

Team Ukraine head coach Alfonsine Williams prepares to face Belarus in first ever game

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After a varied career in a number of fields – including a stint as an editor of this publication – Alfonsine Williams is enjoying well-deserved success in his real first love - American football.

By [Roger Kelly](#) for American Football International, Oct 11, 2017 The national team of **Ukraine** will be playing their first ever international game this weekend, October 14 in **Kyiv** when they face **Team Belarus** and they are led by **South Carolina State** alum **Alfonsine Williams**. This is a historic event so we asked **Alfonsine** about the game and how he ended up as coach of this brand new team. **American football** is a new sport in **Ukraine** and the national league has only been in existence for a few years. The game against Belarus, scheduled for October 14 in **Kyiv** is a first for the **Ukrainian** national team and their coach. **American Football International: How long have you been head coach of Team Ukraine?** **Alfonsine Williams:** This version of **Team Ukraine** is brand new, although it's been in the works for a while. I was named head coach a few months ago, and have been preparing with the staff and the organizers ever since at a rapid pace to make sure we put a great football team on the field. **AFI:** Tell us a little about your background in football. **Williams:** I've been around the game my entire life as a student and as a player. My father had a brief stint in the **NFL** and in the **CFL** and was a high school coach in **Maryland**. Many of my memories involve breaking down film and being on the field with the players. I played my high school ball under coach **Danny Hayes of Gwynn Park high school**, and went on to **South Carolina State University** after that under coach **Oliver "Buddy" Pough**. I always considered myself more of a student of the game, and understood that the mental part of the game is just as important as the physical. **AFI: How long have you been coaching in the Ukraine?**

Williams: I've been coaching just over two years now in **Ukraine**, both as an assistant with the **Kyiv Bulldogs** and now as head coach of the **Kyiv Patriots** and of course now with the **National team**. […] [http://www.americanfootballinternatio ... -belarus-first-ever-game/](http://www.americanfootballinternatio...-belarus-first-ever-game/)