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### MARMOT BOCA RATON BOWL KICKOFF PRESS CONFERENCE

Today, the Marmot Boca Raton Bowl welcomed Temple University Head Coach Matt Rhule and University of Toledo Head Coach Jason Candle to the Kickoff Press Conference at Via Mizner Golf & Country Club.



Temple Head Coach Matt Rhule (left), Marmot Boca Raton Bowl Executive Director Doug Mosley (center) and Toledo Head Coach Jason Candle at the Kickoff Press Conference. \*Photo: Ron Elkman



Temple Head Coach Matt Rhule (center right) and Toledo Head Coach Jason Candle (center left) with Marmot Boca Raton Bowl Executive Committee Members. \*Photo: Ron Elkman

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#### Quotes from Temple Head Coach Matt Rhule-

- On being in the bowl: "On behalf of Temple University, our football team and really our entire campus, we are excited to be here. When the options came open, we were pretty resolute that this is where we wanted to be."
- On Palm Beach County: "The fact that the game is right before Christmas, so many fans and the families of our players are excited to come down here to enjoy the game and festivities but then enjoy the area. I think my family and I were thinking about staying for a couple days. Coming to such a beautiful place at this time of year is just wonderful for people like us that are from up North."
- On the meaning of a bowl win: "I had the pleasure of playing for Joe Paterno and he always said the bowl game was pivotal because it is the end of season but the first game of the next year. It builds momentum into the off-season and sets the tone for everything. Every time you put that Marmot Boca Raton Bowl shirt back on, you're going to remember how you played, so I think it is crucial for us."
- On Tyler Matakevich: "He is a tremendous player. His play speaks for itself, but he is an even better person. He hasn't missed a practice in four years. He loves the game. He's helped really set the tone for the program in my three years as head coach going and has really been the driving force, and I am proud to have coached him."

#### Quotes from Toledo Head Coach Jason Candle -

- On being in the bowl: "The Toledo Rockets are honored and excited to be here and be part of this game. The City of Boca Raton is an awesome destination city. I think it will provide an interesting experience for not only our players but for fans, coaches and staff that put in all the hard work and effort to make this such a great season."
- On Palm Beach County: "I'm sure our fans will enjoy being down here in the sunshine. Being able to come down here and recruit down here I think that there's a certain passion for the game of football and our great sport and I know our people will really relish in that."
- On the meaning of a bowl win: "I think for us at the University of Toledo, we do not take these opportunities for granted. I remember in 2013 we had a 7-5 football team and we did not make a bowl game. You're striving to win and gain momentum going into the offseason. The recruiting piece is also huge as well."
- On Kareem Hunt: "Kareem is a tremendous player, and I don't know Tyler (Matakevich), but one thing all these great players do is they teach coaches some lessons to. I think what Kareem does is bring a spirit to practice that's infectious and makes the guys around them better."

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 17** Temple Arrival
- Dec. 18** Toledo Arrival/  
Team Welcome Events
- Dec. 19** Team Practices/  
Team Beach Parties
- Dec. 20** Hospital Visits/  
Team Practices
- Dec. 21** Kickoff Luncheon/  
Joint Team Press Conference/  
Team Pep Rallies
- Dec. 22** Ford Fan Fest &  
Oh Boy Sports Midway/  
Marmot Boca Raton Bowl



### MARMOT BOCA RATON BOWL NEWS

- The 2015 Marmot Boca Raton Bowl will feature Temple University from the American Athletic Conference (away team) and University of Toledo from the Mid-American Conference (home team).
- The Marmot Boca Raton Bowl is currently accepting credential applications. The deadline to apply is Friday, Dec. 11, 11:59 p.m. ET. Please visit [www.sportssystem.com/bocaratonbowl](http://www.sportssystem.com/bocaratonbowl) to apply.
- Find out everything you want to know about the game and bowl week activities by downloading the free Marmot Boca Raton Bowl Online Game Program. The program is featured on a mobile application that is available for Android and iOS devices via the App Store and Google Play.