



2023 NFL ANNUAL SELECTION MEETING

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS NFL DRAFT ROUND-BY-ROUND

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1. 29 DT Bryan Bresee, Clemson

6-foot-5, 305 pounds

The fourth defensive tackle selected in the 2023 NFL Draft, Bryan Bresee played in 26 games with 21 starts at Clemson, producing 54 tackles (35 solo), 15 tackles for loss, nine sacks, one forced fumble, one interception and five passes defensed during his collegiate career. A three-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection, Bresee fought through injuries and personal tragedy in 2022 to manage 15 tackles, 5.5 stops for loss, 3.5 sacks and two passes defensed for the ACC champions. The Maryland native's athleticism and ability to rush the passer from the inside as well as stop the run will put him in competition for a starting spot on the interior of New Orleans' defensive line.

2. 40 DE Isaiah Foskey, Notre Dame

6-foot-5, 265 pounds

While with the Saints, the team will look to use Foskey's talent, size, strength and speed to the advantage of the defensive line rotation as he adapts to the pro game. During his four collegiate seasons at Notre Dame, where he is the school's all-time sack leader with 26.5 sacks, Foskey finished with career totals of 122 tackles (74 solo), 31.5 stops for loss, seven forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, two passes defensed and four blocked punts in 41 games with 27 starts.

3. 71 RB Kendre Miller, TCU

6-foot-0, 220 pounds

Miller arrives in New Orleans following an accomplished career with the Horned Frogs where he was a three-year letterman and posted 2,410 rushing yards and 26 touchdowns, ninth in TCU history, in only 33 games with 17 starts. His 6.7 yards per carry average ranked first nationally among active Power 5 players at the end of the 2022 season. Dating back to the end of the 2021 season and before it was snapped in the College Football Playoff Semifinal early due to a knee injury, the 14 consecutive games with a rushing touchdown was the longest active streak in the nation.

4a. 103 OL Nick Saldiveri, Old Dominion

6-foot-6, 316 pounds

The Saints selected Nick Saldiveri with the 103rd overall pick in the fourth round of the 2023 NFL Draft. The 6-foot-6, 316-pound offensive lineman was featured predominantly at right tackle during his collegiate career, but has the ability to play multiple positions on the line. A native of Monroe, N.C., Saldiveri started 35-of-38 games over his career. He started all 11 games in the fall of 2022, 10 at right tackle and one at right guard, earning second-team All-Sun Belt honors.

4b. 127 QB Jake Haener, Fresno State

6-foot-1, 200 pounds

With their fourth round draft pick, the Saints selected Jake Haener out of Fresno State, leaving the school as the all-time leader in completion percentage (.681). In three seasons in Fresno, Haener started 29 games and completed 731-of-1,072 attempts for 9,013 yards, 67 touchdowns and only 15 interceptions, while rushing for eight more TDs. The two-time All-Mountain West selection, Haener won 21 of his 29 starts and ranks in the top five for every major passing statistic in school history.

5. 146 DB Jordan Howden, Minnesota

6-foot-0, 209 pounds

The 6-foot, 209-pound defender possesses a combination of speed, instincts and versatility needed to excel on both defense and special teams. The San Diego, Calif. native started 49-of-58 games during his college career with totals of 240 tackles (168 solo), 5.5 stops for loss, 20 passes defensed and four interceptions. Heading into his rookie campaign, Howden will look to provide depth in the Saints defensive backfield and contribute on special teams.

6. 195 WR A.T. Perry, Wake Forest

6-foot-5, 205 pounds

A big-bodied, sure-handed target who emerged as a key performer for Wake Forest, the Saints selected A.T. Perry in the sixth round of the 2023 NFL Draft. During his college career, Perry set numerous Wake Forest receiving records, including a program record 28 touchdowns which also is tied for seventh in ACC history. Perry also holds the program record with 15 touchdown receptions during the 2021 season, tied the program record with 12 100-yard receiving games and is the only player in program history to have two double-digit touchdown seasons, doing so during the 2021 and 2022 seasons. For his career, Perry appeared in 43 games and caught 171 passes for 2,662 yards (15.6 avg.) and 28 touchdowns.



90 BRYAN BRESEE DT
HEIGHT: 6-2 WEIGHT: 305
COLLEGE: CLEMSON
DRAFTED: 1st ROUND (29th OVERALL)
BORN: 10/6/01

COLLEGE CAREER – The fourth defensive tackle selected in the 2023 NFL Draft, Bryan Bresee played in 26 games with 21 starts at Clemson, producing 54 tackles (35 solo), 15 tackles for loss, nine sacks, one forced fumble, one interception and five passes defended during his collegiate career. A three-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection, Bresee fought through injuries and personal tragedy in 2022 to manage 16 tackles, 5.5 stops for loss, 3.5 sacks and two passes defended for the ACC champions. The Maryland native’s athleticism and ability to rush the passer from the inside as well as stop the run will put him in competition for a starting spot on the interior of New Orleans’ defensive line.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Selected by the Saints in the first round (29th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft.

2022 – Lott IMPACT Trophy quarterfinalist and second-team All-ACC selection was credited with 16 tackles (5.5 for loss), 3.5 sacks and two pass breakups in 329 snaps from scrimmage over 10 games (seven starts)...Recorded five tackles (2.0 for loss) and a half-sack at Georgia Tech...Recorded two tackles in “Ella Strong” game vs. Furman, a game dedicated to his late younger sister Ella, who was in the midst of her poignant battle with brain cancer...Posted one tackle and a critical double-overtime pass breakup at No. 21 Wake Forest...Had a key sack on a third down in the fourth quarter vs. No. 14 Syracuse to help Clemson protect a late lead in a comeback victory...Recorded two tackles (1.5 for loss), a sack and a pass breakup vs. Louisville...Registered a sack among his two tackles in FedEx Orange Bowl vs. No. 6 Tennessee. **2021** – Third-team All-ACC selection despite being limited to four games due to torn ACL injury...Credited with 15 total tackles (including three stops for loss), 1.5 sacks and one interception over 154 snaps in four games/starts...Contributed a career-high seven tackles (one stop for loss) vs. No. 5 Georgia...Recorded two tackles for loss, a career-high 1.5 sacks and his first career interception in sharing team Defensive Player of the Game honors vs. Georgia Tech, sealing game by hauling in a desperation forward lateral attempt on Yellow Jackets’ final play...Made two tackles at N.C. State prior to exiting with season-ending knee injury. **2020** – Credited with 23 tackles (6.5 stops for a loss), four sacks, two passes defended, one forced fumble and a safety in 432 snaps over 12 games (ten starts) as a true freshman. Recorded two offensive snaps on Clemson’s goal line jumbo package. Along with fellow true freshmen Myles Murphy, also a first round draft pick in 2023 and Trenton Simpson, their four sacks each tied William Perry (4.0, 1981), Ricky Sapp (4.0, 2006) and Shaq Lawson (4.0, 2013) for third-most sacks by a Clemson true freshman all-time. Four sacks were the most by a true freshman interior lineman in 2020, Clemson’s second straight season having the Football Bowl Subdivision leader among first-year defensive tackles...Selected freshman All-American (*The Athletic*, ESPN and Rivals), ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year and a consensus first-team All-ACC honoree...Made impressive college debut at Wake Forest, posting three tackles and a half-sack in addition to recording the Tigers’ first blocked field goal since second week of 2018...He and Murphy became the first Clemson first-year freshmen to record a sack in a season opener since 2016...Posted two tackles and one pass defended in his first career start vs. The Citadel...Recorded four tackles (two solo) with his first full sack and one pass breakup vs. Virginia...Helped Clemson limit No. 7 Miami to 210 yards...Recorded two stops including a half-sack, when he forced a fumble that was recovered by Andrew Booth Jr. and returned 21 yards for a TD vs. Syracuse...Recorded three tackles vs. Boston College, including a game-clinching sack when he forced intentional grounding in end zone for a safety to earn team Defensive Player of the Game...Registered five tackles, including one stop for loss at No. 4 Notre Dame...Made three tackles in the ACC Championship Game vs. No. 2 Notre Dame...Posted six tackles (2.5 for loss) including one sack vs. No. 3 Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl/College Football Playoff semifinal.

PERSONAL: Played for Eric Wallich at Damascus (Md.) HS, where he concluded career with 134 tackles, including 80.5 for loss, with 35 sacks. Had 47 tackles in 2019, including 30.5 tackles for loss with 14 sacks while also adding two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and a pass breakup, when he helped team to 13-2 record and state championship as a senior. Named first-team postseason All-American by *Sports Illustrated*...Two-time first-team *USA Today* All-American and first-team *Washington Post* All-Met defensive lineman as junior and senior...2018 Maryland Defensive Player of the Year...First-team MaxPreps Junior All-American defensive lineman in 2018...2018 Montgomery County 3A Most Valuable Player and Gatorade Player of the Year in Maryland...Had 36 tackles for loss, including 12 sacks as a junior, earning first-team MaxPreps Sophomore All-America status in 2017...Listed as the No. 1 overall player in the nation by 247Sports, which also called him the top defensive tackle in the nation and the top player in Maryland...Ranked as the top overall player in the nation by Rivals.com, the top defensive tackle and the top player in Maryland...Ranked as the No. 2 player in the nation by PrepStar, the top defensive tackle in the nation and the top player in Maryland...Rated as the No. 4 overall player in the nation by ESPN.com, which listed him as the No. 1 defensive tackle in the nation and top player in Maryland...Played basketball as a junior and averaged 13.7 points and 11.9 rebounds...Selected to U.S. Army All-American Bowl...In high school, was active in spending free time with special education students...Father, Rich, played football at James Madison and mother, Meghan, was a junior college All-American basketball player at Frederick (Md.) Community College, which won the 1992 Maryland Junior College title...Sociology major...Last name pronounced bruh-Zee...Born October 6, 2001.



New Orleans Saints 2023 NFL Draft

Round One Notes

- With the 29th pick overall, which was acquired from the Denver Broncos in a pre-draft trade, through the Miami Dolphins for a choice that originally belonged to the San Francisco 49ers, New Orleans selected Clemson DT Bryan Bresee (pronounced bruh-ZEE).
- This was the 58th first round pick taken by the Saints all-time.
- This is the third time New Orleans has picked from the 29th overall slot. In 1973, the Saints selected Oklahoma defensive lineman Derland Moore, who would play for New Orleans for 13 seasons and is a member of the Saints Hall of Fame and the All-50th team. In 1981, they selected Nebraska safety Russell Gary. Both 29th picks took place in the second round.
- Bresee, 6-5, 305, was the first defensive tackle taken in the first round of the NFL Draft by New Orleans since Sheldon Rankins was selected in 2016, only the fourth at the position taken in the first round by the club all-time. He is the 35th defensive tackle selected by the club all-time.
- Bresee is the fifth Clemson player picked in the NFL draft by New Orleans, the second former Tiger picked in the first round by the Black and Gold, joining linebacker Stephone Anthony (31st overall in 2015).
- Bresee is the only player from Clemson currently on the Saints roster. He is the first Saint taken in the first round out of an Atlantic Coast Conference school since Rankins in 2016.
- In three seasons at Clemson, Bresee finished his college career with 64 career tackles (15.0 for loss), 9.0 sacks, four passes defended, an interception, a forced fumble and a safety in 26 games with 21 starts.
- In 2022, Bresee was a second-team All-ACC selection and a Lott IMPACT Trophy quarterfinalist, as he was credited with 16 tackles (5.5 for loss), 2.5 sacks and two passes defended over ten games with seven starts.

- Despite being limited to four contests due to injuries in 2021, Bresee was still a third-team All-ACC selection, credited with 15 tackles (3.0 for loss), 1.5 sacks and an interception over 154 snaps, opening every contest he played. In a win over Georgia Tech, the Damascus, Md. native recorded two tackles for loss, a career-high 1.5 sacks and his first career interception, sealing the game by hauling in a desperation forward lateral attempt on the Yellow Jackets' final play.
- As a freshman in 2020, Bresee, was the ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year, received an *Associated Press* first-team All-ACC selection and consensus freshman All-American, as he was credited with 33 tackles (6.5 for loss), 4.0 sacks, two passes defended, a forced fumble and a safety over 12 games with ten starts. His takedown total was tied for the third-most sacks by a Clemson freshman all-time and the most in the nation by a freshman interior lineman.
- Bresee prepped at Damascus (Md.) High School, where he concluded his career with 134 tackles, including 80.5 for loss, with 35 sacks. He was a consensus first-team High School All-American in 2019, when he had 47 tackles, including 30.5 stops for loss with 14 sacks, while also adding two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and a pass defense in helping his team to a 13-2 record and state championship as a senior. Highly recruited, he picked Clemson after being listed as the No. 1 overall player in the nation by 247Sports and Rivals.com.
- The NFL Draft resumes with the second and third rounds on Friday at 6:00 p.m. CT. New Orleans holds picks in the second (40th overall) and third (71st overall) rounds.



55 ISAAH FOSKEY DE
HEIGHT: 6-5 WEIGHT: 270
COLLEGE: NOTRE DAME
DRAFTED: SECOND ROUND (40th OVERALL)

COLLEGE CAREER – With their second round selection of the 2023 NFL Draft, the New Orleans Saints addressed the defensive line with a productive defender with the 40th overall selection. While with the Saints, the team will look to use his talent, size, strength and speed to the advantage of the defensive line rotation as he adapts to the pro game. During his four collegiate seasons at Notre Dame, where he is the school's all-time sack leader with 26.5 sacks, Foskey finished with career totals of 122 tackles (74 solo), 31.5 stops for loss, seven forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, two passes defended and four blocked punts in 41 games with 27 starts.

2022 – A Walter Camp and AFCA first-team All-American and *Associated Press*, FWAA and CBS Sports/247 Sports second-team All American...In all 12 games he appeared in and started, recorded 45 tackles and led team with 11 sacks for the second straight season, adding 14 tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery...Had four tackles, two stops for loss and 1.5 sacks vs. California, Sept. 17...Finished with five tackles, a stop for loss and a split sack at North Carolina, Sept. 24...Posted five tackles, three stops for loss, a career-high three sacks and blocked two punts to set up a touchdown and a field goal vs. UNLV, Oct. 22...Had four tackles, 2.5 stops for loss and 1.5 sacks at Syracuse, Oct. 29...Finished with four tackles, one stop for loss and one sack vs. Clemson, Nov. 5...Posted a solo tackle/stop for loss/sack and a fumble recovery vs. Boston College, Nov. 19...Finished with five tackles, 2.5 stops for loss, 1.5 sacks and a forced fumble at Southern California, Nov. 26. **2021** – Played and started all 13 games...Named as a Phil Steele third-team All-American and first-team All-Independent as he led the team with a 11 sacks, tied for third in school history, and added 52 tackles, 12.5 tackles for loss, six of the team's 13 forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries...Had a monster night in first career start at Florida State, Sept. 5, with a college career-high eight tackles, two stops for loss and two sacks and one forced fumble...In a victory over Toledo, Sept. 11, had three tackles, one stop for loss and one sack...Had dominant game vs. Purdue, Sept. 18, with four tackles (two solo), a stop for loss/sack and a pass defense...Came up with first career fumble recovery in win paired with three solo tackles against Wisconsin, Sept. 25...Had six

tackles, 1.5 stops for loss and a sack in 32-29 win over Virginia Tech, Oct. 9...recorded five tackles and two stops for loss/sacks vs. Southern California, Oct. 24...Recorded seven tackles and one tackle for loss/sack vs. North Carolina, Oct. 30...Finished with three solo tackles, one tackle for loss/sack and a career-high two forced fumbles in 55-0 blowout victory over Georgia Tech, Nov. 20. **2020** – Played in all 12 games for the Irish, collecting 20 tackles (12 solo, 5.0 stops for loss) and 4.5 sacks for the second-highest total on the Irish defense...Tallied five QB hurries and a pass breakup...Against Duke, Sept. 12, Posted two tackles, 1.5 stops for loss, one sack and one pass defense...Vs. South Florida, Sept. 19, registered two solo tackles, one sack and two QB hurries...In 45-3 win over Pittsburgh, Oct. 24, posted two tackles and a split sack and blocked his second career punt with 0:11 remaining in the first half, returning it for a touchdown for his first career score...Against Georgia Tech, Oct. 31, marked one sack and a tackle in the 31-13 win...In 31-17 win over North Carolina, Nov. 27, posted four tackles and one sack. **2019** – Played in four games as a freshman and made five tackles with a QB hurry and a blocked punt...Blocked a punt in the second quarter of the regular-season finale against Stanford, Nov. 30, adding a pair of tackles including his first career solo stop.

PERSONAL – Prepped at De La Salle (Concord, Calif.) HS, where he helped them to the 2018 North Coast Section Open Division championship...Awarded first-team All Bay Area News Group and East Bay Athletic League as a senior...Had the opportunity to work out with NFL All-Pro defensive lineman Aaron Donald during an offseason family trip to Los Angeles...Father, Terry, served in the U.S. Navy.



25 KENDRE MILLER RB
HEIGHT: 6-0 WEIGHT: 220
COLLEGE: TCU
DRAFTED: 3RD ROUND (71st OVERALL)
BORN: 6/11/02

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Selected in the third round (71st overall) in the 2023 NFL Draft.

COLLEGE CAREER – When Miller remained available early in the third round of the draft, the Saints moved quickly to select the TCU product. Miller arrives in New Orleans following an accomplished career with the Horned Frogs where he was a three-year letterman and posted 2,410 rushing yards and 26 touchdowns, ninth in TCU history, in only 33 games with 17 starts. His 6.7 yards per carry average ranked first nationally among active Power 5 players at the end of the 2022 season. Dating back to the end of the 2021 season and before it was snapped in the College Football Playoff Semifinal early due to a knee injury. His 14 consecutive games with a rushing touchdown was the longest active streak in the nation.

2022 – Named a consensus first-team All-Big 12 selection after starting all 14 games and leading the Horned Frogs with 242 carries for 1,399 yards (6.2 avg.) and 17 touchdowns...Also hauled in 16 passes for 116 yards...The 1,399 yards were the most by a Horned Frog since LaDainian Tomlinson led the nation with 2,158 in 2000...Had a streak of five straight 100-yard games...Topped 100 yards in seven of his last 12 games...Had a rushing touchdown in the opening 13 games, the longest streak by a Horned Frog to begin a campaign, the previous mark being Tomlinson scoring in all 12 contests in 2000...Ran for season-best 158 yards and a TD on 21 carries in 34-24 win over Texas Tech...75-yard TD run, tied for second-longest of his career, was part of 138 yards in the 17-10 win at Texas. **2021** – Placed second on TCU with 623 yards rushing while topping the team with seven touchdowns in ten games with three starts...His 7.5 yards per carry average placed fourth for a season at TCU, giving him two of the top-six marks in program history in his first two seasons...Ran for a career-high 185 yards and three TDs on 12 carries in 52-31 win at Texas Tech. Had scoring runs of 33, 75 and 45 yards to become the only player in the nation in 2021 with three touchdowns of at least 33 yards in the same game. 75-yard carry was the second-longest of his career...Rushed for 102 yards at

Kansas State while tying a career-high with four receptions...Also ran for 112 yards on 12 attempts, including a 56-yard touchdown, in the 31-28 victory over Kansas, his third 100-yard game of season and fourth of his career...His first career receiving touchdown went for 53 yards at Oklahoma. His career-high four receptions against the Sooners nearly equaled his career total of five entering the game. **2020** – His 7.2 yards per carry average ranked fifth for a season in TCU's storied record books...Placed fourth on the team with 388 yards rushing in nine games...Closed the season with his first career 100-yard game as he ran for 136 yards and two touchdowns on just five carries in the 52-10 win over Louisiana Tech. Scored on runs of 38 and 89 yards for his first career touchdowns. The 89-yard score tied for the second-longest run all-time at TCU and was the eighth-longest play in program history...His previous-best game was 67 yards on 10 carries in the 33-31 victory at No. 9 Texas.

PERSONAL – Was a three-star recruit by 247Sports coming out of Mount Enterprise (Texas) HS...Rated as the No. 122 athlete in the nation...Rushed for 2,508 yards and 34 TDs while playing quarterback his senior year...Named the District 10-2A-II Overall Most Valuable Player as a senior...Selected as the Texas Sports Writers Association third-team all-state utility player junior year and first-team All-District.



New Orleans Saints 2023 NFL Draft Day Two Notes

- With the 40th overall pick, the Saints selected Notre Dame defensive end Isaiah Foskey.
- The last time the Saints had the 40th overall pick they selected Indiana cornerback Tracy Porter. Porter played for the Saints from 2008-2011 and in the 2009 postseason had crucial interceptions in both the NFC Championship game and Super Bowl XLIV win.
- Foskey is the 14th player taken from Notre Dame by the Saints all-time. The 14 Notre Dame players, represent the fourth-most selections from a specific college or university by New Orleans.
- Foskey joins cornerback Troy Pride as the second Notre Dame alumnus on the Saints roster.
- The Antioch, Calif. native prepped at De La Salle High School, where he helped led the team to the 2018 North Coast Section Open Division championship
- In four seasons in Notre Dame, Foskey played in 41 games with 25 starts and finished with career totals of 122 tackles (74 solo), a school-record 26.5 sacks, 31.5 stops for loss, seven forced fumbles and four blocked punts with one returned for a touchdown.
- In 2022 as a senior, Foskey was named a team captain and consensus All-American as he started all 12 games he appeared in and posted 45 tackles, a team-leading 11 sacks, 14 stops for loss and one forced fumble.
- As a junior in 2021, Foskey played in all 13 games he appeared in and posted 52 tackles (38 solo), a team-leading 11 sacks, 12.5 stops for loss, six of the Fighting Irish's 13 forced fumbles and added two fumble recoveries.
- As a sophomore in 2020, Foskey played in 13 games and finished with 20 tackles, 4.5 sacks and five stops for loss. He also added a blocked punt returned for a touchdown.
- As a freshman in 2019, Foskey played in four games, recording five tackles and contributing on special teams with one blocked punt.
- With the 71st pick overall, the Saints selected running back Kendre Miller from TCU.
- This is the third time the Saints had made a choice with the 71st overall pick. In 1981, they selected tight end Hoby Brenner, who recorded 267 catches for 3,849 yards and 21 touchdowns. He is a member of the New Orleans Saints Hall of Fame.
- Miller is the second player taken from TCU by the Saints all-time and first since 1974 when Marshall Kent was selected in the 14th round (348th overall).
- Miller joins linebacker Ty Summers as current TCU alums on the New Orleans roster.

- In three seasons at TCU, rushed for 2,410 yards (6.7 yards per carry ranked first nationally among Power 5 players) and 26 touchdowns and caught 29 passes for 229 yards and one touchdown.
- As a junior in 2022, Miller notched a team-best 1,399 yards for 17 touchdowns on 224 attempts in 14 games. It was the highest rushing total for a Horned Frog since LaDainian Tomlinson had 2,158 in 2000 and he was TCU's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2016. Miller also had the longest active streak in the nation with 14 consecutive games with a rushing touchdown dating from the end of the 2021 season, ending in the College Football Playoff semifinal win over Michigan.
- Selected as first-team All-Big 12 and Doak Walker Award Semifinalist in 2022.
- Miller placed second on TCU with 623 yards and a team-best seven touchdowns off 83 attempts in 10 games played as a sophomore in 2021. His 7.5 yards per carry average placed fourth for a season in TCU record books, giving him two of the top-six marks in program history over his first two years.
- As a true freshman in 2022, Miller placed fourth on the team with 388 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 54 attempts (7.2 avg.).
- Prepped at Mount Enterprise (Texas) High School as a quarterback and finished his senior season with 2,508 rushing yards and 34 touchdowns before being converted to a running back in his true freshman season at TCU
- This is the ninth consecutive draft that the Saints have selected either an offensive lineman or defensive lineman in the first or second round
- For the first time since 2017, with the selection of defensive tackle Bryan Bresee in the first round and Foskey in the second round, the Saints have selected two defensive linemen in a draft. This is only the third time in Saints history that New Orleans has selected defensive linemen with their first two picks. In the 1973 NFL Draft, the Saints selected defensive ends Derland Moore and Steve Baumgartner with their top two selections. In 1977, the Saints selected defensive end Joe Campbell and defensive tackle Mike Fultz with their first two picks.
- On Saturday, the final day of the 2023 NFL draft, the Saints are scheduled to have five picks; One fourth round pick (#112), two fifth round choices (#146 and 165) and two seventh round selections (#227 and 257)



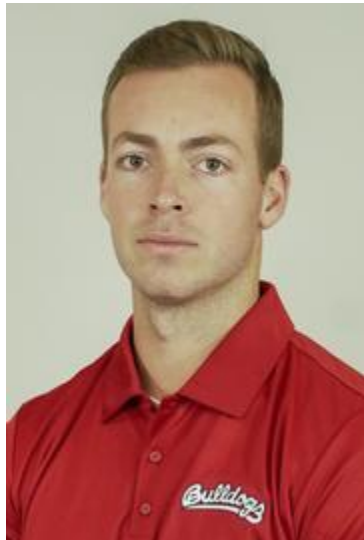
64 NICK SALDIVERI OL
HEIGHT: 6-6 WEIGHT: 316
COLLEGE: OLD DOMINION
DRAFTED: 4th ROUND (103rd OVERALL)
BORN: 8/14/00

COLLEGE CAREER – The Saints selected Nick Saldiveri with the 103rd overall pick in the fourth round of the 2023 NFL Draft. The 6-foot-6, 316-pound offensive lineman was featured predominantly at right tackle during his collegiate career, but has the ability to play multiple positions on the line. A native of Monroe, N.C., Saldiveri started 35-of-38 games over his college career. He started all 11 games in 2022, 10 at right tackle and one at right guard, earning second-team All-Sun Belt honors.

2022 – Started 11 games on the offensive line, one at right guard and 10 at right tackle, earning second-team All-Sun Belt honors...Helped pave the way for Blake Watson to set the ODU single-game rushing record with 259 yards and three TDs at Coastal Carolina. **2021** – Started all 13 games at right tackle, earning third-team All-Conference USA honors...Also saw action at right guard...Became the first offensive lineman in ODU history to score a touchdown when he recovered a fumble in the bowl-eligibility clinching win over Charlotte...Helped lead the way for Watson to become the second player in ODU history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season...ODU ranked fifth in C-USA with 158.3 rush yards per game...Helped ODU set single-game record for rushing yards (358) in the

win over Hampton. **2020** - Season canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic. **2019** – Started 11 games at right tackle as a redshirt freshman, missing one due to injury...One of two ODU freshman to start on the offensive line. **2018** – Redshirted...Appeared in three games against Middle Tennessee, VMI and Rice.

PERSONAL – Graduated with a degree in sport management, being named to the National Football Foundation's Hampshire Society...Saldiveri became the first player from Parkwood (Monroe, N.C.) HS to be selected in the NFL Draft...Earned first-team All-Southern Carolina's Conference...Also on the track and field team throwing the shot put and discus.



14 JAKE HAENER QB
HEIGHT: 6-1 WEIGHT: 200
COLLEGE: FRESNO STATE
DRAFTED: 4th ROUND (127th OVERALL)

COLLEGE CAREER – With their fourth round draft pick, the Saints selected Jake Haener out of Fresno State, who leaves the school as the all-time leader in completion percentage (68.1). In three seasons in Fresno, Haener started 29 games and completed 731-of-1,072 attempts for 9,013 yards, 67 touchdowns and only 15 interceptions, while rushing for eight more TDs. The two-time All-Mountain West selection, Haener won 21 of his 29 starts and ranks in the top five for every major passing statistic in school history.

2022– Started all 10 games played...Suffered ankle injury in game three at USC, and was sidelined for four weeks...Completed 252-of-350 passes for 2,896 yards, 20 touchdowns with only three interceptions...Had a season-high 394 yards passing in return from injury against San Diego State, Oct. 29...Had three of the program's top four single game completion percentages - No. 2 (85.7 vs. Cal Poly), No. 3 (82.8 vs Hawaii'i), and No. 4 (82.4 at UNLV)...Had a season-high four passing touchdowns against Hawaii, Nov. 5...Had at least one passing touchdown in each game, extending his streak to a Mountain West record 29-game streak...Set the program record for best completion percentage in a single season, completing 72.0% of his passes this year. Had six 300-yard passing games on the year, a mark that is the fourth-most in a season in program history. Had a 158.6 passing efficiency, second-highest in a season in program history. Among all MWC passers in 2022, Haener ranked No. 1 in passing yards per game, No. 2 in passing yards, pass completions and passing touchdowns, and No. 3 in pass attempts. Selected as a permanent team captain by his peers. Named the Manning Award Star of the Week, Oct. 31. MWC Offensive Player of the Week two times following his return from injury. Named the Offensive MVP of the Mountain West Championship Game...Accepted an invitation to the 2023 Reese's Senior Bowl, becoming the first Fresno State quarterback to play in the all-star game since Saints teammate Derek Carr in 2014. Named Senior Bowl Most Valuable Player...Received an invitation to NFL Scouting Combine, the first time a Bulldog signal-caller received an invite since Carr. **2021** – Started in all 13 games, completing 329-of-490 passes (67.1%) for 4,096 yards and 33 TDs with only nine interceptions...Ranked No. 8 in the FBS in passing yards per game, averaging 315.1 a game...Was No. 9 in the FBS in passing yards (4,096) and in completions per game (25.31)...Ranked No. 11 among FBS players in total offense per game (316.5 yds/game) and passing touchdowns (33)...Ranked No. 14 in the FBS in points responsible for (218) and was No. 15 in points responsible for per game (16.8)...Was No. 18 in completion percentage among FBS players (0.671)...No. 24 in the FBS in passing efficiency (155.91)...No. 34 in yards per attempt (8.4) and 54 in yards per completion (12.5)...Ranked second in the Mountain West in total offense, total offensive plays, total offensive yards, total touchdowns, passing yards, passing yards per game, pass attempts, and pass completions...No. 9 in conference in pass efficiency...No. 7 in MWC in completion percentage...No. 3 in the MWC in passing touchdowns...His passing yards in 2021 marked just the fourth time a Bulldog quarterback surpassed 4,000 yards passing in a season -

joining Carr and David Carr as the only Bulldogs to do so...His 329 completions and 490 attempts were each the fourth-most in a single season in program history...His 67.1 passing completion percentage is the fourth-best in a season in program history...33 touchdown passes are fourth-most in program history...Had eight 300-yard performances on the year, a mark that's third-most in a season by a Bulldog quarterback...Had one 400-yard passing performance, a career-best 455-yard game at then-No. 13 UCLA, Sept. 18, when he threw for 455 yards on 39-of-53 attempts. His performance that night at the Rose Bowl will be one that is remembered forever in the history books as he led the Bulldogs to a 40-37 victory while battling injury. Haener's 39 completions were the fifth-most in a game in Bulldog records, his 53 attempts were the 11th most, and his 455 yards passing are the 12th most in a game in program history. Earned MWC Offensive Player of the Week...Had a career-best five touchdown passes against UNLV, Sept. 24, the third-most in a game in program history and second-most among MWC quarterbacks on season...Had a career-long 86-yard TD pass in opener against UConn, Aug. 28. It was the tenth-longest TD pass in program history...Was responsible for six touchdowns against Cal Poly (four pass, two rush), the most by an MWC player in 2021...Had five TD passes of 50 or more yards...Nominated season team captain...Fresno State's offense ranked in the Top 30 in the FBS in total offense (No. 14), pass offense (No. 9), first down offense (No. 14), team passing efficiency (No. 18), scoring offense (No. 26) and red zone offense (No. 30) under...Helped Fresno State to two wins over ranked opponents, both on the road. It was the first time Fresno State defeated two Top 25 opponents in a season for the first time since 2004, and the first time both wins came on the road in the program's 100-year history. **2020** – All-MWC honorable mention quarterback...Led the Mountain West and was No. 4 in the NCAA in passing average per game with a 336.8 yard clip...Also led the league and was No. 6 in the NCAA in total offense (339.8 yards/game)...No. 2 in the Mountain West and No. 19 in the NCAA with 153.4 pass efficiency...No. 6 in the NCAA with 25 completions per game...No. 16 in the FBS in yards per pass attempt (8.71)...Ranked No. 20 in points responsible per game (17.3), No. 26 in passing yards per completion (13.47), No. 26 in completion percentage and No. 42 in passing touchdowns and passing yards in the NCAA...Led the Fresno State offense to the top passing and total offense in the Mountain West...Bulldog offense ranked No. 5 in pass offense and No. 17 in total offense in NCAA...Starter for all six games...Completed 150 of 232 (64.7%) passes for 2,021 yards with 14 TDs and three interceptions...Averaged 336.8 yards per game...Had three rushing touchdowns...Had a 71-yard pass at Utah State, Nov. 14...Had four 300-yard passing games and ties for sixth-most all-time for most 300-yard passing games in a season...His four 300-yard passing games puts him tied for sixth-most in a career...He had two 400-yard passing games - at Utah State and at Nevada, Dec. 5...One of four players to have multiple 400-yard passing games in a season at Fresno State...One of eight players in MWC history to have consecutive 400-yard passing games. Had 422 yards at Utah State and 485 at Nevada...41 completions on 65 attempts at Nevada...His 41 completions and 65 attempts are each the third-most in a game in program history in the respective categories...Those numbers were also enough to tie for fourth-most in Mountain West history...Had the eighth- (at Nevada), 16th- (at Utah State) and 47th-best (vs. New Mexico) passing yard performances in program history...Led Fresno State to 105 total offensive plays at Nevada, the most in program history...Was responsible for 76 of the Bulldogs' 105 offensive plays versus the Pack. His 76 plays are the third-most in MW history and most since 2015...He now holds the MW record for most offensive plays by a junior QB, passing the previous mark of 71 in 2013...Posted 502 total offensive yards against Nevada for a 2020 conference-best...Carried Fresno State to the top passing offense and top total offense in the MWC...Fresno State was second in MWC in scoring offense with Haener behind center...Had two punts for 72 yards, one landing inside the 20, at Nevada...Voted captain by teammates...Phil Steele All-MWC third-team...Named to the Fall Academic All-MWC team. **2019** – Sat out season due to NCAA transfer rules. **2018** – Played in four games for the University of Washington...Made his UW debut in the win over North Dakota, going seven-for-seven for 110 yards and a 12-yard touchdown pass...Saw action late in BYU game...One-for-four for 11 yards at California...One-for-two passing in the Husky win over Oregon State. **2017**– Did not see any game action during the 2017 redshirt...Earned the Bob Jarvis Offensive Scout Squad MVP award at the UW postseason awards banquet.

PERSONAL: Named the first-team quarterback on the All-Bay Area Preps team following senior year at Monte Vista (Danville, Calif.) HS...Also first-team All-North Coast Section and All-East Bay Athletic League...Also the All-NorCal first-team quarterback...Finished high school career with 8,464 yards on 597-for-977 passing, with a school-record 90 touchdowns and 24 interceptions over three years and 35 games...As senior, led Mustangs to 12-1 record and the CIF North Coast Section Division I championship. Completed 170-for-279 passes (60.9%) for 2,976 yards, 37 TDs and just eight interceptions as a senior and also rushed for six scores. Threw multiple touchdown passes in 12 of 13 games, and three or more eight times...In 2015, his team went 7-4 and played in the CIF NCS Division I quarterfinals. Went 208-for-321 (64.8% for 3,005 yards, 35 touchdowns and just six interceptions...As sophomore, threw for 2,483 yards on 219-for-377 passing, with 18 TDs and 10 picks...PrepStar All-West Region...Ranked Scout.com's No. 53 quarterback in the nation...No. 20 (rivals.com) and No. 31 (247sports.com) pro-style quarterback prospect...ESPN's No. 28 "pocket passer"...Mother, a television news anchor in Oakland and grandfather both attended UW...Chose to

transfer to Fresno State because his dad grew up in Fresno and he had a lot of family and friends there, an easy choice for him...Recruited out of high school by many Pac-12 schools, Wake Forest and North Carolina...Majored in communications.



31 JORDAN HOWDEN DB
HEIGHT: 6-0 WEIGHT: 209
COLLEGE: MINNESOTA
DRAFTED: 5th ROUND (146th OVERALL)
BORN: 5/11/00

COLLEGE CAREER – The Saints selected Jordan Howden with the 146th overall pick in the fifth round of the 2023 NFL Draft out of Minnesota. The 6-foot, 209-pound defender possesses a combination of speed, instincts and versatility needed to excel on both defense and special teams. The San Diego, Calif. native started 49-of-58 games during his college career with totals of 240 tackles (168 solo), 5.5 stops for loss, 20 passes defended and four interceptions. Heading into his rookie campaign, Howden will look to provide depth in the Saints defensive backfield and contribute on special teams.

2022 – Started all 13 games, recording 58 tackles (40 solo), 3.5 tackles for loss, five passes defended and two interceptions and earned All-Big Ten Honorable Mention honors (media vote)...Posted four tackles, a stop for loss and an interception vs. Western Illinois, Sept. 10...Made four tackles, an interception and broke up a pass against Purdue, Oct. 1...Recorded ten tackles and broke up a pass at Illinois, Oct. 15...Made seven tackles, including a stop for loss, at Penn State, Oct. 22...Broke up two passes and made four tackles at Nebraska, Nov. 5...Made five tackles and half a stop for loss vs. Northwestern, Nov. 12...Had eight tackles vs. Iowa, Nov. 19...Had seven tackles, one stop for loss, broke up one pass and recovered one onside kick in the Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl vs. Syracuse, Dec. 29. **2021** – Started all 12 games he played in and recorded 43 tackles, 1.5 stops for loss and five passes defended...Had seven tackles and broke up a pass vs. Nebraska, Oct. 16...Made six tackles, including 0.5 stop for loss, vs. Illinois, Nov. 6...Made three tackles, a stop for loss and one pass defense, at Indiana, Nov. 20...Had three tackles and a pass defense vs. Wisconsin, Nov. 27...Notched three tackles and broke up two passes vs. West Virginia in Guaranteed Rate Bowl, Dec. 28. **2020** – Started all seven games during COVID-19 pandemic shortened season...Had 37 tackles and a pass defense...Made five tackles against Michigan, Oct. 24...Made eight tackles and broke up one pass at Maryland, Oct. 30...Registered six tackles at Illinois, Nov. 7. **2019** – Played in all 13 games with 12 starts and tallied 57 tackles (40 solo), six passes defended and an interception...Started vs. South Dakota State and tallied career-high 12 tackles (nine solo) with two passes defended, Aug. 29...Broke up two passes and made five tackles in start vs. Fresno State, Sept. 7...Recorded six tackles vs. Purdue, Sept. 28...Sealed win over Penn State with a late game interception in the end zone and recorded six tackles and a pass breakup, Nov. 9...Recorded three tackles including 0.5 for loss at Iowa, Nov. 16...Tallied six stops and broke up a pass vs. Wisconsin, Nov. 30. **2018** - Played in 13 games with five starts and recorded 45 tackles (28 solo), three passes defended and one interception...Made college debut against New Mexico and tallied two tackles, Aug. 30...Recorded eight tackles vs. Nebraska, Oct. 20...Intercepted first career pass, broke up three passes and recorded seven tackles vs. Indiana, Oct. 26...Led team with nine tackles at Illinois, Nov. 3.

PERSONAL - Attended Desert Pines (Las Vegas, Nev.) HS his senior year where he helped lead the Jaguars to a state championship, 10-2 overall record and a 5-0 mark in league play. Notched 45 tackles and three interceptions while earning All-Conference honors senior season. Also lettered in track where he excelled as a senior. Won the NIAA 3A State Championship in the long jump (21-05.00) and was on the relay teams that took first in the 4x100 (42.70) and 4x200 (1:28.87). Placed

fourth in state meet in the 100 meters (11.21)...Played junior season at Vista Murrieta (Murrieta, Calif.) HS, where he had 29 tackles, three sacks and seven passes defended...Father, Ramsese Howden, played football at Grambling State University...Cousin, Saladin Martin, played college football at San Diego University and in the NFL with the New York Giants, New York Jets and San Francisco 49ers.



17 A.T. PERRY WR

HEIGHT: 6-5 WEIGHT: 205

COLLEGE: WAKE FOREST

DRAFTED: 6th Round (195th Overall)

BORN: 10/26/99

COLLEGE CAREER – A big-bodied, sure-handed target who emerged as a key performer for Wake Forest, the Saints selected A.T. Perry in the sixth round of the 2023 NFL Draft. During his college career, Perry set numerous Wake Forest receiving records, including a program record 28 touchdowns, which also is tied for seventh in ACC history. Perry also holds the program record with 15 touchdown receptions during the 2021 season, tied the program record with 12 100-yard receiving games and is the only player in program history to have two double-digit touchdown seasons, doing so during the 2021 and 2022 seasons. For his career, Perry appeared in 43 games and caught 171 passes for 2,662 yards (15.6 avg.) and 28 touchdowns.

2022 – Appeared in 13 games with 12 starts and posted a career-best 81 receptions during his historic 2022 campaign, while finishing with 1,096 receiving yards, the first player in program history to have multiple 1,000-yard receiving seasons. His 81 catches is tied for fourth-most in Deacs history. Ricky Proehl (1986-89) held the previous program record of 25 receiving touchdowns for over 30 years, until Perry took over in the first quarter against Syracuse, rewriting the record book with 5:07 remaining in the first half on a 29-yard TD pass. Snagged another touchdown grab late in the first half to give Wake a 24-21 lead. Three TD receptions tied his career-high and was the most of his historic 2022 season...Had ten or more catches three times during the season including 11 catches for 116 yards in Gasparilla Bowl win over Missouri...Recorded at least one touchdown reception in nine of 13 games during the season...Tallied a career-best 159 yards and a career-best 12 catches against NC State...Caught five passes for 142 yards with a 68-yard touchdown against Vanderbilt...First-team All-ACC for second consecutive season. **2021** – On his way to earning first-team All-ACC Honors and being a Biletnikoff Award semifinalist, set the single-season record with 15 touchdown receptions, three more than any other player in the program's history. Additionally, the total was tied for the fifth-most in ACC history and the third-highest total since 1997. Ended year as just the ninth player in Deacs history to cross over the 1,000-yard barrier, tallying 1,293 receiving yards, ranking second and just 37 yards shy of the program record. Along with Jaquarii Roberson, the duo are the second pair of Wake Forest receivers to both go over 1,000 yards in the same season (2019: Sage Surratt, Kendall Hinton). Found the end zone in 11 of the 14 games while having 100-plus yards in seven contests...Most memorable moment of the season came at Syracuse when all three of Perry's catches (137 receiving yards) went for touchdowns including the game winner in overtime to secure a 40-37 win for the Deacs and a 6-0 start to the season, earning him ACC Receiver of the Week ...Tallied 155 yards on seven receptions (22.1 avg.) and one touchdown in a win over Florida State...Had five receptions of 50-plus yards over course of season. **2020** – Appeared in six games,

catching 15 passes for 211 yards... Reeled in four receptions at NC State, Sept. 19... Caught a five passes for 81 yards against Campbell, Oct. 2...Hauled in first touchdown of the season vs Virginia, Oct. 17. **2019** – Played in nine games and finished with four receptions for 62 yards and a TD...Broke out with three receptions for 34 yards and a touchdown against Elon, Sept. 21. Tallied first receiving TD on a 17-yard completion. **2018** – Redshirted.

PERSONAL – Team captain for Coach Brian Dodds at Park Vista Community, (Lake Worth, Fla.) HS...A three-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN...Rated the No. 18 player on the *Palm Beach Post's* Big Board as senior...No. 17 on the *Sun-Sentinel's* list of top players in Palm Beach County...Named to Florida Athletic Coaches Association All-District team...Earned All-Area, All-Conference and All-County honors...Named All-County in basketball as well...Won county track long jump championship...Helped lead the Cobras to the state playoffs where they upset No. 1 seed Miramar in the first round where he had a pair of touchdown catches...Snagged two touchdown receptions against Palm Beach Gardens, including an 80-yarder...Also saw action at DB...During his junior year earned All-Area honorable mention honors as the Cobras posted a 10-0 regular season record...Named team MVP...Majored in Communications...Mother, Chasity Prescott, ran track at Arizona State.



New Orleans Saints 2023 NFL Draft Day Two Notes

- With the first pick of the fourth round following a trade with Chicago (103rd overall), the Saints selected Old Dominion offensive lineman Nick Saldiveri.
- This is the fourth time that the Saints have picked at 103, with the last time being in 2017 when they selected defensive end Trey Hendrickson.
- Saldiveri is the first player the Saints have ever selected from Old Dominion, making ODU the 178th college or university the Saints have selected a player from.
- Saldiveri is the third player to be selected in an NFL Draft in Old Dominion history. He is the only Old Dominion alum on the Saints roster.
- This is the third consecutive year New Orleans has picked a player from the Sun Belt Conference, after the Saints picked Appalachian State linebacker D'Marco Jackson in the fourth round in 2022.
- A four-year letterman (ODU didn't play in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic), the Waxhaw, N.C. native played in 38 games with 35 (34 at right tackle, one at right guard).
- In 2022, Saldiveri started 11 games and helped pave the way for ODU RB Blake Watson to set the school's single-game rushing yard record with 259 yards and three touchdowns at Coastal Carolina. Selected as second-team All-Sun Belt and invited to play in the Reese's Senior Bowl
- In 2021, as a redshirt sophomore, Saldiveri earned third-team All-Conference USA recognition by Phil Steele and was a Conference USA Honorable Mention selection as he became the first offensive lineman in ODU history to score a touchdown when he recovered a fumble in the bowl-eligibility clinching win over Charlotte. Also helped lead the way for Watson to become the second player in ODU history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season and blocked for a rushing game that set ODU's single-game record for rushing yards with 358 in a win over Hampton.
- As a redshirt freshman in 2019, started 11 games at right tackle.
- With the 127th overall pick, the Saints selected Fresno State quarterback Jake Haener.
- This is the third time that the Saints have picked at 127, with the last time being in 2018 when they selected tackle Rick Leonard from Florida State
- Haener is the third all-time former Bulldog the Saints have selected in a draft. He joins QB Derek Carr and FB Adam Prentice (played graduate transfer year at South Carolina) as the third Fresno State alum on the roster.

- In four years at Fresno State after transferring from the University of Washington, Haener played in 30 games for the Bulldogs with 29 starts and completed 755 of 1,082 passes (school-record 68.1 completion percentage) for 9,013 yards (fourth all-time in Fresno State record books) and 67 touchdowns (fifth all-time in Bulldog records)
- Named the Reese's Senior Bowl Most Valuable Player, where he was coached during the practice week and game by Saints passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach Ronald Curry and offensive assistant DJ Williams
- As a fifth-year senior in 2022, Haener started all 10 games he appeared in, completing 252-of-350 pass attempts for 2,896 yards and 20 touchdowns with only three interceptions. Selected as consensus first-team All-Mountain West. Recorded three of the program's top four single-game completion percentages. Had at least one passing touchdown in each game, extending his streak to a Mountain West record 29-games. Set the program record for best completion percentage in a single season (72.0%), while ranking first among all Mountain West passers in passing yards per game, second in passing yards, completions and passing touchdowns, and third in attempts.
- In 2021, started all 13 games and completed 329-of-490 attempts (67.1%) for 4,096 yards (FBS No. 9 ranked and only the fourth Bulldog to surpass 4,000 yards) and 33 touchdowns. Led Fresno State's offense who ranked Top 30 in FBS in total offense (No. 14), passing offense (No. 9), first down offense (No. 14), team passing efficiency (No. 18), scoring offense (No. 26) and red zone offense (No. 30). Served as the signal caller against two road wins against ranked opponents, the first time both wins came on the road in the 100-year history of the program.
- As a junior in 2020, was a starter for all six games (COVID-19 shortened season), completing 150-of-232 passes for 2,021 passing yards and 14 touchdowns. Led the team to the top passing offense, top total offense and second-ranked scoring offense in the Mountain West
- Haener joined Fresno State as a sophomore in 2019 after transferring from the University of Washington, where he played in four games. Sat out the 2019 season due to NCAA transfer rules
- Prepped at Monte Vista (Danville, Calif.) High School, where he finished his career going 597-of-977 passing for 8,464 yards and a school-record 90 touchdowns in 35 games over three years. Led the Mustangs to multiple CIF North Coast Section Division I playoff appearances, including the Championship game as a senior.
- With the 146th pick, the Saints selected Minnesota defensive back Jordan Howden.
- This is the second time in Saints history that they've selected at 146, the first time being in 1979.
- Howden is the sixth pick all-time from Minnesota by the Saints. He is the only former Gopher currently on the roster.
- It is the fifth consecutive year that the Saints have selected a player from the Big Ten Conference, with the most recent being the 2022 first round pick Chris Olave, who became the third rookie in Saints history to record over 1,000 receiving yards.
- Howden started 49 of 58 career games he played in for the Gophers, recording 240 tackles (168 solo), 5.5 stops for loss, 20 passes defensed and four interceptions. Selected to the Academic All-Big Ten Team for four consecutive years (2019-2022).
- As a fifth-year senior in 2022, started all 13 games and made 58 tackles (40 solo), 3.5 stops for loss, five passes defensed and two interceptions.
- In 2021 as a senior, Howden started all 12 games he played in, recording 43 tackles, 1.5 stops for loss and five passes defensed.
- Howden played in seven games as a junior in 2020, notching 37 tackles and one pass breakup.
- In 2019 as a sophomore, he played in all 13 games, starting 12 and finishing with 57 tackles (40 solo), six pass breakups and one interception.
- As a freshman in 2018, played in 13 games and started five. Recorded 45 tackles (28 solo), three pass breakups and one interception.
- Prepped at Desert Pines (Las Vegas, Nev.) HS, where he played his senior year and helped lead the team to a state championship. Also lettered in track and won the NIAA 3A State Championship in long jump while participating on the relay teams that took first in the 4x100 and 4x200.
- With the 195th pick, the Saints selected Wake Forest wide receiver A.T. Perry. New Orleans moved up to the 195th slot after a trade with Denver in exchange for tight end Adam Trautman and a seventh round pick.
- This is the third time the Saints have picked at 195, with the last time they picked at this position being in 2000 (cornerback Michael Hawthorne).

- Perry is the sixth player to be selected by the Saints from Wake Forest and the only former Deacon currently on the roster.
- Perry is the second player from the Atlantic Coast Conference to be selected by the Saints in the 2023 NFL Draft, with Clemson defensive tackle Bryan Bresee being drafted in the first round by New Orleans.
- In four years at Wake Forest, Perry played in 43 career games and had 171 receptions (sixth in program history) for 2,662 yards (third in school history) and 28 touchdowns (tied for seventh in ACC history).
- As a redshirt junior in 2022, played in 13 games and recorded 81 receptions (fourth in school history) for 1,096 yards and 11 touchdowns. Became the first player in Wake Forest history to record multiple 1,000-yard receiving seasons and two double-digit touchdown seasons (2021 and 2022), and tied the program record with 12 100-yard receiving. Selected as first-team All-ACC for second consecutive season.
- Played in 14 games and finished with 71 receptions for 1,293 yards and 15 touchdowns (school single-season record and fifth most in ACC history) as a redshirt sophomore in 2021.
- As a redshirt sophomore in 2020, appeared in six games, catching 15 passes for 211 yards.
- In 2019 as a redshirt freshman, played in nine games and finished the campaign with four receptions for 62 yards and a touchdown.
- Prepped at Park Vista Community (Lake Worth, Fla.) High School, where he earned all-area, all-conference and all-county honors also earning All-Palm Beach County honors in basketball and winning the County track long jump championship.
- This is the first time the Saints have selected seven players in a draft since the 2018 NFL Draft. Out of the seven picks, five different conferences were represented among the picks, in addition to independent Notre Dame.
- With the selections of Bresee, defensive end Isaiah Foskey and Saldiveri, it marks the first time New Orleans has selected three linemen in the same draft since 2017 (tackle Ryan Ramczyk, Hendrickson and defensive end Trey Hendrickson).



40 Nick Anderson LB
Tulane (5-11, 230)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms, 4/30/23...Four-year letterman, two-year starter and team captain who played in 50 games with 25 starts, recording 283 tackles (177 solo), 29 stops for loss (tied for tenth all-time at Tulane), 10.5 sacks, six passes defended, three forced fumbles, a fumble recovered and a blocked kick...As a senior in 2022, second-team All-AAC selection, started all 14 games and ranked second on the team in tackles with 113 (62 unassisted) and two forced fumbles and fourth on the team with seven stops for loss and two sacks. Total tackles also ranked eighth in the AAC as he was honored as AAC Defensive Player of the Week twice. Selected as a member of the National Football Foundation's 2023 Hampshire Honor Society and won Tulane Athletics Male Teammate of the Year award...As a junior in 2021, started all nine games he appeared in and finished with 56 tackles (third on team despite missing three games), 7.5 stops for loss, four sacks, one pass defended, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery...As a sophomore in 2020, appeared in 12 games and posted 88 tackles (ranked second on the team), and added 10.5 stops for loss and 3.5 sacks for a loss of 19 yards...As a freshman in 2019, appeared in all 13 games with one start and finished with 26 tackles, two stops for loss, one sack and one pass defended...Graduated with a degree in Homeland Security...Prior to Tulane spent a semester at Jones County Junior College, where he played with fellow Green Wave teammate Deuce Watts and two-time CFP National Champion Stetson Bennett. In his lone season, led the Bobcats with 74 tackles (58 solo) and ranked 43rd national in total tackles and 11th in the nation in solo tackles. Also added two sacks, 8.5 stops for loss and one forced fumble

as he helped Jones to the MACJC championship game and a Mississippi Bowl win over Eastern Arizona. Received honorable mention NCJAA All-American honors and joined Tulane after just one semester in junior College...Played linebacker at Vicksburg (Miss.) High School, where he was a two-time *Vicksburg Post* Defensive Player of the Year...In 2017, he helped the defense lead the team to a playoff appearance with 114 tackles and 14 sacks. In 2016, he led the Gator defense with 136 tackles and five sacks and helped his team reach the playoffs with a 9-4 record...Mother once kept him out of football when he got a B+ in a class...Graduated third in his high school class...Grandfather George Flaggs Jr. is the mayor of Vicksburg...Born Jan. 27, 2000.



81 Sy Barnett WR
Davenport (6-0, 192)
NFL Experience: 1

Agreed to terms with Saints, 4/30/23...Played one year at Davenport University in 2022 after he finished four-year career at Ferris State...In 2022, named to the Don Hansen Division II All-America Team as an honorable mention selection and was also named first-team All-GLIAC, as he finished with 53 catches for 694 yards and four touchdowns. He set single-season school records in receptions and receiving yards in a season. Barnett also contributed on special teams with nine punt returns for 59 yards, two kickoff returns for 25 yards, and 19 punts for 798 yards including a school-record record of 87 yards on a punt at Ferris State, Nov. 5...Member of the national champion Ferris State squad in 2021, when he played in 12 games and finished with 12 receptions for 166 yards and one TD. Also handled kicking duties going seven-for-ten on field goal attempts and 51-of-57 in PATs...Member of the Bulldogs' 2019 GLIAC Championship and NCAA Semifinalist team, when he helped FSU to a sixth-straight NCAA Division II Playoff berth and a 12-1 overall record. Appeared in 11 games before being injured in playoffs, when he caught team-high 34 passes for 781 yards and five TDs. Also ran for 70 yards and a TD. All-Conference honoree...Key member of Bulldog team that reached the NCAA Division II National Championship game and matched an all-time NCAA wins record with 15 victories in 2018. Started at wide receiver in 2018 and caught a team-high 43 passes for 1,003 yards (23.3 avg.) and nine touchdowns...Redshirted in 2017 as team reached NCAA Division II National Quarterfinals...Majored in marketing...Prepped at Williamston (Mich.) HS under coach Steve Kersten after transferring from Charlotte (Mich.) HS during junior campaign...All-purpose standout who served as team's kicker and wide receiver...Earned Class B All-Area recognition during his junior season ... competed in both basketball and football...Member of Charlotte's 2015 Class B District Championship basketball squad...Named to 2016 *Associated Press* Division 3-4 All-State first-team...Caught 50 passes for 852 yards and 10 TDs senior season. Had more than 300 yards rushing with three TDs...*Lansing State Journal* Dream Team...Favorite movie is Avatar.



77 Jerron Cage DT
Ohio State (6-2, 305)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms with Saints, 5/1/23...Played in 42 games over five seasons (2018-22) for Ohio State and started five times, including three games in 2022. Finished with career totals of 33 tackles, nine tackles for losses and three sacks....In 2022, he played in 12 games for the Buckeyes with three starts and posted 12 tackles (five solo), 2.5 stops for loss and 1.5 sacks...In 2021, he appeared in 11 contests with three starts and finished with ten tackles (four solo) and one takedown...In 2020, recorded five tackles (one solo), including 0.5 stop for loss/sack...Graduated in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in consumer and family financial services...Attended Winton Woods (Cincinnati, Ohio) HS...Two-time AP Division II first-team all-state DL...Was a unanimous 4-star prospect rated among the Top 15 defensive tackles in his class...Member of the ESPN 300 (No. 138) and the No. 3 player in the state according to ESPN...The No. 2 tackle in Midwest according to Scout...PrepStar Top 300 All-American...First-team MaxPreps/JJ Huddle all-Ohio selection...Two-time *Cincinnati Enquirer* all-area selection...A three-year starter for head coach Andre Parker, Cage recorded 43 tackles-for-loss for his career, a total that includes 24 quarterback sacks...The three-time all-Southwest District performer was its defensive player of the year in 2015 as a junior when he posted 48 tackles, including 10 sacks...Led Winton Woods defenders with 81 tackles as a senior...Was a standout wrestler throughout his high school career under the direction of head coach Jason Dean...Has an older brother, Daniel, who started 11 games along the defensive line for Notre Dame in 2015 and 2016.



80 Shaq Davis WR
South Carolina State (6-5, 217)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms with Saints as an undrafted free agent, 4/30/23...Summerville, S.C. native was a four-year letterman at South Carolina State and finished with career totals of 116 receptions for 2,452 yards (21.1 avg.) with 25 touchdowns...Enjoyed his finest season in 2021, when he made 43 catches for 864 yards (20.1 avg.) and eight touchdowns, helping the Bulldogs capture the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship and then defeating Jackson State in the Celebration Bowl. Davis was named the game's Most Valuable Player of the stunning 31-10 win over Jackson State, recording five receptions for 95 yards (19.0 avg.) with three touchdowns...In 2022, in nine games, made 29 catches for 662 yards (22.8 avg.) with seven touchdowns and was invited to participate in the East West Shrine Bowl...In a COVID-19 shortened season in 2020, had 13 catches for 294 yards (21.0 avg.) and four TDs...Played in 11 games in 2019 and posted 31 grabs for 632 yards (20.4 avg.) and six TDs...Played both football and basketball at Summerville (S.C.) HS.



73 Mark Evans II OL
Arkansas Pine Bluff (6-4, 295)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms with the New Orleans Saints, 4/30/23...Appeared in 45 games with 40 starts, primarily at LT, for Arkansas Pine Bluff...Started all ten games at LT in 2022, earning first-team All-SWAC for third consecutive season...Started all ten games at LT in 2021, earning first-team All-SWAC for second consecutive season...Started all five games he played in at LT in the spring, 2021 (2020 season postponed due to COVID-19), helping the Golden Lions reach the SWAC championship game, earning his first of three consecutive first-team All-SWAC selections...Started every game at left tackle in 2019, emerging as one of the league's top linemen. Offensive line allowed second-fewest sacks in SWAC (18). Helped Taeyler Porter become only third player in program history with back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons. Offense posted seven games of 30+ points or more, including back-to-back 50+ point games at Alabama A&M, Sept. 7 and vs. Langston, Sept. 14. Offensive unit posted season-best 614 total yards at Alabama A&M, Sept. 7, one of eight 400+ yard total offense games on season...Started four-of-nine games as a freshman in 2018. Offense produced four 500+-yard total offense games, including season-high 579 vs. Morehouse, Sept. 1. Opened holes for Porter's career-best 38-carry, 226-yard 3-TD game at Grambling, Oct. 27...Participated in the 2023 HBCU Legacy Bowl and the event's combine which took place at the Ochsner Sports Performance Center...Prepped at C.E. King High School in Houston, Texas.



88 Malik Flowers WR
Montana (6-2, 20)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms, 5/3/23... played from 2018-22 at Montana and appeared in 52 games. For his career, he returned 92 kickoffs for a Big Sky conference-record 2,659 yards (school-best 28.9 avg.) with seven touchdowns, which is tied for an FCS record with current Saint Rashid Shaheed. Flowers also caught 51 passes for 716 yards with four touchdowns and carried 16 times for 251 yards (15.7 avg.) with one score...In 2022, earned second-team FCS All-America honors from Stats Perform and Phil Steele Magazine and second-team All-Big Sky, when in 13 games, he brought back 20 kickoffs for 615 yards (30.8 avg.) with two touchdowns, set career-highs in pass catching production with 31 receptions for 460 yards with two touchdowns and carried three times for 59 yards (19.7 avg.)...In 2021, returned 18 kickoffs for 488 yards with two touchdowns, caught 14 passes for 210 yards (15.0 avg.) with two touchdowns and carried 12 times for 143 yards (11.9 avg.) with one touchdown.. Ranked third in FCS with an average of 30.5 yards per return, which earned him HERO Sports and Phil Steele second-team All-American kick returner honors and first-team All-Big Sky...Enjoyed his most productive season in the return game in 2019, when he played in all 14 games and returned 32 kickoffs for 879 yards (27.5 avg.) with two touchdowns to earn Phil Steele second-team All-American honors...Earned Phil Steele second-team freshman All-American in 2018, when he returned 22

kickoffs for 607 yards (27.6 avg.) with a 95-yard touchdown at Western Illinois...Sociology major...Prepped at A.B. Miller (Fontana, Calif.) HS.



47 Blake Grupe K
Notre Dame (5-7, 156)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms, 4/30/23...After playing at Arkansas State from 2017-21, played a graduate campaign at Notre Dame in 2022...He led Notre Dame in points scored during his lone season, scoring 91 points on 14-of-19 on field goals and a perfect 49-for-49 in point after attempts....In 2021 at Arkansas State, connected on 20-of-25 field goals on the season. His 20 field goal ranks second in single-season school history. Finished the season with 91 points, tying for the sixth most points by kicking in school history. Climbed to the top of the A-State career record books, taking over first place for career points by kicking (354), field goals made (64), PAT made (162) and scoring among all players (354)...In 2020, fourth in the Sun Belt for points by kicking (6.9 pg) and sixth among all players in the league. Ranked sixth in the SBC in field goals made (11) while posting the third-most extra points (43). Led A-State in scoring for the third consecutive season with 76 total points, which were the 45th most in the nation. His 43 extra points made tied the sixth most in school history for a single season...In 2019, his 110 points by kicking broke the single-season school record, were the second-most in the Sun Belt and 13th in the nation. His points total also ranked as the second most scored in school history by any player, regardless of position. Ranked second in the Sun Belt in points per game among all players, and his 8.5 average was the 26th highest in the country. Made 19-of-22 field goals for an .864 percentage that led the conference and ranked 16th in the FBS. His 19 field goals made were the second most in school history for a single season and just two shy of the school record, while also ranking second in the Sun Belt. Scored at least eight points in 10 games and posted a double-figure total in six outings...In 2018, played in the last 11 games of the season after taking over placekicking duties in the third game of the year against Tulsa. Made 14-of-21 field goals for a .667 percentage. Led the team in scoring with 77 points, also ranking fifth in the Sun Belt with 7.0 points per game. 1.27 field goals per game was the third-highest average in the SBC...Earned bachelor's degree in business administration from ASU in the spring of 2020...Prepped at Smith-Cotton (Sedalia, Mo.) HS...Combined nine-time varsity letterman in the sports of football, soccer and baseball...2016 Missouri high school all-state selection in both football and soccer...Holds the single-season and career records at Smith-Cotton for field goals...Rated as a 4.5 star kicker by Kohl's Kicking Academy.



39 Lou Hedley P
Miami (Fla.) (6-4, 220)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms with Saints, 4/30/23... Played in 47 games for the University of Miami from 2019-22 and punted 206 times for 9,315 yards with a 45.2 gross punting average and 77 inside-the-20... Played in 12 games in 2022 and punted 46 times for 2,084 yards with 23 inside-the-20. In 13-12 win at Virginia, Oct. 29, dropped five punts inside-the-20... Earned All-ACC second-team honors in 2021 and selected semifinalist for Ray Guy Award honoring nation's top punter. Averaged 44.9 yards per punt on 47 punts with a long of 62. Totaled 11 punts of 50 yards or more. Dropped 19 punts inside opponents' 20-yard line. Saw action in first 11 games of season. Dropped six punts inside 20-yard line against Appalachian State, Sept. 11. Averaged season-best 50 yards per punt against Central Connecticut State, Sept. 25. Had season-long punt of 62 yards against Virginia, Sept. 30... Delivered one of finest seasons ever by a Hurricanes punter in 2020. Named finalist for Ray Guy Award... Recognized with *Associated Press* second-team All-America honors and earned second-team All-ACC. Named ACC Specialist of the Week twice. Ranked No. 2 in FBS in regular season in punting (47.3 yards per punt). Helped lead Miami to FBS-leading net punting average during the regular season. Saw action in all ten games and averaged 47.3 yards per punt and a long of 60 yards. Had 19 punts of 50-or-more yards. Had only two touchbacks and landed 13 punts inside opponents' 20-yard line. Had 24 of his 46 punts fair caught. Connected on season-long 60-yard punt in home win over Pittsburgh, Oct. 17. Named ACC Specialist of the Week after performance against Panthers. Had best single-game punting average of season in win over Hokies (52.4), earning ACC Specialist of the Week honors. Landed three punts inside Hokies' 20-yard line... In 2019, averaged 43.9 yards per punt on 64 punts. Ranked No. 26 in FBS in punting. Made UM debut in opener vs. Florida, Aug. 24, averaging 42.5 yards on four punts. Had long punt of 49 yards. Averaged 45.0 yards on three punts with long of 49 yards at North Carolina, Sept. 7. Had career-long 67-yard punt against Georgia Tech, Oct. 19. Punted seven times, including 67-yard punt, in win at Pittsburgh, Oct. 26. Punted five times for average of 45.8 in win at Florida State, Nov. 2, including 65-yard punt. Boomed 61-yard punt in game versus FIU, Nov. 23. Totaled career-high 11 punts in regular season finale at Duke, Nov. 30. Averaged 41.2 yards on nine punts in Walk-On's Independence Bowl against Louisiana Tech, Dec. 26... Redshirted in 2018 to preserve eligibility... Averaged 38.6 yards per punt on the season with long punt of 59 yards in 2017 at City College of San Francisco. Had eight punts downed inside-the-20 and seven punts fair caught over 10 games in 2017. Ran three times on fake punts for 75 yards, including long of 56 yards... Former Australian Rules Football player from Mandurah, Australia.



36 Anthony Johnson DB
Virginia (6-2, 205)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms with Saints, 4/30/23...In six college seasons for Virginia (2021-22) and Louisville (2018-20), appeared in 55 games with 27 starts and posted 138 tackles (94 solo), seven interceptions, three forced fumbles and 38 passes defended...Started all 10 games at cornerback for the Cavaliers and was one of five team captains voted on by the players at the end of the season. Finished with 51 tackles (34 solo), three stops for loss, two interceptions and 14 passes defended. Tied for second in the ACC and 18th in the nation in passes defended, as he was selected as a consensus first-team All-ACC selection, the team's defensive MVP and participated in the Senior Bowl...Appeared in all 12 of UVA's games and started in 11 in 2021. Eighth in ACC in passes defended (nine). Seventh in the ACC in interceptions with three. Fifth on the team in total tackles with 44, two for loss. Named to the Pro Football Focus All-ACC third-team...Appeared in 32 career games with five starts for Louisville, making 42 career tackles, four stops for loss, two interceptions and 15 passes defended...Played in eight of Louisville's 11 games in 2020 with one start. The only player in Cardinal football history to break up a pass on three consecutive plays, a feat he accomplished in 2020 against Florida State...In 2019 Johnson made 27 tackles, 2.0 stops for loss, seven passes defended, had one interception, forced three fumbles and one recovery for the Cardinals...Graduated from Louisville with a degree in marketing and was pursuing a master's in educational psychology from UVA...A 2017 graduate of Chaminade-Madonna (Hollywood, Fla.) Prep, where he played cornerback for head coach Dameon Jones...Earned All-State and All-Broward County honors as a senior in 2016...Made 30 stops with 10 passes defended and three interceptions in 2015...Named a three-star recruit by ESPN.com, Rivals.com and 247Sports.com...Ranked No. 89 on ESPN's top 300 safeties...Also participated in track & field at Chaminade-Madonna...Enjoys fishing and the outdoors in spare time.



58 Anfernee Orji LB
Vanderbilt (6-2, 230)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms with New Orleans Saints, 4/30/23...A four-year contributor at linebacker for Vanderbilt, who led the Commodores in tackles for three straight seasons...In 2022 as a senior, he logged 103 tackles, three forced fumbles and returned a fumble 28 yards for a touchdown in a win over Hawaii to capture second-team Phil Steele All-Southeastern Conference honors...In 2021, led team with 93 tackles and 13 tackles for loss, starting all 12 games. Added one sack, one pass break-up, two QB hurries and a forced fumble. Made 13 tackles at Colorado State, most by a Commodore in a game during 2021 campaign. Recorded three tackles for loss in win over UConn, most in a game

by a Vandy player that season. Had at least one tackle for loss in eight of 12 games on the year, including six of eight SEC games...In 2020, nine games played and started and recorded 66 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, one sack, two pass breakups and one caused fumble. Led the team in tackles. Had career-high 13 tackles, the most for a Commodore in 2020, in home finale vs. Tennessee...In 2019, played in nine games and recorded six tackles and one pass defense, including two stops against Kentucky...Communications and science technology major...Prepped at Rockwall (Texas) HS, where he was a four-star prospect by Rivals and a three-star prospect by ESPN and 247Sports...Recorded 299 tackles and five interceptions in four-year varsity career...94 tackles and pair of interception returns for touchdown as senior co-captain...Varsity letters in football, track and wrestling...Born in Dallas...Full name is Anfernee Chikezie Orji...Two brothers, Alston and Alex. Alston played football for Vanderbilt and Alex is a quarterback at Michigan...Played in school orchestra from fifth to 11th grade...Is of Nigerian-American lineage...Worked at a Subway in high school.



65 Alex Philstrom OL
Illinois (6-6, 305)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms, 4/30/23...Played at Illinois from 2017-22 and appeared in 38 career games with 25 starts along the offensive line for the Illini...As a senior in 2022, started all 13 games at center, as part of the first offensive line in Illinois history to be named a Joe Moore Award finalist and selected All-Big Ten second-team by conference coaches, as well as Academic All-Big Ten for the third time...Played in 12 games with five starts in 2021...Played in all eight games and started two at left guard in 2020, after being awarded a scholarship by head coach Lovie Smith on Nov. 5...Made first career start against Purdue, Oct. 31...Played in one game at tight end in 2019...Graduated with a bachelor's degree in recreation, sport and tourism and pursuing a master's degree in strategic brand communication...2016 All-West Suburban Silver and Academic All-State as a senior at Glenbard West (Glen Ellyn, Ill.) HS, also helping the team to a state title in 2015...Also played basketball and tennis...Father, Mike, played football at Minnesota from 1984-88...Born on April 28, 1999.



34 SaRodorick Thompson RB
Teas Tech (6-0, 220)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms with New Orleans Saints, 4/30/23...One of the top RBs in Texas Tech history as a three-time All-Big 12 performer...Closed career with 2,664 rushing yards and 40 TDs off 540 carries...Multi-dimensional back that was able to contribute in the passing game with 91 receptions for 520 receiving yards and a TD...Ended college career third all-time in program history with 40 career rushing TDs...Finished tied with Michael Crabtree (2007-08) for fourth in career total

touchdowns as well as seventh on the career scoring chart with 246 points.... Closed his Red Raider career with another strong season to place his name among the all-time greats at Texas Tech... Appeared in all 13 games with six starts in 2022 and totaled 684 rushing yards and seven touchdowns on the ground via 139 carries (team best 4.9 avg.)... Marked his third season of career with at least 600 yards... Added 23 catches in the passing game for 119 yards and another score... Recorded 23 carries that went at least 10 yards with four hitting 20 or more yards with one at 30 yards... Received 10 or more carries in five different games, all during Big 12 play... All seven of his rushing touchdowns came either during Big 12 play or the bowl game... Totaled at least 50 all-purpose yards in 10 different games and reached the 100-yard mark once... In 2021, appeared in 11 games overall with six starts... Despite missing two games, rushed for 500 yards and 10 TDs on 107 carries (4.7 avg.)... Led the team in attempts and rushing TDs... Hauled in six passes out of the backfield, resulting in 113 yards (18.8 avg.)... Each of his six catches came during Big 12 play as did all but four of his carries on the ground... Hit the 80 rushing mark three times overall and had one 100-yard performance... Posted 17 carries that went at least 10 yards, 11 that went 20 or more yards and one that resulted in at least a 30-yard gain... In 2020, closed the year with 610 rushing yards and eight touchdowns on the ground on 109 attempts... Added 21 receptions for 124 yards... Finished with 734 all-purpose yards, which ranked second on the team... Was the team leader not only in rushing yards but also for scoring (48 points), carries, total touchdowns and rushing yards per game (61.0)... Received at least 10 carries in five games and eclipsed 60 or more rushing yards in five games as well... Participated on special teams as well as a member of punt coverage... In 2019, Led Red Raiders in rushing as only a redshirt freshman, when he appeared in all 12 games, while making seven starts... Became only the eighth Red Raider to lead the team in rushing as a freshman... Totaled 765 yards and 12 touchdowns on the ground on 160 carries... Bulk of carries and yardage came during Big 12 play where he was one of the league's top running backs... Added 39 catches for 154 yards, ranking fourth on the team in receptions... Received at least 10 carries in eight games overall, all in conference play... Rushed for at least 80 yards five times with one 100-yard game... Also picked up two special teams tackles... In 2019, appeared in four games and totaled 105 yards and three touchdowns off 25 carries and caught two passes for ten yards... graduated with a bachelor's degree in university studies in 2022... Three-year standout for Ranchview (Irving, Texas) HS... Totaled over 3,000 yards on the ground during his prep career... Rushed for 1,370 yards on 164 carries (8.4 yards per carry) as a senior. Found the end zone 20 times on the ground that season en route to collecting District 6-4A Co-Offensive MVP honors. Finished with 137 receiving yards and two TDs off just eight receptions (17.1 avg.)... Successful senior campaign came after a breakout year as a junior in 2016, when he recorded 1,150 yards and 12 touchdowns on the ground while adding 216 yards and four touchdowns off 12 receptions in the passing game. Averaged 6.6 yards per carry as a junior... Collected District 6-4A Offensive MVP honors that year as well... Debuted with 543 rushing yards and three touchdowns on just 58 attempts as a sophomore in 2015 (9.4 yards per carry)... Also a member of the school's track and field program... Born October 1, 1999.



85 Joel Wilson TE
Central Michigan (6-4, 250)
NFL Experience: R

Agreed to terms with Saints, 4/30/23... Wilson was a four-year letterman at Central Michigan, appearing in 34 games with 23 starts and finishing with 82 receptions for 874 yards (10.7 avg.) and 12 touchdowns with a 25.7 average per game... His best season came in 2022, where he led the Chippewas in both touchdown receptions (six) and yards receiving per game (49.4) and ranked second on the team in scoring (38 points), receptions (44), and receiving yards (445)... Following the season's ninth week, ranked second nationally among tight ends in receptions and receiving yards... Led the Chippewas in receiving in three games... Scored touchdowns in six of nine games and at least one touchdown in four consecutive games from Sept. 10-Oct. 1... Finished with six receptions for 64 yards in the season opener at Oklahoma State, Sept. 1... Finished with a then

career-high seven receptions for 73 yards and a touchdown vs. South Alabama, Sept. 10... Caught three passes for 28 yards and a touchdown vs. Bucknell, Sept. 17... Registered five receptions for 59 yards and a touchdown at Penn State, Sept. 24... Scored a touchdown, caught four passes for 43 yards at Toledo, Oct. 1... Finished with six receptions for 52 yards vs. Ball State Oct. 8... Finished with a career-high eight receptions for a season-high 75 yards and a touchdown vs. Bowling Green, Oct. 22... Caught three passes for 33 yard and a touchdown, including a 23-yard reception at Northern Illinois, Nov. 2... Played in all 13 games, starting 11 at tight end in 2021... Caught 31 passes for 367 yards and six touchdowns... Ranked third on the team in touchdown receptions, fourth in receiving yards, and fifth in receptions... Had seven catches for 92 yards at Miami (Ohio), Oct. 2; both totals were season highs... Caught two passes, both for touchdowns, vs. Kent State, Nov. 10... Hauled in three passes for 41 yards and a touchdown vs. Washington State in the Sun Bowl, Dec. 31... Appeared in five games with three starts in 2020, making five receptions for 50 yards... Played in three games in 2019... Made first career start against San Diego State in the New Mexico Bowl, Dec. 21... Appeared in four games in 2018... Played quarterback at Petoskey (Mich.), throwing 11 touchdown passes as a senior... Also ran for 450 yards and scored seven TDs in 2017... Threw for more than 2,000 yards in his high school career... Earned honorable mention *Associated Press* Division 3-4 all-state... Also played linebacker.