exciting.

If someone was considering a gift to Ohio State Athletics supporting the construction of top-notch facilities, how would you explain the importance these facilities have for student-athletes’ overall experience?

The facilities are crucial to our student-athlete’s experience. It is their home away from home. It is the place they can come to and feel connected to the larger passion that is Ohio State. It’s where our young women forge out and work towards their dreams and vision for who they want to become.
Driss Guessous, living on the West Coast, didn’t even know Ohio State sponsored a men’s volleyball program until he witnessed the Buckeyes win the NCAA national championship in 2011. After OSU hoisted the trophy, Guessous remembered he had received a letter from Buckeye head coach Pete Hanson and the rest is history.

“Honestly, I didn’t know Ohio State had men’s volleyball,” Guessous said. “I remember watching that with some of my high school friends. Then it hit me that I had a letter from Pete [Hanson]. Following that championship, I thought maybe I should open this letter and check it out.”

There is much more to Guessous than just volleyball. Being from California, Driss didn’t know much about Buckeye traditions before he arrived. He learned very quickly about Ohio State and the rivalry with that ‘Team Up North.’ See, Driss’s sister, Kenza, is a University of Michigan graduate.

“When she went to Michigan, I didn’t really know what Ohio State was. Then I ended up getting recruited by Ohio State. There is an HBO Documentary called ‘The Game’ and she came home for Christmas two weeks after I committed to Ohio State and we ended up watching that. I was thinking ‘wow, we kind of have to hate each other now.’ For the most part, it works out well,” Guessous said with a grin.

Guessous is a double major in Physics and Mathematics. He’s on track to graduate in May and plans to attend graduate school for Physics. Much motivation derives from Guessous’ favorite physicist, Richard Feynman.

“The convincing factor for me to major in Physics is when I read one of his books called QED. The way he described the physical universe was so captivating. It makes you want to learn more. If you watch any of his YouTube videos you understand his perspective is on point.”

Guessous served as a starting middle blocker when healthy throughout the 2016 NCAA title run, including a 10-kill performance in the NCAA Finals win over top-seeded BYU. St. John Arena will host the 2017 NCAA Men’s Collegiate Volleyball Championships and the opportunity to end his career by defending the crown in front of a home crowd couldn’t excite Guessous any more.

“It [Ohio State hosting the championship] gives you a little more motivation in the weight room to be the best you can be. It would be amazing to defend the national championship on our home court. So, hopefully we get to do that.”

The Pasadena native didn’t know what to expect during his adventure to the Midwest, but has found team camaraderie to be the most unexpected, yet pleasant surprise.

“The team mentality and connection have been better than expected. My high school team was really close and I didn’t think a team could be closer, but as a Buckeye group we are all committed and have the same mindset to achieve any goal. All the personalities mesh really well.”
“As a Buckeye group we are all committed and have the same mindset to achieve any goal.”
Competition for the nation’s next student-athletes is fierce. One of the critical program elements to attract the best and brightest athletes is the facilities in which they study, train and compete. As a result, the Ohio State wrestling program is in need of a new practice facility – their classroom – wherein they can train and hone their skills.

The importance of superior training facilities cannot be overstated. It’s where these young men become seasoned athletes. It’s where student-athletes learn the intrinsic values of sacrifice and determination – values that are integral to achieving success beyond the mat.

To ensure this success, the Department of Athletics is building a dedicated wrestling practice facility. The new structure will include a state-of-the-art practice facility, along with offices for coaches and student-athlete space. The facility will be located within the Athletic District, giving student-athletes a place to call home.

With private investment in a new practice facility, coupled with the development of the Covelli Center where the wrestling team will compete, Ohio State Wrestling will have all of the key ingredients to achieve their vision of consistently competing for Big Ten and NCAA Championships.
Tom Ryan
Head Wrestling Coach

Tom Ryan is in his 11th season leading the Scarlet and Gray and has been voted as the National Coach of the Year three times. Just two seasons ago, he and the Buckeyes reached the pinnacle when they claimed the 2015 NCAA Championship in St. Louis. Ryan and his staff have coached six different student-athletes to 10 individual national titles while also grooming the youngest ever World and Olympic champion, Kyle Snyder.

What will the Jennings Family Wrestling Practice Facility mean to the wrestling program?

The complex will be another great example of the Athletics Department’s commitment to excellence. The state-of-the-art facility will provide our student-athletes a first-class environment to reach their full potential.

Which aspect(s) of the facility are you most excited about?

We are excited about every square foot of the complex. The wrestling room will provide our student-athletes with nearly double the space. The locker room, nutrition station, recovery station, video room, team lounge, and strength & conditioning space will also be world-class. The second level with the alumni lounge allows our supporters and guests a great opportunity to view the intense training sessions.

If someone was considering a gift to Ohio State Athletics supporting the construction of top-notch facilities, how would you explain the importance these facilities have for student-athletes’ overall experience?

We know that the right people create an elite environment. This world-class facility will clearly show the value that Ohio State places on providing endless opportunities for those who dream big. Our coaches and elite-minded student-athletes understand the value in creating an environment of love and growth. This facility will play a major role in producing future leaders that will grow and mature as men at Ohio State.
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SETTING NEW RECORDS
Kelsey Mitchell became the fastest player in NCAA history to score 2,000 career points and she’s on pace to break Ohio State’s all-time scoring record.
Ohio State led all FBS schools with 12 selections in the 2016 NFL Draft last April and those rookies wasted little time showing they belonged in the National Football League. The Buckeyes had five selected in the first round last spring, tied the NFL record with seven taken in the first two rounds and set a record with 10 picks in the first three. The 12 total were the most in the first four rounds since 1967.

First Round
No. 3 – DE Joey Bosa, San Diego Chargers
No. 4 – RB Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas Cowboys
No. 10 – CB Eli Apple, New York Giants | Played in 14 games with 11 starts, 51 tackles, 1 INT, 1 FF, made playoffs
No. 16 – OT Taylor Decker, Detroit Lions | Started all 16 games at left tackle for Detroit, helping the Lions secure a playoff berth
No. 20 – LB Darron Lee, New York Jets | Played in 13 games with 9 starts, 73 tackles, 1 sack

Second Round
No. 47 – WR Michael Thomas, New Orleans Saints
No. 61 – SAF Vonn Bell, New Orleans Saints | Played in all 16 games with 14 starts, 87 tackles, 2 FF, 1 sack

Third Round
No. 80 – DT Adolphus Washington, Buffalo Bills | Played in 15 games with 11 starts, 21 tackles, 2.5 sacks
No. 85 – WR Braxton Miller, Houston Texans | Played in 10 games with six starts, 15 receptions for 99 yards, 1 TD, made playoffs
No. 94 – TE Nick Vannett, Seattle Seahawks | Played in 9 games with 2 starts, 3 catches for 32 yards, made playoffs

Fourth Round
No. 102 – LB Joshua Perry, San Diego Chargers | Played in 15 games with 1 start, 22 tackles, 1 FF
No. 139 – QB Cardale Jones, Buffalo Bills | Played in 1 game, completing 6 of 11 passes for 96 yards

Free Agent Signing
- Jalin Marshall - WR, New York Jets | Played in 10 games with 1 start, 14 receptions for 162 yards, 2 TDs
- Tyvis Powell - SAF, Seattle Seahawks | Played in 8 games, 3 tackles, made playoffs

Topping the list of performers this season was Ezekiel Elliott, the No. 4 overall pick by the Dallas Cowboys. "Zeke" led the league in rushing with 1,631 yards, 177 yards short of Eric Dickerson's rookie rushing record and became the fifth rookie to lead the league in rushing since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger. Elliott, however, played one fewer game than Dickerson, as Zeke sat out week 17 with the Cowboys already having clinched the No. 1 seed in the NFC. Elliott's 15 rushing TDs ranked third in the NFL while leading the league with 14 rushes of 20 or more yards. His best game of the year came in week 10 at Pittsburgh when he totaled 209 yards with 114 yards and two TDs on the ground while also catching two passes for 95 yards and a score as the Cowboys defeated the Steelers, 35-30.

Michael Thomas, a second-round pick (No. 47 overall) by the New Orleans Saints, led all rookies in receptions (92), receiving yards (1,137) and TDs (9) in 2016. His 92 receptions were the second most in NFL history to Anquan Boldin's 101 catches as a rookie in 2003. Thomas quickly became one of All-Pro Drew Brees' favorite targets as the QB put up the most passing yards (5,208) in the league. Thomas led the Saints in receptions and TD grabs while averaging 12.4 yards per catch. Thomas started 12 of 15 games and saved his best performance for last, hauling in 10 passes for 156 yards and a TD in Week 17.

Joey Bosa, the No. 3 overall pick by the San Diego Chargers, played in only 12 games in 2016. Despite missing four games, he still led all rookies and tied for 13th in the league with 10.5 sacks and averaged the third-most sacks per game in the league. He had multiple sacks in three games with 2.0 in his NFL debut in week 5 vs. Oakland, week 7 at Atlanta and week 16 at Cleveland. And according to Pro Football Focus, Bosa had the most QB pressures (60) of any player through their first 12 games in 11 years.
BUFFALO BILLS
QB Cardale Jones
DL Adolphus Washington

CINCINNATI BENGALS
WR Terrelle Pryor

CLEVELAND BROWNS
WR E.J. Hark

DENVER BRONCOS
TE Jeff Heuerman
CB Bradley Roby

HOUSTON TEXANS
WR Braxton Miller
LB John Simon

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
OL Jack Mewhort

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS
DT Michael Bennett

MIAMI DOLPHINS
CB Chimdi Chekwa

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
DB Nate Ebner

NEW YORK JETS
LB Darron Lee
C Nick Mangold
WR Jalin Marshall

PITTSBURGH STEELERS
DE Cameron Heyward
LB Ryan Shazier

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS
DE Joey Bosa
LB Joshua Perry

ATLANT FALCONS
LB A.J. Hawk

CAROLINA PANTHERS
WR Philly Brown
S Kurt Coleman
WR Ted Ginn Jr.
OL Andrew Norwell

CHICAGO BEARS
OT Mike Adams

DALLAS COWBOYS
RB Ezekiel Elliott
OT Darryl Baldwin
RB Rod Smith

DETROIT LIONS
OT Taylor Decker

GREEN BAY PACKERS
C Corey Linsley

LOS ANGELES RAMS
LS Jake McQuaide

MINNESOTA VIKINGS
OL Alex Boone

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
WR Michael Thomas
S Vonn Bell
LB James Laurinaitis
TE Jake Stoneburner

NEW YORK GIANTS
CB Eli Apple
DT Johnathan Hankins

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
CB Malcolm Jenkins

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
RB Carlos Hyde

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS
S Tyvis Powell
TE Nick Vannett

WASHINGTON REDSKINS
S Donte Whitner

As of January, 2017

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