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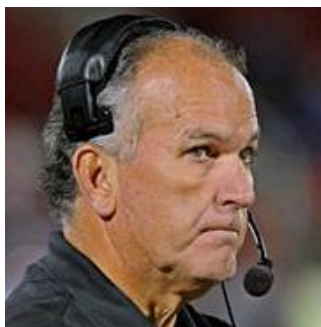


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JUNE JONES AND DICK TOMEY SELECTED AS INAUGURAL POLYNESIAN BOWL HEAD COACHES

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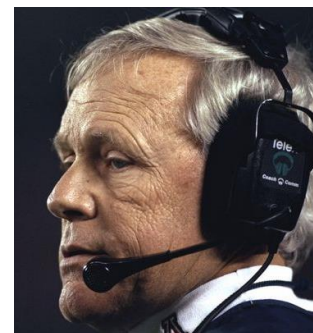
Honolulu, HI (November 10, 2016) – The Polynesian Football Hall of Fame announced today that **June Jones** and **Dick Tomey** have been selected as head coaches for the inaugural Polynesian Bowl. Their assistants will include some of the top high school coaches in the State of Hawai'i.



Coach Jones will serve as head coach for **TEAM MARIOTA**. His college head coaching career record is 121-94 (Hawai'i, SMU), 7-2 in Bowl games and is the winningest head football coach in Hawai'i history. In 2007, he led Hawai'i to a 12–1 season that earned the team a Sugar Bowl appearance. He has been recognized as National Coach of the Year by both CNN/Sports Illustrated and the Sporting News. Coach Jones is the inaugural recipient of the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Founders Award.

“The people of Polynesia are an important part of my life,” said June Jones. “The opportunity to coach the top players of Polynesian heritage and others is a genuine honor.”

Coach Tomey will serve as head coach for **TEAM STANLEY**. His college head coaching career record is 183-145-7 (Hawai'i, Arizona, San Jose State), 5-3 in Bowl games and is the winningest coach in Arizona history. He has been recognized as both the Western Athletic Conference and PAC-10 Coach of the Year. Coach Tomey is also a recipient of the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Founders Award (2016).



“The Polynesian Bowl will be an amazing celebration of culture and football,” said Dick Tomey. In addition to working with great players, we also have the privilege to coach with some of the best in Hawai'i.”

Hawai'i high school head coaches **Kale Ane** (Punahou), **Darren Hernandez** (Kapolei) **Abu Ma'afala** (Kamehameha) and **Vavae Tata** (Kahuku) will serve as assistant coaches. Former Utah Utes head coach **Ron McBride** will serve as assistant head coach for Team Stanley.

“Coaches Jones and Tomey are two of Polynesia's greatest friends,” said Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Chairman and Co-Founder **Jesse Sapolu**. “We're honored to have these highly successful coaches lead our Polynesian Bowl teams.”

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INAUGURAL POLYNESIAN BOWL COACHING STAFF

	<u>TEAM MARIOTA</u>	<u>TEAM STANLEY</u>
HEAD COACH	JUNE JONES	DICK TOMEY
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH	Kale Ane	Ron McBride
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR	Ron Lee	Ron McBride
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR	Abu Ma'afala	Vavae Tata
QUARTERBACKS	Vince Passas	Cameron Higgins
OFFENSIVE LINE	Al Kaaihue	Brian Derby
RECEIVERS	Ricky Lumpford	Jeremiah Cocheran
RUNNING BACKS	Nate Ilaoa	Richard Torres
DEFENSIVE LINE	Isaac Sopoaga, Lance Samuseva	Paulo Kamake'eaina
DEFENSIVE BACKS	Leonard Peters	Keala Santiago, Les Kekahuna
LINEBACKERS	Darren Hernandez	Lesa Maiava
SPECIAL TEAMS	Dennis McKnight	Richard Torres
HONORARY HEAD COACH	JACK THOMPSON	OLIN KREUTZ

The Polynesian Bowl is a premier high school all-star game that will feature 84 of the world's elite senior football players of Polynesian heritage and other ancestries. The game will be Saturday, January 21, 2017, 6:00 pm HST at Aloha Stadium in O'ahu, Hawai'i as part of the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Weekend. The game will be shown live on ESPN3 (except Hawai'i). Tickets are now on sale via Ticketmaster.

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ABOUT THE POLYNESIAN BOWL

Organized by the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame, the Polynesian Bowl will feature the world's elite high school players of Polynesian heritage and other ancestries. Tennessee Titans QB **Marcus Mariota** (TEAM MARIOTA) and Baltimore Ravens OT **Ronnie Stanley** (TEAM STANLEY) will serve as team captains. Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Inductees **Jack "The Throwin' Samoan" Thompson** and **Olin Kreutz** will serve as honorary head coaches. The game will be aired live exclusively on ESPN3.

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