

BETHEL UNIVERSITY

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

ROYALS FOOTBALL

PERSPECTIVES ON BETHEL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

ERIK PETERSON
JUNIOR, QB
6-2, 215
ORONO, MN/ORONO HS

Junior quarterback Erik Peterson is coming off the greatest single season passing year in the history of Bethel University. His second year as a starter was marked by setting school records for completions (221), yards (3,034), touchdowns (24) and completion percentage (70.1%). Peterson led the Royals to 12 wins and a #4 national ranking before he injured his shoulder in the second playoff game and was unable to play in the NCAA Quarterfinal game. For his play, he was named the MIAC's Most Valuable Player. Peterson has obviously been an important part of our team on the field, but he has also impacted the Bethel community through his humility, work ethic and care for others.



WHY I CHOSE BETHEL

I was indecisive during the process of deciding on where I wanted to go to college. I was going back and forth between Bethel and somewhere else. I decided to give these two schools a last visit and then make a choice; that's when the decision became simple. Coach J explained that football doesn't last forever and it could be cut short during the four years. Because it can be cut short you are going to want to go to a school where there are people that will influence your life forever. Bethel football was the only team where I found a group of men that would make me better on and off the field. I chose Bethel because it was going to be a place where I would be able to be a part of a winning football program, but more important Bethel football was a program that was going to make me into the man I wanted to be.



WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT BETHEL

The thing that makes Bethel football special is the brotherhood that we share. It is hard to explain or put into words what makes up the bond because it isn't something that can be defined. The two words that I would use to describe BU football would be love and dedication. The love for one another is like nothing I've ever experienced. That love is seen through putting each other first and doing what's right for the team. Dedication on the practice field or weight room forms a bond because it's through those tough times that I found out who I can rely on and have proven that my teammates can rely on me.

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