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JAVON SOLOMON

AGE: 23 (January 17, 2001) | HT: 6-1 | WT: 246

COLLEGE: Troy

NFL EXP: Rookie

HOMETOWN: Tallahassee, FL

ACQUIRED: Draft (2024, R5)

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JAVON SOLOMON was selected by the Bills in the fifth round in 2024. Solomon left Troy tied for third in school history (16) for sacks in a season and is the first player the Bills have drafted out of Troy since selecting QB Levi Brown in 2010.

SHOUTOUTS

- Solomon's 33 career sacks also ranks second in school history and second in Sun Belt Conference history. His 49 career tackles-for-loss ranks third in Sun Belt history.
- Collected 16 sacks which led the nation also had 56 total tackles (26 solo) in 2023. Totaled 18 TFLs, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries on his was to second-team All-American honors.
- Was awarded the Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors after tying the Troy single-game record with four sacks against ULM. His total matched Osi Umenyiora's four sacks against Florida A&M in 2002 for the most in program history.
- Named to the All-Sun Belt Third Team in 2022. Finished the season with 7.5 tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks, six quarterback hurries and 44 tackles.
- Earned All-Sun Belt First Team honors in 2021. Led the Sun Belt in tackles for loss (1.42 per game) and ranked 12th nationally.
- Became just the third FBS player since at least 2000 to record 12 tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks and one interception in the first six games of the season. Carl Nassib (Penn State, 2015), Elvis Dumervil (Louisville, 2005).
- His 11 sacks in 2021 were the most by a Trojan since Jonathan Massaquoi's 13 in 2010. Became the fifth player nationally since 2017 to record at least nine tackles, five tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks in a game; first player in Sun Belt history to do so.
- Named to the All-Sun Belt Team as an honorable mention in 2020 after collecting 29 total tackles, 6 TFLs, 1.5 sacks and one forced fumble.

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"Coming from Tallahassee, Mobile is not too far away," Solomon said in an interview session with Mobile-area reporters at Senior Bowl headquarters. "So it's something that I always heard of as a kid and growing up. I know that it was probably one of the biggest opportunities that anybody can get just from a college standpoint. Playing in this game is a huge opportunity for me. I understand how much it means to me and people that even that are not here, that would love to be here. I'm grateful for the opportunity and I plan to go out there give it my best every day."

Solomon's 16 sacks in 2023 were a Division I-era record at Troy, as were his 33 career sacks. That career mark was 3.5 better than Jibunor's 29.5, and also eclipsed the previous record total of 27.5 set by future Pro Football Hall of Famer DeMarcus Ware from 2001-04.

Solomon's 16 sacks broke the previous Troy Division I record of 15 set by another future NFL standout, Osi Umenyiora, in 2002. Solomon's four sacks vs. Louisiana-Monroe on Nov. 11 also tied another school record held by Umenyiora.

Solomon said of Ware. "He's a guy that knew what it takes to be successful. You can also tell he's a great person by how he treats his family. Him and Osi Umenyiora, they were great players in the league and are great people. I try to mimic the way they go about things. So hopefully I get that status one day." (al.com, **Creg Stephenson, Jan. 23, 2024**)

PERSONAL

Full name is Javon Pyree Solomon and is the son of Maronica Flagler. Most people don't know that his middle name is supposed to be Tyree, but the hospital messed up his name. He has one brother, Rajay Solomon, and one sister, Mariah Vincent. Graduated with a degree in criminal justice and a minor in leadership. Attended Godby HS (FL) where he also lettered in wrestling.