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Raiders Sign Olsen Pierre and Eric Tomlinson and Promote Nick Nelson

ALAMEDA, Calif. – The Oakland Raiders have signed free agents **DL Olsen Pierre** and **TE Eric Tomlinson** and have promoted **CB Nick Nelson** from the practice squad, the club announced Wednesday.

Pierre, a 6-foot-4, 293-pound defensive tackle in his third year in the NFL, joins the Raiders having spent the first nine games of the 2019 campaign with the New York Giants. Pierre was originally signed by the Chicago Bears as an undrafted free agent in 2015 before spending the majority of his rookie campaign on the Arizona Cardinals' practice squad. He was later signed as a reserve/future free agent by the Cardinals in 2016 and spent three seasons (2016-18) on the club's active roster. Since entering the league, Pierre has appeared in 33 games and made eight starts, totaling 50 tackles (35 solo), 7.5 sacks, two passes defended and one forced fumble.

Tomlinson, a 6-foot-6, 263-pound fourth-year tight end joins the Silver and Black after appearing in three contests with the New York Giants this season and an additional two with the New England Patriots. Tomlinson was originally an undrafted free agent signed by the Houston Texans, where he spent all of 2015 and a portion of 2016 on the club's practice squad before signing to the New York Jets (2016-18). Over his career, Tomlinson has appeared in 41 contests and made 31 starts, tallying 17 receptions for 194 yards and one touchdown.

Nelson, originally the club's fourth-round selection (110th overall) in the 2018 NFL Draft, re-joins the active roster having appeared in 11 games as a rookie, making three starts and compiling 17 tackles (11 solo), one pass defended and one fumble recovery.

Additionally, the Raiders have signed **TE Paul Butler**, **LB Te'von Coney** and **OL Kyle Kalis** to the team's practice squad.

In a corresponding move, the team has released **TE Cole Wick** from its practice squad.

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