

# BETHEL UNIVERSITY

8 NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES • 5 MIAC TITLES • 2 NCAA WEST REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS

## ROYALS FOOTBALL

### PERSPECTIVES ON BETHEL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

**JOSHUA PERKINS**

**JUNIOR, GUARD**

**6-6, 315**

**IOWA FALLS, IOWA / IOWA FALLS-ALDEN**

Perkins came to Bethel as a highly recruited student-athlete out of Iowa Falls-Alden High School in Iowa. As a high school senior, he was named the winner of the Ed Thomas Award by the Iowa Football Coaches Association. The award honors student-athletes who characterize the values of faith, family, and football—values Thomas instilled in his athletes throughout his time as the legendary coach at Aplington-Parkersburg. Perkins has been a two-year starter for the Royals and earned All-MIAC second team honors in 2013.



#### WHY I CHOSE BETHEL

I chose Bethel because I wanted to study youth ministry and be part of a strong football program. These qualifications really narrowed down my choices right off the bat and God led me to Bethel. After meeting with professors, admissions staff, and Coach J it was obvious that this was where I belonged. I got to see firsthand, through a cousin of mine, the family atmosphere of Bethel Football and I wanted my family to become a part of that. Throughout the whole process I could see myself at Bethel and I knew that if I went anywhere else I would regret not playing football at Bethel.



#### WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT BETHEL

There are so many things about this program that have challenged me and grown me in incredible ways. I think that the most special thing about Bethel is the heart that these guys have. To have a group of men that really know how to love is so very important. We love football; it's what we're good at and a true love for the game is what draws us to the sport. We love one another; we call each to be better each and every day and we want to see our best friends and teammates develop. And lastly, we love God. We are a group of guys that are far from perfect, but we get to play football for a perfect King; that is what makes Bethel Football so special.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER GRADUATION

My plans after graduation are to go into full-time ministry. Whether that's in a non-profit, youth group, or missions setting I'm not sure quite yet. Being a youth ministry and business major I have a lot of things that I'm interested in, but just being with people and helping them on their journey is something that I'm really passionate about.

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