HARVARD FOOTBALL AT A GLANCE

ACADEMICS & PRESTIGE: Harvard University is generally recognized as the top academic institution in America and has the highest graduation rate of any college. With a student-teacher ratio of 7:1, a world-renowned faculty, and top-notch academic resources, it is no wonder that Harvard seems to be the standard by which all other colleges are measured.

ATHLETICS AT HARVARD: With 42 Division I sports, Harvard University boasts the largest Division I athletic program in the country. Stanford is next with 36 D-I sports. No one in America does a better job of balancing academics and athletics than Harvard.

HEAD COACH TIM MURPHY & SUCCESS: Coach Murphy has won championships at every school in his head coaching career (Maine, Cincinnati, and Harvard). He has won nine Ivy League Championships and is the winningest coach in Harvard football history. In 2015, Harvard won its third consecutive Ivy League title, and 17th overall. In 2016, the Crimson set yet another Ivy League record with their 16th consecutive season with a minimum .700 winning percentage. The stretch is generally considered the most successful run in conference history. Every four-year player under Murphy’s watch has won a championship (this year’s graduating class won three), and over 99-percent have graduated.

NFL PLAYERS: Harvard has had more players sign NFL contracts than any Ivy League program this century. Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick ’04 was one of Harvard’s most successful signal-callers during his time in Cambridge. Kyle Juszczyk ’13, a fourth-round draft pick of the Ravens, was elected to his first Pro Bowl in 2016, and recently signed a $21 million contract with the 49ers. Another famous Raven who played for Harvard, offensive lineman Matt Birk ‘98, was a former NFL Man of the Year, retiring after winning the Super Bowl for Baltimore in 2013. Offensive lineman Nick Easton ’14 was traded to the Minnesota Vikings after signing a contract with the San Francisco 49ers in 2015. Another offensive lineman, Cole Toner ’16, was drafted in the 5th round to the Arizona Cardinals, while tight end Ben Braunecker ’16 was signed as a free agent to the Chicago Bears, playing in 13 games as a rookie. Cameron Brate ’14, a tight end for the Tampa Bay Bucs, led all NFL tight ends in touchdown receptions in 2016. Isaiah Kacyvenski ’00 and Desmond Bryant ’09 have also gone on to NFL success in recent years.

INTERNSHIPS & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: Due to the large metropolitan area and the success of graduates, Harvard students have significant opportunities for summer internships at the best companies in Boston. Harvard Football’s summer internship program is second-to-none. Our players’ reputation for excellence, the outstanding Harvard alumni network, and Coach Murphy’s 20-plus year tenure at Harvard means that many football student-athletes have jobs lined up even before the start of senior year.

FINANCIAL AID: Harvard gives more money in financial aid than any other school in the nation. In fact, the 2016 financial aid budget is $172 million. One-in-five students pay nothing to go to Harvard. The majority of the Harvard football team receives a high level of financial aid, and still graduate debt-free.

FACILITIES: Harvard football has outstanding Division I facilities that are regarded as the best in the Ivy League. Among them is the magnificent 35,000-seat Harvard Stadium, which has brand new field turf, lights, video board, and is a National Historic Landmark. The Stadium is transformed each winter by a removable bubble, turning it into one of the region’s largest indoor football venues, while also allowing for other uses. Additional facilities include our 24,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art indoor strength & conditioning facility, and iconic Dillon Field House, the home of Harvard football. We understand that an Ivy League student’s time
is precious. At Harvard, our students do not waste time traveling to and from facilities because our athletic buildings are located in a condensed area of campus, all within short walking distance from one another.

**DIVERSITY:** Harvard is the *most diverse school* in the country in terms of ethnicity, socioeconomics, and geography. Just recently, Harvard was the only non-historically black school to be ranked in the top five in the nation for African-American students by Black Enterprise Magazine. Our students are from big cities, small country towns, and everywhere in between. The common denominator is they are high character young men that respect everyone in our community.

**COLLEGETOWN USA:** Boston is the best college town in America. The city has more colleges and universities than any other metropolitan area in the country. As a result, Boston is a young city filled with students and young professionals, who are also among the most passionate sports fans in the country!

**CAMPUS:** Harvard students have the best of all worlds: A *beautiful campus* set upon the Charles River, located just minutes away from Boston, in a vital metropolitan area and a world-class college town.

**ALUMNI SUCCESS:** Harvard produces more CEOs than any other school in the country. Harvard also leads with top salaries and acceptance to top graduate schools.

**MEDICAL:** Although no one ever plans to get injured, Boston provides the best medical treatment in the country and is known as an international medical center.

**AIRPORT ACCESS:** Logan Airport in Boston is eight miles away from Harvard and has flights to and from everywhere in the country. Harvard is, by far, the most easily accessible college in the Ivy League.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** Boston provides some of the best public transportation in the country. Students can get anywhere in the city using buses, trains, Uber, cabs, zip cars, and bikes.

**LIVING AT HARVARD:** Harvard University provides on-campus housing all four years for all students. It provides the best sense of a *campus community* of any college in close proximity to a metropolitan area.

**GAMEDAY ATMOSPHERE:** Historic Harvard Stadium provides the best game-day atmosphere in the Ivy League. Harvard perennially leads the Ivy League in attendance, while also ranking among the nation’s top 10. We are the biggest draw both at home and on the road, and have the honor of playing in one of the nation’s must-see events in all of sports – the Harvard vs. Yale game, otherwise known as *“The Game.”* The spectacular atmosphere of a Harvard home football game was showcased in November, 2014 when *ESPN’s College Football Gameday* came to Harvard Stadium, spending three days on campus, and filming their live Saturday morning show in front of raucous, capacity crowd.