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## Record Number of U.S. Army All-American Alumni Shine in College Football National Championship

**ROCKAWAY, NJ (Jan.9, 2018)** – Alumni from the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, the nations’ premier high school sporting event, made a significant impact on last night’s College Football National Championship. The game, between Alabama and Georgia, featured a record 37 players whom played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

Of those 37, 13 were playing in the National Championship as true freshman and were on the U.S. Army All-American Bowl’s 2017 roster. Although Alabama quarterback, Tua Tagovaiola, who was named offense MVP, and receiver Devonta Smith were not on the same squad during the 2017 U.S. Army All-American Bowl, they forged a connection that proved valuable during the College Football National Championship, connecting for a touchdown in overtime.

In addition to Tagovaiola and Smith, the 2017 U.S. Army All-American Bowl roster also featured Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm and Alabama leading rusher Najee Harris. Georgia leading rusher Nick Chubb, also played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, playing for the East squad in 2014.

Other players who were part of the 2017 U.S. Army All-American Bowl playing in the College Football National Championship were: **Georgia** - D’Andre Swift, Richard Lecounte, Jeremiah Hollowman, Netori Johnson, Andrew Thomas, Nate McBride; **Alabama** - Henry Ruggs, Thomas Fletcher, and Joseph Bulovas.

Over the course of its existence, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl presented by American Family Insurance, has produced 351 NFL draft picks, 120 NFL Pro Bowlers and 10 NFL Rookies of the Year.

The 2018 game, which was completed on Jan. 6, 2018, marked the 18<sup>th</sup> year of existence. The 19<sup>th</sup> annual game will take place Jan.5, 2019 in San Antonio, TX. The game will once again be broadcast live on NBC, 1pm EST.

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