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RICHARD GOURAIGE

AGE: 25 (October 15, 1998) | HT: 6-5 | WT: 306

COLLEGE: Florida

NFL EXP: 1 Year

HOMETOWN: Tampa, FL

ACQUIRED: UDFA (2023)

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FIRST-AND-10

RICHARD GOURAIGE was signed by the Bills as an undrafted free agent following the 2023 draft and spent his rookie season on the Bills practice squad. Gouraige (pronounced like Garage) started 42 games during his collegiate career at Florida (2018-22).

SHOUTOUTS

- Started at left tackle in all 13 games in 2022 for a Florida offensive line that limited opponents to 1.3 sacks per game.
- Was a key member of the offensive line that blocked for 594 total yards and five touchdowns at Tennessee (9/24/22).
- Anchored an offensive line that did not allow a sack and paved the way for four rushing touchdowns in a win over Utah (9/3/22).
- In 2021, started 12 games at left tackle for an offensive line that only allowed 14 sacks (1.08 per game), which tied for the 7th fewest in FBS and second in the SEC.
- Blocked for Florida's 717 total yards of offense vs. Samford (11/13/21), which ranked second all-time in program history.
- The 2021 Gators offense averaged 5.5 yards per carry to rank first in the SEC and fourth in the country.
- In 2020, started all 12 games and blocked for Heisman Trophy Finalist Kyle Trask to help the Gators lead the nation in passing yards per game (378.6).
- As a redshirt freshman in 2019, appeared in 12 games with 5 starts at left guard. Helped the Gators rank 16th nationally in passing offense in the country.
- Appeared in two games in 2018 and made his collegiate debut in Florida's season opener vs. CSU (9/1/18).

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

"FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED"

Despite declaring for the NFL Draft before the team's Las Vegas Bowl game in 2022, Gouraige had already made that decision to participate in that game.

"Since my freshman year I always told myself I wanted to finish this season," Gouraige said. "Depending on how the seasons go, I just always wanted to finish out with my brothers. I know deep down I would feel bad for myself sitting at home or wherever I'm training at knowing I'm not in the game helping my brothers the best game I can, or pouring into the younger guys and helping the best way I can."

Gouraige's mom had a major influence on his decision to play.

"My mom always just told me finish what you started," Gouraige said. "I just always carried that with everything I do. My mom just always instilled in me finish what you started." (Nick Marcinko, [GatorCountry.com](https://www.gatorcountry.com), Dec. 14, 2022)

THE STAMPEDE

Dream vacation spots: 1. Bora Bora, 2. Saint Lucia, 3. Alaska
Favorite movie: any of the Transformers movies
Favorite class in college: anything in science
Mythical creature you believe exists: Mermaids
Favorite app on phone: Motivation

PERSONAL

Pronounced: sounds like Garage. Is the son of Kerlange Brunson. His brother, Eddy Pierre-Louis, is a freshman lineman at Oklahoma. Has two dogs: a labradoodle, Roo, and a black mouth cur, Luna. Competed in football and basketball at Cambridge Christian High School in Tampa. He and Titans OL Nicholas Petit-Frere were classmates at Stewart Middle School in Tampa and shared a love of basketball. They played on the same AAU team, often battling each other in practice. Earned his degree in sociology and was a 3-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.