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GATOR BOWL SPORTS ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 18, 2018 – Gator Bowl Sports announced today this year’s new leadership. Jamie Shelton, President of bestbet, will take the reins as the 2018 Chairman of Gator Bowl Sports.

Chairman Jamie Shelton is a native of Tennessee where he began his career at Arthur Andersen. In 2001, he left the firm to join Jacksonville-based Regency Centers. He assumed the role of Vice President – Controller of Western Operations at Regency Centers and was promoted to Vice President – Real Estate Accounting & Risk Management where he oversaw the operations’ portfolio for the entire United States. He joined bestbet Jacksonville as is Chief Financial Officers in 2009 and was promoted to President where he oversees the company’s operations, financial functions and public affairs.

Chairman Shelton is actively involved in Northeast Florida serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville University, the Board of Directors of the JAX Chamber and the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT). He is also a member of the Jacksonville Civic Council, a graduate of Leadership Jacksonville and was a past Leadership Giving Chair for the United Way of Northeast Florida. Jamie is married to Allison (Ali) Korman Shelton and has five children, Grant (24), Mia (21), Juliette (18), Camp (7) and Ellie (5).

“It is an honor and privilege to serve as the 2018 Chairman of Gator Bowl Sports. bestbet has a long history of supporting the Gator Bowl dating back to the 15th annual game in the late 1950s,” said incoming Chairman Shelton. “I look forward to contributing to the continued future successes of Gator Bowl Sports.”

Chairman Shelton will preside over all three Gator Bowl Sports entities (TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, JAXSPORTS Council, and JAXSPORTS Charities) with a primary focus on the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl game.

Serving as Chairman-elect is Rich Thompson, Regional Head of Human Resources, North America, UK and Ireland for The Adecco Group. In his role, he is responsible for creating, executing and aligning the Group HR strategy to the various operational strategies.

Chair-elect Thompson earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin where he played football and was an All-American. In the early 1990s, he played professional football for the Green Bay Packers prior to earning his Master of Management from North Park University in Chicago. Rich is also a graduate of the Adecco Leadership Development Program at IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland and the Senior Leadership Program in Fontainebleau, France.

“Athletics have served an instrumental role in my life beginning at a young age. It is an incredible opportunity to be able to combine my passion for sports with my business acumen to serve a community

organization,” shared Chairman-elect Thompson. “I look forward to serving under the leadership of Chairman Shelton over the course of the next year”.

Rich and his wife Ann along with their three children; Jack, Will and Josi moved to Jacksonville in 2013 when he took the role of CHRO, North America.

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