



## 2018 AKRON MEN'S SOCCER GAME NOTES • MATCH 7 AT GRAND CANYON

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### 2018 Schedule and Results 2-3-1/0-0 MAC

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 24	No. 9 BUTLER (1) T, 2-2 (2OT)	
Aug. 27	No. 17 NORTH CAROLINA ST. (2) L, 0-2	
Sept. 1	PITTSBURGH (2) W, 1-0	
Sept. 7	at No. 24 Seattle L, 1-2	
Sept. 9	at No. 9 Washington L, 0-2	
Sept. 15	CANISIUS (2) W, 10-0	
Sept. 20	at Grand Canyon 10 p.m.	
Sept. 26	at VCU 7 p.m.	
Oct. 1	SYRACUSE ! (2) 7 p.m.	
Oct. 6	at Bowling Green * 7 p.m.	
Oct. 9	at Michigan State * 7 p.m.	
Oct. 13	WEST VIRGINIA * (2) 7 p.m.	
Oct. 16	CREIGHTON ! (2) 7 p.m.	
Oct. 20	at Northern Illinois * 8 p.m.	
Oct. 23	at Notre Dame 7 p.m.	
Oct. 27	at SIU Edwardsville * 8 p.m.	
Nov. 3	WESTERN MICHIGAN * ! (1) 7 p.m.	
Nov. 9-11	at MAC Championship TBA	
Dec. 7-9	NCAA College Cup TBA	

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

\* denotes Mid-American Conference match

! radio broadcast on WARF 1350AM

(1) ESPN3 Broadcast

(2) ESPN+ Broadcast



**Akron (2-3-1)**  
at Grand Canyon (3-3-0)  
Thursday, Sept. 20  
GCU Stadium (6,000)  
Phoenix, Ariz. • 10 p.m. ET



**Series History:** Akron leads 1-0-0  
**Live Stats:** [www.goziips.com](http://www.goziips.com)  
**Live Stream:** [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)  
**Television:** [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

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SEPT. 19, 2018

### WHAT'S AHEAD

The University of Akron men's soccer team opens a two-match road swing on Thursday, Sept. 20, as the Zips travel to Phoenix, Ariz., for a contest at Grand Canyon. The tilt is slated for a 10 p.m. ET start.

### AKRON VERSUS THE WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

- The Zips are meeting a team from the Western Athletic Conference for the eighth time in program history and second time this season.
- Earlier in the campaign, Akron dropped a 2-1 setback at No. 24 Seattle on Sept. 7.
- In all, Akron is 5-2-0 (.714) versus teams from the Western Athletic Conference.

### SCOUTING GRAND CANYON

Grand Canyon enters play on Thursday, Sept. 20, having dropped three of its last four matches following a 3-1 setback at Oral Roberts on Monday, Sept. 17. Freshman Calvin Kissi directs the offensive exploits for the Lopes owning team-high marks in goals (2), points (4), shots (7), shots on goal (3) and game-winners (2). Redshirt freshman goalkeeper George Tasouris has played the majority of minutes in net for Grand Canyon recording 30 saves and holding two shutouts on the strength of a 1.03 goals against average.

As a team, the Lopes are sixth in the NCAA in saves per game (5.83) and 12th in save percentage (.854). Individually, Kissi is 18th in game-winning goals (2), while Tasouris is seventh in saves per game (6.00), 12th in save percentage (.857), 13th in total saves (30) and 41st in shutouts (2).

### 2018 TEAM LEADERS

#### AKRON

Goals .....	David Egbo (6)
Assists.....	Two Players (3)
Points .....	David Egbo (15)
Shots .....	David Egbo (16)
SOG .....	David Egbo (9)
Saves .....	Ben Lundt (17)

#### GRAND CANYON

Goals .....	Calvin Kissi (2)
Assists.....	Alex Ramirez (2)
Points .....	Calvin Kissi (4)
Shots .....	Calvin Kissi (7)
SOG .....	Calvin Kissi (3)
Saves .....	George Tasouris (30)

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### GCU AKRON

Overall Record	3-3-0	2-3-1
Conference Record	0-0-0	0-0-0
Goals	5	14
Goals-Shot Attempts	5-80	14-67
Goals Per Game	0.83	2.33
Assists	4	16
Shots	83	67
Shots On Goal	28	26
Shot Percentage	.063	.209
Shots On Goal Percentage	.350	.388
Shots Per Game	13.33	11.2
Corner Kicks	37	25
Opponent Corner Kicks	41	29
Penalty Kicks	0-1	2-3
Opponent Penalty Kicks	0-0	0-0

### SERIES HISTORY

Akron is squaring off against Grand Canyon for the second time in program history. The Zips registered a 3-2 double-overtime victory past the Lopes on Nov. 2, 2016 at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field.

### THE COACHES

**Grand Canyon: Schellas Hyndman** is in his fourth season as head coach of the Grand Canyon program, owning a 24-33-4 (.426) record and is 490-153-55 (.741) in 35 years as a head coach.

**Akron:** In his sixth year on the Akron sidelines as head coach, and 12th season overall, is **Jared Embick**, who owns a 81-26-12 mark (.731), including 128-46-20 (.711) overall, in his 10th year as a head coach.

### AKRON HEAD COACH JARED EMBICK

**Jared Embick**, who had previously served as the Zips' associate head coach and recruiting coordinator, officially became the seventh head coach in the history of The University of Akron men's soccer program in December of 2012.



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### Akron Quick Facts

**Location:**..... Akron, Ohio 44325  
**Population:**..... 200,000 (5th largest in Ohio)  
**Founded:**..... 1870 as Buchtel College  
**Enrollment:**..... 23,152  
**Nickname:**..... Zips  
**Colors:**..... Blue (282) & Gold (871)  
**Conference:**..... Mid-American  
**Interim President:**..... Dr. John C. Green  
**Director of Athletics:**..... Larry Williams  
**Faculty Athletics Rep:**..... Dr. Matthew Juravich  
**Athletics Dept. Phone:**..... (330) 972-7080  
**Ticket Office Phone:**..... 1-888-99-AKRON (-25766)

**Season of Soccer:**..... 64th (1955)  
**All-Time Record:**..... 715-263-93  
**All-Time MAC Record:**..... 121-14-8  
**MAC Tournament Titles:**..... 14  
 ..... [1998, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009,  
 ..... 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017]  
**MAC Regular-Season Titles:**..... 19  
**NCAA Tournament Appearances:**..... 32  
**NCAA College Cup Appearances:**..... 5 [1986, 2009, 2010,  
 2015, 2017]  
**NCAA Championship Appearances:**..... 2 [2009, 2010]

**Stadium:**..... FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field  
**Capacity:**..... 5,000  
**Field Dimensions:**..... 120 x 77  
**Surface:**..... Natural Grass

### AKRON IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

	NCAA RPI	USC	TDS	CSN	SA
Preseason	NA	4	2	7	5
Week 1	NA	4	2	8	7
Week 2	NA	14	RV	20	12
Week 3	NA	RV	NA	NA	NA
Week 4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**USC** - United Soccer Coaches; **TDS** - TopDrawerSoccer.com; **CSN** - College Soccer News; **SA** - Soccer America

The 2018 campaign marks his sixth year leading the Zips having registered a 81-26-12 (.731) ledger after posting an 18-4-2 record a season ago en route to earning the program's fifth College Cup berth. Akron also posted a perfect 12-0 ledger at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field in 2017.

During Embick's time at Akron, the Zips have posted the highest winning percentage in the nation with an overall record of 191-39-28 (.795), including a 55-4-3 (.911) mark in Mid-American Conference play, while securing 10 conference tournament titles, 11 trips to the NCAA Tournament and two appearances in the College Cup final.

Due in large part to recruiting efforts of Embick and his staff, Akron identified and secured some of the best prospects in the country - and around the world - with top-five recruiting classes. The Zips' classes of 2015, 2012 and 2009 were ranked No. 1 in the country, while the classes of 2016, 2011 and 2010 each received a No. 2 designation.

More importantly, Akron's recruits have flourished in the Zips' system, which features a style of play that is attractive and attack-oriented, yet effective on both sides of the ball. In total, Embick recruited or helped develop 37 players who have gone on to play professionally either in MLS or overseas since 2007.

Since 2008, Akron leads the country with eight players selected among the top-five selections in the MLS SuperDraft. The Zips also boast the highest total of players chosen among the top-10 draftees over the same span with 12.

Akron went on to post its 17th consecutive double-digit victory campaign in 2017 and concluded the year with a 18-4-2 ledger, including a 4-1-0 mark in the MAC and was rewarded by the NCAA with a No. 5 national seed. The Zips captured the MAC tournament title with a 3-1 triumph past No. 4 Western Michigan on the Broncos' home field en route to collecting the program's 32nd NCAA Tournament berth.

The Zips became one of just four Division I programs to qualify for the NCAA Tournament in each of the past 11 seasons.

Sparking Akron's efforts on the campaign was the play of freshman Joao Moutinho, who garnered first-team United Soccer Coaches All-America accolades and was selected by TopDrawerSoccer.com as its National Freshman of the Year and the MAC as its Freshman of the Year, respectively, en route to becoming the only second Zip to go No. 1 overall in the MLS SuperDraft in program history with his selection by Los Angeles FC in 2018. Moutinho joined Steve Zakuani (2009) as the second Akron player to be drafted No. 1, as Zakuani was the top pick for the Seattle Sounders in 2009.

Moutinho became the 12th University of Akron Men's Soccer standout to garner a Generation adidas contract, a total that leads the nation since the program's re-branding began in 2006. Additionally, since the combined Project-40 (1997-2005) and Generation adidas (2006-present) initiative started in 1997, the Zips' 12 signings rank third in the country behind only UCLA (14) and Maryland (13).

Niko De Vera, Nate Shultz and Holthusen became the 23rd, 24th and 25th Zips to be drafted during the MLS SuperDraft after teammate Moutinho was selected No. 1 overall by Los Angeles FC, a total that was recognized by ESPN.com in 2018 as the best in the NCAA over the past 10 drafts in their Ultimate Draft Ranking.

De Vera was chosen in the second round (No. 31 overall) by the New York Red Bulls, while Shultz and Holthusen were taken in the third round by the Los Angeles Galaxy (No. 48 overall) and Portland Timbers (No. 64 overall), respectively.

The Zips' four selections marked the most players taken from Akron since 2014 when Robbie Derschang (No. 27 overall - Philadelphia), Eric Stevenson (No. 34 - New York Red Bulls), Aodhan Quinn (No. 52 - Philadelphia) and Reinaldo Brenes (No. 76 - Sporting KC) were drafted.

The Zips also found success in the classroom as Akron boasted a team 3.02 grade-point average.

Akron's 13-match unbeaten streak was the longest for the Zips since a 19-game streak running over the course of two seasons from Sept. 14, 2012 through Sept. 1, 2013.

Faced with the task of playing the MAC Tournament away from FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field for the first time since the 2006 campaign, the Zips garnered a 90th-minute goal from Skye Harter and a golden goal from Holthusen to earn a 2-1 victory over SIU Edwardsville in the tournament semifinals before claiming their 14th league tournament title with a 3-1 win past No. 4 Western Michigan.

Akron opened NCAA Tournament play downing No. 22 Seattle, 3-0, in the tournament's second round, before edging a talented No. 13 Wisconsin squad in overtime, 3-2, in third-round competition.

In the Elite Eight, the Zips faced a road test at No. 6 Louisville, where Akron battled the Cardinals to a 0-0 double-overtime draw before advancing to their fifth College Cup in program history on penalty kicks, 4-3. In the semifinals of the College Cup, the Zips suffered a 2-0 setback to top-rated and eventual national champion Stanford.

Embick, who was the 2010 National Assistant Coach of the Year, has been a key component of the Zips' dominant run in college soccer - culminating with the school's first team national championship in any sport in 2010 - since joining the staff in 2007.

Prior to joining the Zips, Embick spent four seasons (2003-06) as the head men's soccer coach at Missouri Baptist University where he led the Spartans to a record of 47-21-8 and the program's first NAIA regional tournament berth in 2003. In all, Embick spent six seasons at MBU, including two seasons as a graduate assistant (2000-01) and one season as an assistant coach (2002).

During his time at Missouri Baptist, Embick also served as assistant coach for River Cities FC of the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) whom he helped lead to a 13-2-1 record in its inaugural season and an appearance in the WPSL national final.



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### 2018 MAC Standings

AS OF SEPT. 19	MAC	Overall
SIU Edwardsville	0-0-0	4-1-1
Northern Illinois	0-0-0	5-2-0
West Virginia	0-0-0	4-3-0
Western Michigan	0-0-0	4-4-0
<b>Akron</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>2-3-1</b>
Bowling Green	0-0-0	1-4-2

**Thursday, Sept. 20**  
**Akron at Grand Canyon**

**Friday, Sept. 21**  
Northern Illinois at Eastern Illinois

**Saturday, Sept. 22**  
Bowling Green at Fort Wayne  
West Virginia at Dayton  
SIU Edwardsville at Saint Louis

**Tuesday, Sept. 25**  
Northern Illinois at Milwaukee  
Radford at West Virginia

**Wednesday, Sept. 26**  
**Akron at VCU**  
Detroit at Western Michigan

A 2000 graduate of Indiana Wesleyan, Embick was named an All-American by the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) in 1998 and 1999 as a player. He was also an NAIA honorable mention All-America honoree in 1999 and was twice named to the All-Mid-Central Conference squad.

### AKRON TURNS IN DOMINATING 10-0 WIN OVER CANISIUS

The University of Akron men's soccer team broke open a tight contest with a pair of late first-half goals before garnering a pair of second-half hat tricks from senior **Ezana Kahsay** (Asmeras, Eritrea) and sophomore **David Egbo** (Enugu, Nigeria) en route to a 10-0 triumph over Canisius on Sept. 15, at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field.

The win marked the Zips' largest margin of victory in a match since downing Cleveland State, 12-2 during the 2005 campaign.

The hat tricks for Egbo and Kahsay marked the first in the respective careers for each Zip and represented the initial one by an Akron player since Stuart Holthusen collected three goals in a 4-0 victory over West Virginia on Oct. 27, 2018.

Despite the final outcome, the game proved to be a defensive battle over the opening 30 minutes of play as the Golden Griffins held a 3-0 edge in shots before senior **Marco Micaletto** (Reading, England) posted the Zips first shot of the evening at the 30:12 mark, a strike pulled in for a save by Canisius goalkeeper Bryce Tramuta.

Egbo and freshman **Sam Tojaga** (Erie, Pa.) added shots for Akron before Kahsay scored what proved to be the game-winning tally in the 38th minute (37:45). Micaletto played a ball in from the corner of the box which was flicked with a back heel by Egbo to a charging Kahsay, who converted the scoring chance into his first goal of the season.

Just over a minute later at the 38:56 mark, senior **Morgan Hackworth** (Bradenton, Fla.) gave Akron a 2-0 lead with his initial tally of the year with Egbo earning the assist on the goal.

The Zips finished the opening stanza outshooting the Golden Griffins, 6-4, including 4-2 on frame, and held a 2-0 lead.

Before Akron fans could blink in the second half Egbo connected on his fourth goal of the season at the 45:30 mark. Hackworth delivered a perfect throw-in to Egbo, who secured the ball over the defender and nailed a shot past Tramuta to extend the Zips' lead to 3-0.

In the 51st minute (50:06), Egbo created his own offense taking a ball down the middle of the pitch and unleashing a shot from 22 yards out that found the back of the net to push Akron's advantage to 4-0.

Egbo capped his first career hat trick at the 54:23 mark registering his team-leading sixth goal of the season. Redshirt junior **Skye Harter** (Copley, Ohio) and Kahsay earned assists on the score.

Kahsay garnered his first career multi-goal performance delivering his second tally of the evening in the 66th minute (65:13) off assists from Micaletto and freshman **Pol Hernandez** (Teia, Spain).

Entering the contest following the goal to record his initial minutes of the season was junior **Marcel Zajac** (Mississauga, Ontario). His efforts paid off immediately as Canisius was whistled for a foul in the box at the 67:29 mark setting up a successful penalty kick by Zajac to give Akron a 7-0 lead.

Making his collegiate debut and earning the start for the Zips was redshirt sophomore **Diogo Pacheco** (Lisbon, Portugal). His persistence in the attack for Akron was rewarded as Pacheco connected on goals at the 77:20 and 78:14 marks, respectively. Junior **Leonard Sohn** (Richmond Hill, Ontario) and Zajac earned the assist on Pacheco's first tally, while Zajac posted his second assist of the evening on the second goal.

Kahsay capped the scoring on the evening and completed his first career hat trick with a score in the 84th minute (83:36).

Senior goalkeeper **Ben Lundt** (Berlin, Germany) finished the game making three saves to post his 22nd career clean sheet for the Zips, while Tramuta made four saves for the Golden Griffins.

Akron concluded the evening owning a 21-5 margin in shots, including 14-3 on goal. The Zips were led by a trio of game-high four-shot performances from Egbo, Micaletto and Pacheco, while Kahsay and Zajac added three and two shots, respectively. Melvin Blair led Canisius with a team-high two shots.

### WASHINGTON EDGES ZIPS, 2-0

The University of Akron men's soccer team was unable to overcome a pair of first-half goals as No. 9 Washington registered a 2-0 victory over the Zips on Sept. 9.

Akron was able to put together quality periods of pressure on the Huskies in the contest, especially over the game's final 45 minutes, but ultimately the Zips were unable to find the back of the net as the squad was outshot on the evening, 12-6.

**Marco Micaletto** and freshman **Colin Biros** (Canton, Ohio) directed Akron's attack with two shots apiece in the match, while Kyle Coffee led all players in the tilt with a game-high four shots.

The Huskies broke into the scoring column first when Coffee connected on his fourth goal of the season at the 7:05 mark to give Washington an early 1-0 lead. Earning the assist on the tally was Jaret Townsend.

Townsend then extended the margin to 2-0 for the Huskies with a goal from 18 yards out in the 12th minute (11:57).

**Skye Harter** nearly cut Akron's deficit in half at the 16:51 mark as only a clearance off the line by Quentin Pearson for a team save prevented Harter from scoring his first goal of the season.

In the early minutes of the second half, Harter played a solid ball from the corner in to a cutting Biros, whose shot went just wide of net at the 48:40 mark.





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### 2018 Honors

#### Diogo Pacheco, MF/F

- Was highlighted by Travis Clark of *TopDrawerSoccer.com* as one of six International D1 signees to watch this season

#### David Egbo, F

- Named by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its Men's Soccer National Top-100 D1 Players to Watch Preseason list
- Selected by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* and *College Soccer News* to its National Teams of the Week (Aug. 27)
- Chosen as the MAC Men's Co-Soccer Player of the Week (Aug. 28)
- Named as the Akron Summa Health Student-Athlete of the Week (Aug. 27)
- Chosen by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* as an honorable mention selection to its National Team of the Week (Sept. 4, Sept. 18)
- Honored as MAC Men's Soccer Player of the Week (Sept. 18)

#### Ezana Kahsay, F

- Chosen by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* as an honorable mention selection to its National Team of the Week (Sept. 18)

#### Marco Micaletto, MF

- Named by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its Men's Soccer National Top-100 D1 Players to Watch Preseason list

#### Abdi Mohamed, MF

- Named by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its Men's Soccer National Top-100 D1 Players to Watch Preseason list
- Selected as a Senior Class Award nominee

#### Carlo Ritaccio, D

- Named by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to Best XI All-Freshman team in the preseason

Biros nearly created a 1v1 opportunity for redshirt freshman **Braden Petno** (Hudson, Ohio) in the 54th minute as his through ball into the box went just long and into the hands of a sliding Washington goalkeeper Saif Kerawala.

The Zips denied a scoring opportunity for Washington in the 65th minute as the Huskies had back-to-back strikes from Townsend and John Magnus blocked and go high, respectively.

Akron continued to battle down to the wire with Micaletto and Biros having shots blocked in the box in the final minute of play.

Neither team was able to secure a shot on goal in the final 45 minutes of play, while Kerawala earned the shutout despite not collecting a save.

#### EGBO NAMED MAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**David Egbo** was honored as the Mid-American Conference Men's Soccer Player of the Week, the league announced on Sept. 18.

Egbo recorded his first career hat trick with a three-goal explosion in Akron's 10-0 victory over Canisius, the preseason Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference favorites, on Sept. 15.

Registering a trio of goals, while adding a pair of assists, including on the game-winning tally, Egbo's eight-point performance marked the best single-game effort for an Akron player since Ørjan Bjānesø tallied three goals and added a pair of assists in a 7-1 win against St. Bonaventure on Oct. 20, 2000. His effort represented the second multi-goal game of the season for Egbo, who leads the Zips in goals (6), assists (3), points (15), shots (16), shots on goal (9) and game-winners (1).

#### EGBO AND KAHsay EARN NATIONAL HONORS

University of Akron men's soccer standouts **David Egbo** and **Ezana Kahsay** were chosen on Tuesday, Sept. 18, by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* as honorable-mention selections on its Men's Soccer National Team of the Week.

Egbo and Kahsay each recorded their first career hattricks with a pair of three-goal explosions in Akron's 10-0 victory over Canisius, the preseason Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference favorites, on Sept. 15.

Kahsay also turned in a career game posting his first career hattrick, while also adding an assist in the Zips' triumph. Kahsay scored what proved

to be the game-winning tally in the 38th minute (37:45) with his first goal of the season. Kahsay garnered his first career multi-goal performance delivering his second tally of the evening in the 66th minute (65:13) off assists from **Marco Micaletto** and **Pol Hernandez**. He capped his efforts with a goal at the 83:36 mark.

On the season, Kahsay has recorded three goals and an assist on five shots, including four on goal.

#### MOHAMED NAMED CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR CLASS AWARD

Akron senior **Abdi Mohamed** (Westerville, Ohio) has been selected as one of 30 men's soccer candidates on Sept. 19 for the 2018 Senior CLASS Award® in collegiate soccer. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

Mohamed has started each of the Zips' six contests this season owning an assist, while adding five shots, including two on frame. He maintains a 3.278 GPA in sport management after transferring to Akron from Ohio State for his senior season. While at Ohio State, he was twice named an Academic All-Big Ten selection.

Outside of academics and athletics, all candidates also have been consistently involved in community service on their campus or in their communities.

The men's class will be narrowed to 10 finalists midway through the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one male candidate and one female candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character and competition.

The Senior CLASS Award winners will be announced during the 2018 NCAA Men's and Women's College Cup® championships in December.

#### A CELEBRATION OF AKRON SOCCER

The University of Akron will welcome back legendary Zips' head men's soccer coach **Caleb Porter**, a 2018 Varsity 'A' Sports Hall of Fame inductee, alongside current head coach **Jared Embick**, for a special evening celebrating the success of Akron men's soccer on Thursday, Oct. 4.

The event held at InfoCision Stadium promises to be an evening of stories and laughter that fans of Akron men's soccer will not want to miss. **Steve Zakuani**, who starred for the Zips during the 2007 and 2008 campaign and was the top pick in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft as well as 2008 All-America honoree and Hermann Trophy finalist and 2009, will serve as host for the special night.

A VIP meet-and-greet will kick off the event from 6-7 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The evening will officially begin with opening remarks at 7:15 p.m. followed by the serving of dinner at 7:20 p.m.

The highlight of the evening will be a gathering of two of the most successful coaches in program history with Embick and Porter taking the stage at 8 p.m. A fireside chat hosted by Zakuani over the next hour will take the coaches down memory lane to discuss their memories of the past, present and future success of Akron men's soccer.

#### RITACCIO EARNS USMNT U-19 CALL-UP

University of Akron men's soccer freshman **Carlo Ritaccio** (Westbury, N.Y.) competed for the United States U-19 Men's National Team at the recently completed 2018 U-20 Men's Invitational tournament at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. from Sept. 7-11.

The U.S. U-20 and U-19 Men's National Teams faced Venezuela and Jamaica, before squaring off against each other in the round-robin style competition.

#### ZIPS TIDBITS

- **David Egbo's** eight-point effort in a 10-0 triumph past Canisius (Sept. 15) marked the most points in a match for a Zip since Ørjan Bjānesø tallied three goals and added a pair of assists in a 7-1 win against St. Bonaventure on Oct. 20, 2000.
- Five different Zips registered goals in Akron's 10-0 victory over Canisius on Sept. 15, including a trio of multi-goal efforts from **David Egbo** (3), **Ezana Kahsay** (3) and **Diogo Pacheco** (2).
- Making his return from injury, **Marcel Zajac** had a career game against Canisius netting a goal and three assists in the Zips' victory on Sept. 15.
- Three different Akron players recorded their first collegiate points donning a Zips' uniform as **Diogo Pacheco** tallied two goals, while **Pol Hernandez** and **Leonard Sohn** each posted an assist.



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• Akron's 10 goals, 12 assists and 32 points in its 10-0 victory over Canisius represent NCAA single-game highs across Division I this season.

• As a team, the Zips are rated eighth in the NCAA in assists per game (2.67), ninth in points per contest (7.33), 13th in scoring offense (2.33), 15th in total assists (16), 21st in total points (44) and 22nd in total goals (14).

• Individually, **David Egbo** is ranked sixth in the NCAA in points per game (2.50), ninth in goals per contest (1.00) and 45th in assists per outing (0.50).

• The shutout for **Ben Lundt** in a 10-0 win over Canisius on Sept. 15 was the 22nd of his Akron career to move him into seventh place on the all-time career list for the Zips.

• Akron has held its last two home opponents off the scoreboard posting 1-0 and 10-0 victories over Pittsburgh (Sept. 1) and Canisius (Sept. 15). Dating back to the Zips' 2-0 setback versus North Carolina State (Aug. 27), Akron has held opponents scoreless on their home field for more than 230 minutes (233.09).

• Akron's win over Canisius marked the Zips' largest margin of victory in a match since downing Cleveland State, 12-2 during the 2005 campaign.

• Sixteen different Zips have registered shots this season, including nine newcomers.

• **Ezana Kahsay** is Akron's active career leader in goals (9), shots (68), shots on goal (22) and games played (62) and game-winning goals (4), while **Skye Harter** paces the squad in assists (11) and points (25). **Marcel Zajac** leads the Zips in shots on goal (22), while **Ben Lundt** has started a team-high 48 games.

• Four Akron freshmen in **Colin Biros**, **Marco Milanese**, **Carlo Ritaccio** and **Sam Tojaga** earned the starting assignment in their collegiate debuts versus Butler on Aug. 24. Overall, seven Zips' newcomers started against the Bulldogs, with seniors **Marco Micaletto** and **Abdi Mohamed** along with junior **Leonard Sohn** also getting the starting nod.

• Seven different Akron freshmen have earned the starting nod this season for the Zips. **Colin Biros** and **Marco Milanese** have started each of Akron's first six matches on the campaign, while **Carlo Ritaccio**, **Sam Tojaga**, **Pol Hernandez** and **Daniel Oliveira** (Lisbon, Portugal) have started four, three, three and one game, respectively.

• The Zips own a 81-26-12 mark over the last six seasons under head coach

**Jared Embick**. Akron's 81 wins are ranked second in all of Division I.

• The Zips are 0-3-1 versus ranked teams in 2018 after a 2-0 setback against No. 9 Washington on Sept. 9. Akron is averaging 9.3 shots per contest in those games. **David Egbo** paces the squad with a pair of goals on the strength of a team-high nine shots.

• Since 2008, Akron leads the country with eight players selected among the top-five selections in the MLS SuperDraft. The Zips also boast the highest total of players chosen among the top-10 draftees over the same span with 12.

• **Ben Lundt** ranks among the active career leaders in Division I rating sixth in career shutouts (23), eighth in minutes played (4,867.12), 16th in goals against average (.925), 28th in saves (143) and 34th in save percentage (.741). Additionally, **Marco Micaletto** is ranked 21st in career points (58), 26th in goals (22), 30th in goals per game (0.35) and 32nd in points per contest (0.92).

• Akron has equaled or bettered the opposition in shots in a game in 27 of its last 28 matches at home.

• The Zips have outshot the opposition in 23 of their last 30 contests.

• **Ben Lundt** surpassed 4,000 career minutes in goal versus Butler on Aug. 24 and now owns the sixth-best career goals against average (0.904) in program history.

• Under head coach **Jared Embick**, Akron's record following a loss is 17-4-2.

• The Zips have scored two or more goals in 52 of the squad's last 82 matches.

• Akron has held opponents scoreless in 18 of its last 28 home contests at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field.

• Akron owns a 50-5-4 record in its last 59 home matches.

• Since the start of the 2015 campaign, the Zips own a 19-14-2 mark against ranked opponents.

• The Zips are ranked 13th nationally in attendance in 2018 averaging 1,857 for four home games. In 2016 and 2017, Akron rated 10th nationally in attendance averaging 2,147 and 1,819 fans per contest, respectively.

• Akron's 13-match unbeaten streak a year ago was the longest for the Zips since a 19-game streak running over the course of two seasons from Sept. 14, 2012 through Sept. 1, 2013. The run began with a 0-0 double-overtime draw versus St. John's before falling to the Red Storm on Sept. 6, 2013.

• **Ben Lundt's** 0.58 goals against average in 2017 represented the

seventh-best single-season effort in program history, while the Zips' team goals against average of 0.57 was the sixth-lowest in program history.

• Akron's 54 assists and 154 points were the fourth- and seventh-best performances in program history.

• The triumph over Seattle on Nov. 19, 2017 enabled Akron to post a victory in NCAA Tournament play for the ninth time over the last 10 campaigns.

• Akron was 2-2-1 against teams ranked in the top 10 of the NCAA RPI report in 2017.

• Akron's 3-0 win over Seattle represented the 125th career coaching victory for head coach **Jared Embick**, while the Zips' 4-0 triumph past Northern Illinois on Nov. 4, 2017 marked the 75th career win for him at Akron.

• The Zips surrendered only four first-half goals last season, with two of the four occurring in the 45th minute of play.

• During Akron's 13-match unbeaten streak the Zips averaged 2.54 goals per contest and limited the opposition to only six goals (0.46). In the same span, Akron outshot its opponents, 214-93, including 90-35 on goal.

• Akron's 12-game win streak represented the third-longest in program history.

• The Zips were one of three teams in Division I that maintain an undefeated home mark last season. Akron owned a 12-0 record at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field. The Zips were joined on this list by SMU (13-0) and Pacific (7-0).

• Akron surrendered one goal or fewer in 22 of its 24 games last season. Three of the Zips' four setbacks were by identical 1-0 scores.

• Akron's 2017 contest against Cleveland State marked the 100th game in the Zips' head coaching career of **Jared Embick**.

• The Zips hosted a trio of top-10 opponents at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field last season. Akron made the most of it opportunities dealing then No. 10 Washington a 2-0 setback on Sept. 1, before downing then No. 1 Michigan State, 4-1, on Sept. 27 and No. 8 Notre Dame, 2-0, on Oct. 17.

• In the past 15 seasons, the Zips have responded with a perfect 8-0-0 mark in their ensuing contest following a league loss.

• Akron was 9-2-2 against teams ranked in the top 50 of the NCAA RPI report, including a 4-1 victory past No. 1 Michigan State.

• The Zips recorded the 700th victory in program history with a 2-1 double-overtime victory over Saint Mary's on Sept. 30, 2017.

• Akron's triumph over No. 1 Michigan State on Sept. 27, 2017 marked the highest-rated team the Zips have defeated at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field since then top-rated Akron handed No. 2 Tulsa a 4-0 setback on Sept. 24, 2010.

• The Zips played some of their best soccer at home last season as 19 players contributed points for Akron. Leading the way with 19 points was **Sam Gainford** (eight goals and three assists). Additionally, 22 Akron players owned at least one shot, led by **Joao Moutinho** with a team-high 32 shots at home on the campaign.

• Akron allowed only six goals at home last season, while outshooting the opposition, 196-80, including 83-32 on goal.

• Nineteen different Zips recorded at least one point last season.

• Since 2007, Akron maintains a league record of 55-4-3 (.911) mark in the Mid-American Conference. Furthermore, the Zips won 11 consecutive MAC regular season championships (2006-16) and 10 of the last 11 MAC Tournament titles.

• In all, Akron leads all league members with 19 regular-season and 14 tournament championships since joining the MAC in 1993, and has won both titles in the same season 12 times.

• In 25 seasons in the MAC, the Zips have produced 185 All-MAC honorees, including a conference-record nine first-team selections in 2010.

• **Ben Lundt** recorded 10 shutouts on the strength of 50 saves a season ago.

• Akron advanced to the College Cup for the fifth time (1986, 2009, 2010, 2015 and 2017) in program history in 2017.

• Since Oct. 1, 2015, Akron owns a 34-13-8 record.

• In all, the Zips have produced 23 Academic All-American honors in its history, dating back to the 1998 season.

• Akron has long been associated with academic excellence. Over the last four seasons, the Zips have posted team GPA's of 3.02 (2017), 3.09 (2016), 3.20 (2015) and 3.37 (2014). Akron finished second in Division I in 2011-12 with a cumulative mark of 3.44. The remarkable feat follows years that saw the Zips post GPA's of 3.43 in 2010-11 and 3.33 in 2009-10.



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### 2018 MAC Superlatives (As of Sept. 19)

#### TEAM (All Matches)

1st in assists per game.....	2.67
1st in goals per game.....	2.33
1st in points per game.....	7.33
3rd in saves per game.....	2.83
3rd in shutouts.....	0.33
5th in goals allowed.....	1.33
5th in goals against average.....	1.29
5th in shots per game.....	11.17
6th in corners per game.....	4.17

#### INDIVIDUAL (All Matches)

##### David Egbo

1st in goals per game.....	1.00
1st in points per game.....	2.50
5th in assist per game.....	0.50
5th in shots per game.....	2.67
7th in game-winning goals.....	0.17

##### Morgan Hackworth

7th in points per game.....	1.00
9th in assists per game.....	0.33
9th in goals per game.....	0.33

##### Ezana Kahsay

2nd in points per game.....	1.40
3rd in goals per game.....	0.60
6th in game-winning goals.....	0.17

##### Ben Lundt

3rd in saves per game.....	2.83
3rd in shutouts.....	0.33
4th in save percentage.....	.680
6th in goals against average.....	1.29

##### Marco Micaletto

7th in shots per game.....	2.50
9th in assists per game.....	0.38

• Joao Moutinho became the 13th Zip to have his name called during the first round of the MLS SuperDraft with his selection first overall in the MLS SuperDraft by Los Angeles FC in January.

### EGBO EARNS NATIONAL ACCOLADES

Akron sophomore **David Egbo** was recently honored his play on the field for the Zips as *TopDrawerSoccer.com* named him an honorable mention selection to its Men's Soccer National Team of the Week on Sept. 4.

A week earlier, Egbo was honored as the Mid-American Conference Men's Co-Soccer Player of the Week (Aug. 28), as well as being named the Akron Summa Health Student-Athlete of the Week to go along with his selection by *College Soccer News* and *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its Men's Soccer National Teams of the Week.

Egbo scored what proved to be the game-winning tally in a 1-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Sept. 1 en route to posting team-high marks on the week in goals (1), points (2), shots (6), shots on goal (3) and game-winners (1).

### TRIO OF ZIPS EARN PRESEASON HONORS

The preseason honors rolled in for the University of Akron men's soccer program as seniors **Marco Micaletto** and **Abdi Mohamed** along with sophomore **David Egbo** were among those named by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its Men's Soccer National Top-100 D1 Players to Watch Preseason list. Mohamed, Egbo and Micaletto were tabbed 48th, 83rd and 98th, respectively, in the preseason rankings.

Mohamed has started each of the Zips' six games this season and has recorded an assist, while adding five shots, including two on frame. He came to Akron after spending the past three years as a member of the men's soccer team at Ohio State. In 2017, he started all 19 games for the Buckeyes registering team-high marks in goals (4), assists (5), points (13), shots (40), shots on goal (15) and game-winners (3) en route to earning All-Big Ten Conference accolades for the third time as well as being named a United Soccer Coaches Great Lakes Region third-team, All-Ohio first-team and a Big Ten All-Tournament honoree.

Egbo, has started all six contests for Akron in 2018 and owns team-high totals in goals (6), points (15), shots (16), shots on goal (9) and game-winners (1). He appeared in 18 games

for the Zips as a freshman a season ago, including making one start en route to registering a goal, while adding four assists on the strength of 22 shots, including eight on goal. He capped his rookie campaign ranking 49th nationally by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* on its postseason National Freshmen Top 100 list.

Micaletto joined the Zips' squad this fall after playing his first three seasons at Young Harris College and has started every game for Akron in 2018 en route to ranking second on the team in shots (15) and shots on goal (5), third in assists (3) and fourth goals (1) and points (4). As a junior at Young Harris, he started all 20 games for the Mountain Lions en route to posting team-high marks in goals (10), points (21), shots (67), shots on goal (29) and game-winners (4). He was named a 2018 United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division II All-Southeast Region first-team selection, a first-team D2CCA NCAA Division II All-Southeast Region honoree and an All-Peach Belt Conference first-team award winner.

### AKRON NEWCOMERS EARN PRESEASON ACCOLADES

The preseason accolades rolled in the Akron men's soccer program as redshirt sophomore **Diogo Pacheco** (Lisbon, Portugal) and freshman **Carlo Ritaccio** garnered recognition from *TopDrawerSoccer.com*.

Ritaccio was named to the *TopDrawerSoccer.com* Best XI All-Freshman team, while Pacheco was highlighted by Travis Clark as one of six International D1 signees to watch this season.

Pacheco spent the past year competing for the G.S. Loures and Alverca Futebol Clubs and helped his Clube de Futebol Os Belenenses squad capture a vice-championship at the U-19 National Championship during the 2016-17 season. He also gained valuable playing experience with Sport Lisboa e Benfica and Odivelas Futebol Clubs.

Ritaccio was ranked No. 63 nationally in the class of 2018 by *TopDrawerSoccer.com*, including being tabbed the top-rated recruit in New York and the 18th-ranked defender in the country. A member of the U.S. Soccer residency program in Bradenton Fla., he has earned U.S. Soccer National Team invitations in the U-14, U-15 and U-17 age groups and he played in the 2016 Nike International Friendlies with a United States' squad that won the

title, including making an appearance versus Brazil.

### TRAPP AND YEDLIN HELP USMNT IN RECENT FRIENDLIES

A pair of former Zips in **Wil Trapp** and **DeAndre Yedlin** were named to the U.S. Men's National Team roster for upcoming friendlies versus Brazil and Mexico on Sept. 7 and Sept. 11, respectively, in East Rutherford, N.J., and Nashville, Tenn.

In a 2-0 setback against Brazil on Sept. 7, Trapp served as the team captain for the United States and earned the start and played 83 minutes, while Yedlin earned the starting nod and played all 90 minutes.

In a 1-0 victory over Mexico, Trapp started the contest and played all 90 minutes, while Yedlin came off the bench in the 85th minute in reserve duty.

### YEDLIN NETS FIRST PREMIER LEAGUE GOAL

Former Akron All-American **DeAndre Yedlin** scored his first Premier League goal with a 30th-minute strike in Newcastle United's match versus reigning champions Manchester City on Sept. 1.

### FORMER ZIP NAJEM EARNS FIRST INTERNATIONAL CAP

Former Zips' All-American **Adam Najem** garnered his first international cap playing for Afghanistan, the country of his father's birth, in a friendly versus Palestine in Kabul on Aug. 19.

### AKRON PICKED TO WIN MAC TITLES

Akron men's soccer team has been tabbed to capture the Mid-American Conference regular and postseason titles in a preseason poll of six conference coaches.

The Zips under sixth-year head coach **Jared Embick** were picked to capture the conference regular season championship in the MAC Coaches Preseason poll with five first-place votes. Following Akron (35 points) in the rankings was Western Michigan (26 points). The Broncos garnered the lone remaining first-place tally.

Rounding out the rest of the poll was 2017 MAC Tournament participants West Virginia (24) and SIU Edwardsville (18 points) along with Bowling Green (15 points) and Northern Illinois (eight points).

Also voted on by the coaches was the predicted 2018 MAC Tournament





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Champion where Akron was a unanimous selection to repeat as league tournament winner.

### AKRON IN SEASON OPENERS

Now in its 64th season of intercollegiate soccer in 2018, the Akron men's soccer team have posted a record of 39-18-7 overall in season openers since the Zips first took the field against Ohio Wesleyan on Oct. 8, 1955. Over the last 11 campaigns, Akron owns a 8-2-1 mark in season openers.

### ZIPS EARN NSCAA COLLEGIATE TEAM ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Akron was one of 195 schools nationwide to have its men's and women's soccer teams recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) as 2016-17 Collegiate Team Academic Award winners.

The Zips were also one of only two schools in the Mid-American Conference to have both of their respective soccer programs honored.

Under sixth-year head coach **Jared Embick**, Akron was recognized for the 10th consecutive year and 11th time overall after registering a cumulative 3.09 grade point average for the 2016-17 academic year. The Zips posted a 3.02 GPA for the 2017-18 school year.

### LEAGUE-BEST EIGHT ZIPS EARN ALL-MAC HONORS IN 2017

Led by seniors **Manuel Cordeiro**, **Sam Gainford** and **Stuart Holthusen**, along with sophomore **Nick Hinds** and freshman **Joao Moutinho**, who were selected as First-Team All-Mid-American Conference men's soccer selections, a league-best eight Akron student-athletes garnered All-MAC accolades in 2017.

Seniors **Pau Belana**, **Niko De Vera** and **Nate Shultz** were tabbed second-team honorees.

### SEPTEMBER DOMINANCE

The Zips found their stride in the month of September a year ago as Akron registered five victories, bettering No. 10 Washington (2-0, Sept. 1), UC Santa Barbara (3-1, Sept. 9.), No. 21 UMass Lowell (5-0, Sept. 24), No. 1 Michigan State (4-1, Sept. 27) and Saint Mary's (2-1, Sept. 30).

Over the last 16 seasons (2003-present), Akron boasts a 83-19-12 (.781) ledger in the month of September.

### A LEGACY OF SUCCESS

Since 2007, Akron men's soccer program has posted the highest winning percentage in the nation (as of games on Sept. 18) (.795), with an overall record of 191-39-28. The Zips are followed by Maryland, 173-46-36 (.749), North Carolina, 166-49-35 (.734), Creighton, 169-57-24 (.724) and Wake Forest, 155-49-33 (.724). Akron has made 11 straight appearances in the NCAA Tournament (2007-17), earning a first-round bye in eight seasons. The Zips have advanced to the NCAA's Round of 16 in eight of the last 11 years. Since 1961, the Zips have advanced to the NCAA postseason 32 times, including each of the past 11 seasons and 16 of the past 17.

### PORTER AND UBIPARIPOVIC TO BE INDUCTED INTO VARSITY "A" SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Caleb Porter, the Akron head men's soccer coach for seven seasons (2006-12), along with two-time All-America honoree Sinisa Ubiparipovic will be honored as part of the 44th Annual Varsity "A" Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies on Oct. 6.

Porter guided the Zips to five MAC titles and was named the MAC Coach of the Year six times (2007-12). He was chosen as the NCAA Coach of the Year in 2009 leading the Zips to their second-ever College Cup and an appearance in the title game of the College Cup. A year later in 2010, he coached Akron to the 2010 national championship title.

A two-time All-America honoree and 2006 MAC Player of the Year, Ubiparipovic starred for the Zips for three seasons (2004-06) and earned first-team All-MAC selection as a junior and senior.

### PROTECTING OUR HOUSE

Since 2007, the Zips have recorded a 117-9-14 (.886) ledger in home matches at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field. Akron owns four unbeaten campaigns during that span, including posting home marks of 12-0-1, 13-0-0, 12-0-1, 10-0-2 and 12-0-0 during the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2017 seasons, respectively.

### ZIPS PRIMED FOR BIG THINGS IN 2018

The Zips entered the 2018 campaign looking to build upon a 18-4-2 mark last season, including a 4-1-0 ledger in the Mid-American Conference, and a return to the College Cup in search of winning the program's second national championship.

Akron is seeking to integrate 19 newcomers this season in **Dion Akhigbe** (Copley, Ohio), **Ahmed Allen** (Stafford, Va.), **Colin Biros**, **Ricky Ceballos** (Mexico City, Mexico), **Dennis Cole** (Freetown, Sierra Leone), **Pol Hernandez**, **Nick McCausland** (New Franklin, Ohio), **Marco Micaletto**, **Marco Milanese**, **Abdi Mohamed**, **Ivan Nikolic** (Toronto, Ontario), **Daniel Oliveira**, **Diogo Pacheco**, **Carlo Ritaccio**, **Nick Sibilia** (Munich, Germany), **Leonard Sohn**, **Sam Tojaga**, **Kotaro Umeda** (Mayfield Heights, Ohio) and **Peter Zecca** (Weston, Mass.) onto a roster that boasts four returning starters from a year ago.

### WHAT IS A ZIP?

- One of the unique nicknames in collegiate athletics belongs to The University of Akron.
- Originally Zippers, athletic director Kenneth "Red" Cochrane officially shortened the nickname to the Zips in 1950. Twenty-five years earlier a campus-wide contest had been conducted to choose a nickname for the University's athletics teams.
- Suggestions submitted by students, faculty, and alumni included Golden Blue Devils, Tip Toppers, Rubbernecks, Hillbillies, Kangaroos, and Chevaliers.
- The winner, freshman Margaret Hamlin, received a prize of \$10 for Zippers, a \$6 pair of rubber overshoes and a brand name of the BF Goodrich Company.
- The evolution of Zippy, UA's mascot, began 40 years ago when the student council decided the University needed a mascot.
- "Zippy" the kangaroo was officially declared the school's mascot on May 1, 1953. The first known printed reference to the mascot as "Zippy" was a 1965 Zip football press brochure. The Buchtelite's first use of the name "Zippy" came Sept. 24, 1965, in an identification of a photo of the cheerleaders listing "Mascot - 'Zippy' - Charles Huettner."
- In 2007, Zippy was named the Capital One National Mascot of the Year.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Thirteen Zips have had their names called during the first round of the MLS SuperDraft, including a league record five selections in the first eight picks in 2011 following the Zips' national championship season.
- Akron broke a second MLS record that day as seven Akron players were chosen in the first two rounds, the

most from a single team in draft history.

• Zippy is just one of five female-gendered college mascots in Division I athletics. Do you know the other four? (YoUDee, the Delaware Blue Hen; Mrs. Wuf of N.C. State; Lucy Lobo of New Mexico; and Wilma Wildcat of Arizona).

### ZIPS HOME GAMES TO BE STREAMED

For the second consecutive campaign each of the Zips' eight regular season home games this season will be streamed live on either the ESPN3/Watch ESPN or ESPN+ platforms.

ESPN3/Watch ESPN is available with a valid cable/satellite subscription, while ESPN+ is the premium multi-sport, direct-to-consumer video service from The Walt Disney Company's Direct-to-Consumer and International (DTCI) segment in conjunction with ESPN. It offers fans thousands of additional live events, on-demand content and original programming not available on ESPN's linear TV or digital networks. Fans subscribe to ESPN+ for just \$4.99 a month (or \$49.99 per year) through the ESPN App or ESPN.com. The ESPN App also provides fans separate access to all of ESPN's "TV Everywhere" streaming of its linear television networks (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, etc.) and ESPN3 - to fans with a pay TV subscription. ESPN+ and ESPN's authenticated streaming is also available on ESPN.com.

### UP NEXT

Akron closes out a two-match road swing traveling to Richmond, Va., to square off against VCU on Sept. 26 in a 7 p.m. contest.



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**2018 Akron Zips (Seated L to R):** Front row– Marcel Zajac, Christian Lue Young, Ezana Kahsay, Morgan Hackworth, Ricky Ceballos, Tor Saunders, Ben Lundt, Nick Sibilia, Joe Korb, Marco Micaletto, Abdi Mohamed and Skye Harter. **Second Row (L-R):** Head coach Jared Embick, assistant coach Leo Chappel, athletic trainer Brett Draper, Pol Hernandez, Dion Akhigbe, Peter Zecca, David Egbo, Daniel Strachan, Colin Biros, Dennis Cole, manager Drew Crawford, assistant coach TJ Kolba and assistant coach Ger Copping. **Back Row (L-R):** Nick McCausland, Sam Tojaga, Carlo Ritaccio, Ivan Nikolic, Ahmed Allen, Declan Watters, Braden Petno, Faisal Ghaffur, Diogo Pacheco, Kotaro Umeda, Marco Milanese, Leonard Sohn and Daniel Oliveira.

### NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Wt.	Hometown/High School/Last School
1	Ben Lundt	GK	6-6	Sr.	220	Berlin, Germany (Wald-Oberschule/Lenoir-Rhyne)
2	Pol Hernandez	D	5-6	Fr.	148	Teià, Spain (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
3	Carlo Ritaccio	D	5-11	Fr.	170	Westbury, N.Y. (W.T. Clarke)
4	Marco Milanese	D	5-11	Fr.	161	Isernia, Italy (Liceo Scientifico E. Majorana)
5	Leonard Sohn	D	5-10	Jr.	151	Richmond Hill, Ontario (Bill Crothers Secondary/Manhattan)
6	Skye Harter	MF	6-1	Jr. (R)	162	Copley, Ohio (Copley)
7	Ezana Kahsay	F	6-2	Sr. (R)	178	Asmeras, Eritrea (International Preparatory School at Grover)
8	Morgan Hackworth	D	5-11	Sr.	160	Bradenton, Fla. (Strath Haven (Pa.)/Syracuse)
9	David Egbo	F	6-1	So.	189	Enugu, Nigeria (Kiski School (Pa.))
10	Marco Micaletto	MF	5-10	Sr.	165	Reading, England (Bradfield College/Young Harris College)
11	Marcel Zajac	F	5-10	Jr.	155	Mississauga, Ontario (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)
12	Colin Biros	MF/F	5-6	Fr	137	Canton, Ohio (Massillon Jackson)
13	Kotaro Umeda	MF	6-1	So. (R)	190	Mayfield Heights, Ohio (Mayfield/Louisville)
14	Diogo Pacheco	MF/F	5-10	So. (R)	160	Lisbon Portugal (Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias/Diogo Univ.)
15	Braden Petno	F	6-4	Fr. (R)	180	Hudson, Ohio (Cuyahoga Valley Christian)
16	Sam Tojaga	MF	5-11	Fr.	145	Erie, Pa. (Real Salt Lake Academy HS)
17	Joe Korb	D	5-11	Sr. (R)	162	Willowick, Ohio (Lake Catholic/Mercyhurst)
18	Ivan Nikolic	D	5-11	Fr.	155	Toronto, Ontario (Silverhorn Collegiate Institute)
19	Faisal Ghaffur	MF	5-10	So.	154	Mississauga, Ontario (John Fraser)
20	Ahmed Allen	D	6-3	Fr.	215	Stafford, Va. (North Stafford)
21	Christian Lue Young	MF	6-0	Jr. (R)	149	Plantation, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons/Army/Broward CC)
22	Dennis Cole	MF	5-7	So.	143	Freetown, Sierra Leone (Dunn School/Sacramento State)
23	Daniel Oliveira	D	5-7	Fr. (R)	145	Lisbon, Portugal (Instituto Superior Técnico/Daniel Univ.)
24	Tor Saunders	GK	6-5	So. (R)	212	Seattle, Wash. (Seattle Sounders Academy)
25	Daniel Strachan	D	6-1	So.	170	Lakewood, Ohio (Lakewood)
26	Abdi Mohamed	MF	5-11	Sr.	151	Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central/Ohio State)
27	Declan Watters	D	6-5	Fr. (R)	195	Dublin, Ireland (Ratoath College)
28	Dion Akhigbe	MF/F	5-8	Fr.	145	Copley, Ohio (Copley)
29	Nick McCausland	D	5-8	Fr.	143	New Franklin, Ohio (Green)
30	Nick Sibila	GK	6-4	Fr.	163	Munich, Germany (Theodolinden-Gymnasium)
31	Ricky Ceballos	GK	5-10	Fr.	163	Mexico City, Mexico (Instituto Educativo Olinca)
32	Peter Zecca	F	5-10	So.	162	Weston, Mass. (Rivers School/St. John's)

**Head Coach:** Jared Embick (12th season/sixth as head coach)

**Assistant Coaches:** Leo Chappel (fifth season), T.J. Kolba (fourth season)

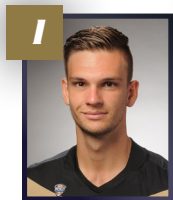
**Goalkeepers Coach:** Ger Copping (fourth season)



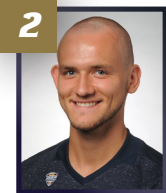


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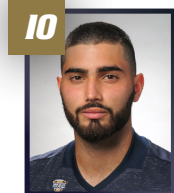
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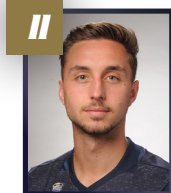
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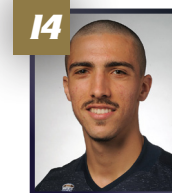
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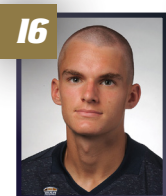
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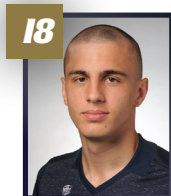
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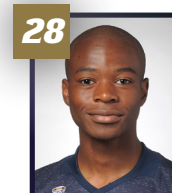
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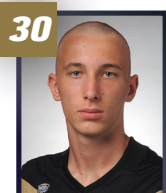
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# 2018 AKRON MEN'S SOCCER GAME NOTES • MATCH 7 AT GRAND CANYON

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## ZIPS CAREER GAME-WINNING GOALS

### Ezana Kahsay (4)

2016		
at Tulsa (2-1) (87:18)	Sept. 16	
2017		
at Syracuse (1-0) (34:18)	Oct. 3	
vs. Bowling Green (2-1) (90:26)	Oct. 21	
2018		
vs. Canisius (10-0) (37:45)	Sept. 15	

### David Egbo (1)

2018		
vs. Pittsburgh (1-0) (4:17)	Sept. 1	

### Faisal Ghaffur (1)

2017		
vs. Saint Mary's (2-1, 2OT) (103:05)	Sept. 30	

### Skye Harter (1)

2016		
vs. Oregon State (2-0) (1:40)	Sept. 9	

### Marcel Zajac (1)

2017		
at UC Santa Barbara (3-1) (6:15)	Sept. 9	

## ZIPS CAREER GAME-WINNING ASSISTS

### Skye Harter (4)

2016		
at Northern Illinois (7-0) (3:16) (Gainford)	Oct. 15	
2017		
at Syracuse (1-0) (34:18) (Kahsay)	Oct. 3	
vs. SIU Edwardsville (3-1) (61:12) (Moutinho)	Oct. 13	
at Western Michigan (3-1) (55:10) (Gainford)	Nov. 12	

### Ezana Kahsay (3)

2016		
vs. Georgetown (1-0) (89:24) (Ruhaak)	Aug. 26	
vs. Grand Canyon (3-2) (104:18) (Holthusen)	Nov. 2	
2017		
vs. SIU Edwardsville (2-1) 105:06) (Holthusen)	Nov. 10	

### Daniel Strachan (3)

2017		
vs. Pittsburgh (1-0) (4:17) (Egbo)	Sept. 1	
2017		
vs. Washington (2-0) (31:15) (Holthusen)	Sept. 1	
vs. SIU Edwardsville (3-1) (61:12) (Moutinho)	Oct. 13	

### David Egbo (2)

2017		
vs. UMass Lowell (5-0) (32:50) (Gainford)	Sept. 24	
2018		
vs. Canisius (10-0) (37:45)	Sept. 15	

### Joe Korb (1)

2017		
at Syracuse (1-0) (34:18) (Kahsay)	Oct. 3	

### Marco Micaletto (1)

2018		
vs. Canisius (10-0) (37:45)	Sept. 15	

### Marcel Zajac (1)

2017		
vs. Wisconsin (3-2) (91:09) (Holthusen)	Nov. 25	

## AKRON CAREER MULTIPLE-GOAL GAMES

### David Egbo (2)

2018		
vs. Butler (2-2) (23:16) (43:58)	Aug. 24	
vs. Canisius (10-0) (45:29) (50:06) (54:23)	Sept. 15	

### Skye Harter (1)

2016		
vs. Oregon State (2-0) (1:40) (12:54)	Sept. 9	

### Ezana Kahsay (1)

2018		
vs. Canisius (10-0) (37:45) (65:13) (83:36)	Sept. 15	

### Marcel Zajac (1)

2017		
at UC Santa Barbara (3-1) (6:15) (39:52)	Sept. 9	

## AKRON CAREER HAT TRICKS

### David Egbo (1)

2018		
vs. Canisius (10-0) (45:29) (50:06) (54:23)	Sept. 15	

### Ezana Kahsay (1)

2018		
vs. Canisius (10-0) (37:45) (65:13) (83:36)	Sept. 15	

## THE LAST TIME

### Akron scored...

4 goals	W, 4-0 vs. Northern Illinois	Nov. 4, 2017
5 goals	W, 5-0 vs. UMass Lowell	Sept. 24, 2017
6 goals	W, 6-1 vs. Rutgers	Nov. 22, 2015
7 goals	W, 7-0 at Northern Illinois	Oct. 15, 2016
8+ goals	W, 10-0 vs. Canisius	Sept. 15, 2018

### Akron allowed...

3 goals	T, 3-3 vs. Ohio State	Sept. 16, 2015
4 goals	L, 4-3 (OT) at SMU	Sept. 19, 2016
5 goals	L, 5-0 vs. UC Santa Barbara	Aug. 25, 2006
6 goals	L, 6-1 at UCLA	Sept. 5, 2016
7+ goals	L, 7-0 at Saint Louis	November 1970

### Akron won by...

4 goals	4-0 vs. Northern Illinois	Nov. 4, 2017
5 goals	5-0 vs. UMass Lowell	Sept. 24, 2017
6 goals	7-1 vs. Michigan	Oct. 19, 2010
7+ goals	10-0 vs. Canisius	Sept. 15, 2018

### Akron won in overtime...

3-2 (OT)	vs. Wisconsin	Nov. 25, 2017
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### Akron lost in overtime...

4-3 (OT)	at SMU	Sept. 19, 2016
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## GOALS SCORED IN 15-MINUTE INTERVALS

Team	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	OT	2OT	Total
Akron	1	2	3	3	2	3	0	0	14
Opp.	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	8

## MISCELLANEOUS 2018

	Zips	Opponents
Quickest Goal:	4:17 Egbo	7:05 Coffee
Game-Winning Goals after 75':	NA	NA
Game-Tying Goals after 75':	NA	NA
Own Goals:	NA	NA



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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-3-1	2-1-1	0-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-3-1	2-1-1	0-2	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Aug 24	#9 BUTLER	To2 2-2	2579
Aug 27	#17 NC STATE	L 0-2	1474
Sep 01	PITTSBURGH	w 1-0	1790
Sep 07	at #24 Seattle	L 1-2	514
Sep 9	at #9 Washington	L 0-2	900
Sep 15	CANISIUS	w 10-0	1585

TEAM STATISTICS	AKR	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	14-67	8-63
Goals scored per game	2.33	1.33
Shot pct.	.209	.127
Shots on goal-Attempts	26-67	25-63
SOG pct.	.388	.397
Shots/Game	11.2	10.5
CORNER KICKS	25	29
PENALTY KICKS	2-3	0-0
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	9	14
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	7428	1414
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/1857	2/707
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	pk-att
9	EGBO, David	6	6	3	15	16	.375	9	.562	1	1-1
7	KAHSAY, Ezana	5	3	1	7	5	.600	4	.800	1	0-1
14	PACHECO, Diogo	1	2	0	4	4	.500	2	.500	0	0-0
8	HACKWORTH, Morgan	3	1	1	3	2	.500	1	.500	0	0-0
11	ZAJAC, Marcel	1	1	3	5	2	.500	1	.500	0	1-1
10	MICALETTO, Marco	6	1	2	4	15	.067	5	.333	0	0-0
17	KORB, Joe	6	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
25	STRACHAN, Daniel	5	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
26	MOHAMED, Abdi	6	0	1	1	5	.000	2	.400	0	0-0
2	HERNANDEZ, Pol	5	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
6	HARTER, Skye	6	0	1	1	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
15	PETNO, Braden	6	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
18	NIKOLIC, Ivan	3	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
19	GHAFFUR, Faisal	3	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
21	LUE YOUNG, Christian	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
23	OLIVEIRA, Daniel	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
22	COLE, Dennis	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
27	WATTERS, Declan	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
13	UMEDA, Kotaro	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
16	TOJAGA, Sam	6	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0	0-0
12	BIROS, Colin	6	0	0	0	6	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
5	SOHN, Leonard	6	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
4	MILANESE, Marco	6	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
3	RITACCIO, Carlo	4	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		6	14	16	44	67	.209	26	.388	2	2-3
Opponents		6	8	5	21	63	.127	25	.397	3	0-0

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sh
1	LUNDT, Ben	6	560:00	8	1.29	17	.680	2-3-1	2/
Total		6	560:00	8	1.29	17	.680	2-3-1	
Opponents		6	560:00	14	2.25	12	.462	3-2-1	

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Akron	6	8	0	0	14
Opponents	6	2	0	0	8

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Akron	23	40	1	3	67
Opponents	35	27	1	0	63

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Akron	8	9	0	0	17
Opponents	6	5	0	1	12

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Akron	8	14	1	2	25
Opponents	15	13	0	1	29

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Akron	32	46	0	3	81
Opponents	40	32	0	1	73

AKRON AT GRAND CANYON MATCH NOTES - 9/20/18