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2019 HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC FIELD REVEALED



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THE FIELD FOR THE 2019 HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC WILL FEATURE BALL STATE (MID-AMERICAN), BOISE STATE (MOUNTAIN WEST), GEORGIA TECH (ACC), TOURNAMENT HOST SCHOOL HAWAII (BIG WEST), HOUSTON (AAC), PORTLAND (WCC), UTEP (CONFERENCE USA), AND WASHINGTON (PAC-12). THE 11TH ANNUAL EVENT WILL BE PLAYED AT THE STAN SHERIFF CENTER IN HONOLULU.

DATES AND TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

THREE TEAMS IN THE 2019 FIELD WERE A PART OF THE POSTSEASON LAST SEASON – BOISE STATE (NIT), HOUSTON (NCAA) AND WASHINGTON (NIT). MEANWHILE, FIVE TEAMS WILL MAKE THEIR FIRST-EVER APPEARANCE IN THE HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC.



Taylor Persons Set for More 3-on-3 MACtion in Las Vegas



MUNCIE, Ind. -- Taylor Persons and his MAC 3-on-3 hoopsters are getting the band back together this week. The squad is headed to Las Vegas to compete Friday and Saturday in the USA Basketball Men's 3x3 National Championship.

The MAC finished third out of 32 teams at the Dos Equis 3X3U National Championship earlier this month. It was selected, along with the Southland Conference, to represent that event at this week's championship, which doubles as 3x3 national team trials.

Persons will again suit up with Central Michigan's Larry Austin Jr., Toledo's Jaelan Sanford and Kent State's Jaylin Walker, this time at the Downtown Las Vegas Events Center. The BSU senior hit a pair of game-winners during the team's run to the semifinals of the Dos Equis event at the Mall of America in Minneapolis and then added another in the third-place game.

The MAC squad has no time to get its feet wet this week, drawing defending champion Ariel Slow & Steady and former Purdue star Robbie Hummel in the first of its four pool play games. The top four squads from a trio of five-team pools will advance to the knockout rounds Saturday evening. The title game will stream online at usab.com/live Sunday at 1:20 a.m. ET.

A three-time All-MAC selection, Persons racked up nearly 2,000 points and more than 500 assists for his collegiate career. Despite playing only his final three seasons at Ball State, he ranks ninth in school history in points (1,558) and third in assists (447). The Kokomo, Indiana, product started all 99 games of his BSU career.

The USA 3x3 Nationals is free and open to the public. It will be held for the first time outdoors and for the first time outside of Colorado Springs.

All athletes competing will be in consideration for selection to the 2019 USA Men's World Cup and 2019 USA Men's Pan American Games 3x3 teams. The 3x3 version of basketball will debut at the Olympics in 2020.



Incoming BSU Hooper Luke Bumbalough Named Indiana All-Star

MUNCIE, Ind. -- Incoming Ball State men's basketball player Luke Bumbalough was named Tuesday to the IndyStar Indiana All-Stars.

Bumbalough, who signed with the Cardinals in November, recently finished his senior season at New Castle High School, where he ranked second in the state in scoring at 31.2 points per game. The point guard shot nearly 50 percent from the floor and 42 percent from 3-point range, ranking third in the state with 122 treys.

Bumbalough scored 1,717 career points, second in New Castle's storied history only to Steve Alford. The two-sport athlete also held a football scholarship offer from Ball State after racking up 1,810 receiving yards and 27 touchdowns as a junior.

The Indiana All-Stars each year feature the top 13 high school seniors in the state.

The Indiana All-Stars will play two games against the Kentucky All-Stars: June 7 at Bellarmine University in Louisville and June 8 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Ball State's roster next season will once again feature seven Indiana All-Stars with Bumbalough, Tahjai Teague, K.J. Walton, Kyle Mallers, Brachen Hazen, Zach Gunn and Jarron Coleman. The Cardinals have signed a total of 10 Indiana All-Stars in the past six years under head coach James Whitford.

Bumbalough is part of an incoming BSU class rated No. 1 in the MAC by 247Sports. The class also features wing Lucas Kroft from Richmond, Indiana, and big man Ben Hendriks from Ontario.





Kyle Mallers, Austin Nehls Named to Academic All-MAC Team



MUNCIE, Ind. -- Ball State senior guard Austin Nehls and junior forward Kyle Mallers earned recognition on the 2019 Academic All-MAC Team for men's basketball.

Mallers made the team for the second straight year, while Nehls garnered the recognition in his lone season for the Cardinals as a graduate transfer.

The Academic All-MAC honor is for student-athletes who have excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of his team's contests. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year are not eligible.

Nehls managed a 4.0 GPA during the fall semester in Ball State's MBA program. The Tucson, Arizona, native graduated in three years from Central Connecticut State with a 3.94 GPA and joined the Cardinals for his final season of eligibility. He was a two-time Academic All-District selection at CCSU.

Nehls played in 28 games and made three starts this season, shooting 40 percent from 3-point range and 87.5 percent from the free throw line. For his entire college career, he scored more than 1,100 points.

Mallers owns a 3.60 GPA in Ball State's finance program. He was twice named the MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week this season for the combination of his academic and athletic success.

The Fort Wayne product started all but the Cardinals' Senior Night contest, averaging 7.2 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. He shot 85.4 percent from the free throw line and is now an 84.4 percent foul shooter for his career.



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BALL STATE BASKETBALL DAY CAMP

June 17 - 20, 2019
9am - 4pm daily

Age

2nd - 8th Grade Boys

*Younger boys will be considered based on skill level

Details

Coaching from Ball State coaches and players
1-on-1 and 3-on-3 play; team games
Basic fundamental development
Daily contest and games
Official Ball State Basketball T-Shirt
Certificate of Participation

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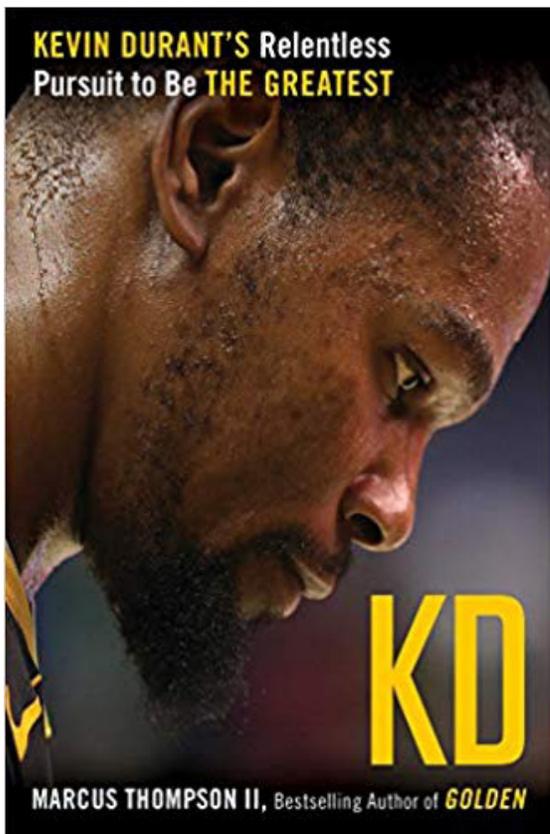
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Book of the Month



KD: Kevin Durant's Relentless Pursuit to Be the Greatest

In this book about Kevin Durant, a beat reporter for the Golden State Warriors, follows Kevin Durant's journey to the NBA from rags to riches. The book goes in detail about his childhood spent in poverty on the outskirts of Maryland, his rise to fame with the Oklahoma City Thunder, to his hero/villain decision to join the Golden State Warriors. Now Kevin Durant is involved in the conversation with begin one of the greatest players to play the game of basketball. This book is the insight into Kevin Durant's life.

Manager Program

A reminder about our Manager Program here at Ball State. Our basketball program is always looking for high school students (i.e. former players, student managers, etc.) with an aspiration for a career in coaching or sports administration. Day-to-day responsibilities include film preparation and film exchange, assistance in player development and practice, recruiting, and game day responsibilities. Our coaching network extends far and wide, as past members of our student manager programs have moved on to positions from the NBA to the high school level. If you feel like a member of your program would have interest in this opportunity, please e-mail Kindon Crowder.

Invitation to Campus

If you or any member of your coaching staff has an interest in coming to a workout, skill, or practice please contact our Director of Basketball Operations, Kindon Crowder, at (765) 285-8140 or krcrowder@bsu.edu. Please do not hesitate to call our staff if there is anything we can do to help any member of your program! As always, you and your coaching staff have an open invitation to come to campus.

Ball State Basketball App

BSU Athletics is the official app for interactive annual reports, media guides and more for Ball State University sports. Follow all of the up to date news for the Ball State Men's Basketball program. Compatibility: Requires iOS 8.1 or later. Compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.

