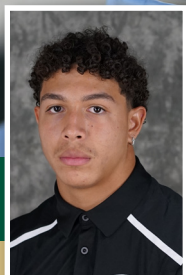




MEET THE HORNETS



31 JOSH AGUILAR

LB | 6-3 | 205 | Fr. | San Jose, Calif. | Bellarmine HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate of Bellarmine HS in San Jose, Calif.
- Finished his senior season with 53 total tackles, including six for loss.
- Set his season high with 10 stops against Archbishop Mitty HS.
- Recorded a pair of TFLs against Menlo-Atherton HS and Archbishop Mitty HS.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in business.
- Mother is Elizabeth Wells.

HOMETOWN

San Jose, Calif.

- The third most populous city in California and the 10th-largest in the United States with a population just over a million.
- Incorporated in 1850.
- Is the home to numerous tech companies.

HIGH SCHOOL

Bellarmino Bells

- An all-boys, Jesuit, private secondary school located in San Jose, Calif.
- Founded in 1851, it is the oldest Jesuit secondary school in California and the second-oldest west of the Mississippi River.
- Notable alumni include former NFL quarterback Dan Paterini, former Idaho head coach Nick Holt, MLB players Pat Burrell, Kevin Frandsen and Mark Canha and four-time Olympic medalist Conn Findlay (rowing, sailing).



94 BEN AHIO

DL | 6-4 | 269 | Sr. | Fresno, Calif. | Hoover HS | Fresno City JC

2023 SEASON

- Appeared in all 13 games on the defensive line.
- Recorded 16 total tackles, including seven solos.
- Had a sack at Northern Colorado and a half-sack in the win at Stanford.
- Intercepted a pass in the first round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs at North Dakota.
- Had two tackles in six games for his season high.

2022 SEASON

- Saw action against Portland State where he recorded two tackles.
- Also played against Idaho.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played two seasons at Fresno City College where he appeared in five games each year.
- Team was 4-1 in games he played in 2021.
- Had a season-high four tackles against American River JC.
- Credited with a sack against Santa Rosa JC and San Mateo JC.
- As a freshman in 2019, he had four tackles at West Hills Coalinga JC for his highest total.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2019 graduate of Hoover HS in Fresno, Calif.
- Was credited with 72 tackles, including 20 for loss, as a senior.
- That total also included four sacks and five forced fumbles.
- Had at least three tackles in all 11 games and had five or more stops in eight games.
- Set his career high with 12 tackles against Monache HS and had 11 against Roosevelt HS.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in criminal justice.

HOMETOWN

Fresno, Calif.

- Located in the heart of the Central Valley of California.
- Is the fifth most populous city in California and the 34th largest in the US.
- Founded in 1872 as a railway station of the Central Pacific Railroad before it was incorporated in 1885.

HIGH SCHOOL

Hoover Patriots

- Established in 1963.
- Named for Herbert Hoover - the 31st US President.
- Notable alumni include NFL veterans Henry Ellard and Mychal Kendricks and NASA Teacher In Space astronaut Barbara Morgan.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Fresno City Rams

- Established in 1910.
- School has won numerous California state titles in football, basketball, baseball and track.
- Notable alumni include sociologist Harry Edwards, NFL Hall of Famer Tom Flores, MLB Hall of Famer Tom Seaver, NBA veteran Rafer Alston and former Hornet and NFL veteran Daimon Shelton.

AHIO'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2022	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2023	7-9	16	2.0-8	1.5-5	0	1-12	0	0-0
totals	8-10	18	2.0-8	1.5-5	0	1-12	0	0-0



29 KOA AKUI

S | 5-10 | 187 | So. | Hilo, Hawaii | Hilo HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in seven games during the year on special teams and at safety.
- Made seven total tackles, including four solos.
- Credited with two tackles at Montana for his season high.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Hilo HS in 2022.
- Played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back.
- Represented the Big Island in the 2022 Polynesian Bowl.
- Named first team all-Big Island Football as a senior.
- Earned the conference Offensive Player of the Year.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Wade Akui and Holly Cantere.

HOMETOWN

Hilo, Hawaii

- Located on the Island of Hawaii (the Big Island).
- Has two shield volcanoes on the island, including Mauna Loa.
- Is the site of the Mauna Kea observatory.
- One of the largest producers of macadamia nuts.

HIGH SCHOOL

Hilo Vikings

- Established in 1906.
- Notable alumni include UFC Hall of Famer BJ Penn and author Robert Kiyosaki.

AKUI'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2023	4-3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



8 DAIZON ALLEN

CB | 6-1 | 186 | So. | Fresno, Calif. | Bullard HS

2023 SEASON

- Did not appear in a game during the season.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Appeared in the game at Weber State.
- Did not record any statistics.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Bullard HS in Fresno, Calif.
- Played three varsity seasons for the Knights.
- Named to the Fresno Bee All-Area team following his junior and senior seasons.
- Caught 53 passes for 672 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior.
- Had at least one reception in each of the team's 14 games and caught touchdowns in six games.
- Helped Bullard to a Central Section Div. II title and a berth in the CIF NorCal Div. 2-AA game.
- Finished his career with 105 career receptions for 1,443 yards and 21 touchdowns.
- Also played on defense where he had 76 career tackles and three career interceptions.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in political science.
- Mother is Shelda Allen.

HOMETOWN

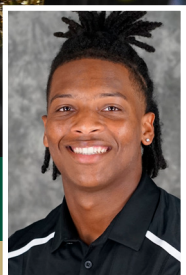
Fresno, Calif.

- Located in the heart of the Central Valley of California.
- Is the fifth most populous city in California and the 34th largest in the US.
- Founded in 1872 as a railway station of the Central Pacific Railroad before it was incorporated in 1885.

HIGH SCHOOL

Bullard Knights

- Founded in 1955.
- Alumni include former MLB player and current announcer Rex Hudler, record-setting Fresno State quarterback Kevin Sweeney and former Hornet running back Marcus Fulcher.



16 JASON AUZENNE

WR | 6-1 | 185 | Fr. | East Palo Alto, Calif. | Palo Alto HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Palo Alto HS in 2024.
- A two-star recruit from 247Sports.
- Named first team all-Bay Area and first team all-league as a senior.
- Earned the Max Preps team Offensive Player of the Year award that same season.
- Finished his career with 91 receptions for 1,675 yards and 22 touchdowns.
- Had a breakout senior season where he caught 61 passes for 1,220 yards and 15 TDs.
- Recorded at least two receptions in all 14 games.
- Had five or more catches in eight games, including a season-high eight against Mountain View HS.
- Produced six 100-yard performances during the season, led by 180 against Hillsdale HS on seven receptions.
- Caught TD passes in nine games, including four with multiple scores.
- Had four touchdown catches against Homestead HS.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in electrical engineering.
- Parents are Jason and Michaun Auzenne.
- Has three older sisters.

HOMETOWN

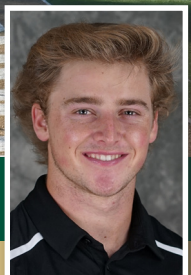
Palo Alto, Calif.

- Located in Santa Clara County, 20 miles northwest of San Jose and 33 miles south of San Francisco.
- Established by Leland Stanford when he opened Stanford University in 1894.
- Was the founding location of Apple, Google, Facebook, Logitech, Tesla, Intuit, IDEO, Pinterest, and PayPal.

HIGH SCHOOL

Palo Alto Vikings

- Originally founded as a private school in 1894 but switched to a public school four years later.
- Located across the street from Stanford University.
- A two-time National Blue Ribbon school.
- Notable alumni include NFL wide receiver Devante Adams, folk singer Joan Baez, actor James Franco, author Erle Stanley Gardner, NFL coach Jim Harbaugh, former NBA player Jeremy Lin, MLB player Joc Pederson and rock singer Grace Slick.



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LUKE BAKER

QB | 5-11 | 185 | Fr. | Alamo, Calif. | San Ramon Valley HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate from San Ramon Valley HS.
- A three-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Threw for 7,259 yards and 83 touchdowns during his career.
- As a senior, he threw for 3,347 yards and 37 touchdowns with 11 interceptions while completing 232-of-377 attempts.
- Named the East Bay Athletic League MVP and was a first team all-league selection.
- Passed for over 300 yards in five games with a high of 385 against Foothill HS and 394 against Elk Grove HS.
- Tossed at least one touchdown pass in all 13 games and had multiple TDs in nine contests.
- Set his career high with six TD passes against Elk Grove HS and had five against Liberty HS and Foothill HS.
- Rushed for 476 yards and four touchdowns during his senior season.
- Compiled 3,733 passing yards with 46 touchdowns and 12 interceptions as a junior.
- Completed 270-of-420 passes for a .643 completion percentage.
- Named first team all-EBAL and was the Bay Area Player of the Year.
- Threw for a career high 513 yards and five touchdowns against McClymonds HS.
- Also had five TD passes against Liberty HS and Berkeley HS.
- Team won the NorCal Div. 2-A championship and played for a state title that season.
- Also played baseball where he was an all-league selection.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in applied mathematics.
- Parents are Kevin and Darlene Baker.
- Has two brothers and two sisters.

HOMETOWN

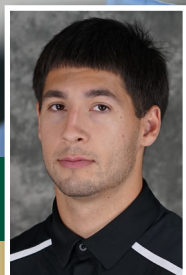
Alamo, Calif.

- An incorporated area in Contra Costa County.
- Located 28 miles east of San Francisco.
- 2020 population was 15,314.

HIGH SCHOOL

San Ramon Valley Wolves

- Established in 1910 and located in Danville, Calif.
- Alumni include former Sacramento State player and Super Bowl champion John Gesek, current Cal men's basketball head coach Mark Madsen, longtime De La Salle head coach Bob Ladouceur and Counting Crows drummer Jim Bogios.



5 JORDAN BARTON

QB | 6-0 | 185 | Jr. | La Verne, Calif. | Damien HS | Riverside JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played two seasons at Riverside JC (2021, 2023).
- Named the State Offensive Player of the Year, Region III Offensive Player of the Year and National Division Southern League Offensive Player of the Year in 2023.
- Guided Riverside JC to the California 3C2A title with a 24-21 win over College of San Mateo.
- Led the state with 35 touchdown passes as a sophomore.
- Threw for 3,990 yards and completed 72.6 percent of his passes (280-388).
- Also rushed for 154 yards and seven touchdowns.
- Amassed over 300 passing yards in six games, including a career high 524 yards at Mt. SAC JC.
- Had at least one touchdown pass in 12 games, including two or more in nine contests.
- Tossed six TD passes at Southwestern JC, five at Long Beach City JC and four against El Camino and at Mt. SAC JC.
- Played the 2022 season at UT-Permian Basin.
- Redshirted during the year, after appearing in one game.
- Completed 10-of-19 passes for 246 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions against Angelo State.
- As a freshman at Riverside JC in 2021, he appeared in 10 games.
- Threw for 2,398 yards and 19 touchdowns.
- Highest yardage total was 322 against Palomar JC.
- Had five touchdown passes against Chaffey JC.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2020 graduate of Damien HS in La Verne, Calif.
- Threw for 3,446 yards and 25 touchdowns in three varsity seasons.
- Rushed for 444 yards and six touchdowns during his career.
- Had 2,294 passing yards with 16 touchdowns as a junior.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Len and Marie Barton.

HOMETOWN

La Verne, Calif.

- Located 32 miles east of Los Angeles.
- Incorporated in 1906.
- Is home to the University of La Verne.

HIGH SCHOOL

Damien Spartnas

- An all-boys private Catholic high school in La Verne, Calif.
- Established in 1959 as Pomona Catholic Boys High School and changed its name in 1967.
- Notable alumni include MLB veteran Mark McGwire and ESPN Basketball Bracketologist Joe Lunardi.
- Sacramento State offensive coordinator Bobby Fr-esques and current Hornet linebacker Chase Jackson are also graduates of the school.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Riverside Tigers

- Established in 1916.
- Have produced eight MLB players.
- Was the first head coaching job for Jerry Tarkanian.
- Fellow Hornet Jordan Barton also played at Riverside.



1 KAIDEN BENNETT

QB | 6-0 | 188 | Sr. | Sparks, Nev. | Folsom HS | Nevada

2023 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games during the season, starting 10 at quarterback.
- Finished the season with 2,767 yards of total offense which placed him seventh in school history.
- Accounted for 22 touchdowns to tie for 10th in Hornet single-season history.
- Passed for 2,190 yards while completing 182-of-283 passes with 16 touchdowns and eight interceptions.
- His .643 completion percentage ranks second in school single-season history and is the best for a player with at least 200 attempts.
- Threw for at least one touchdown in 10 games, including the first eight of the year.
- Had multiple passing touchdowns in four contests, including three TD passes at Northern Colorado and UC Davis.
- Set his career high with 279 passing yards and a touchdown pass at Stanford.
- Finished that game with 379 yards of total offense and a pair of touchdowns accounted for to earn Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week.
- Ranked second on the team with 577 rushing yards and was third with six rushing TDs.
- Amassed 126 rushing yards and two scores in the first round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs at North Dakota.
- Also surpassed the century mark with 101 rushing yards against Texas A&M-Commerce and 100 at Stanford.
- Rushed for a TD in four games.

2022 SEASON

- Played in six games at quarterback.
- Completed 4-of-7 passes for 26 yards and also rushed for 72 yards on 12 carries.
- Opened the year by completing both of his pass attempts for a total of 10 yards against Utah Tech.
- Also had two completions against Northern Colorado.

BENNETT'S CAREER STATS

year	c-a	pct	yds	ypg	td-int	rush	yds	td
2021	2-2	1.000	18	3.6	0-0	6	28	0
2022	4-7	.571	26	4.3	0-1	12	72	0
2023	182-283	.643	2,192	168.6	16-8	130	577	6
totals	188-292	.644	2,236	93.2	16-9	148	677	6

- Rushed for 59 yards against the Bears and added 21 at Eastern Washington with a season long carry of 19 yards.

2021 SEASON

- Saw action in five games as a reserve quarterback.
- Completed both of his pass attempts for 18 yards during the year and also rushed for 31 yards on seven carries.
- Made his Hornet debut at Cal where he had a 9-yard pass to fellow quarterback Asher O'Hara.
- Had a season-high 20-yard rush in the home win over Southern Utah.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Originally committed to Boise State and was an early enrollee in the spring of 2019.
- Transferred to Nevada where he redshirted during the 2020 season.

HIGH SCHOOL

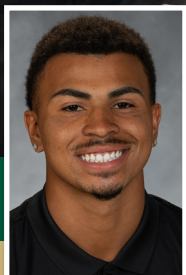
- Graduated midyear from Folsom HS in the winter of 2018.
- Was a three-start prospect according to ESPN, 247Sports and Rivals.
- A dual-threat quarterback who was rated 25th at his position nationally by 247Sports, and 31st by ESPN.
- One of the top 100 recruits in the state of California according to both ESPN (92) and Rivals (97).
- A two-year starter who concluded his career with more than 8,500 yards passing and 2,000 yards rushing.
- Saw action as a sophomore, completing 11-of-13 passes for 227 yards (.846) and two touchdowns.
- Picked up 351 yards and nine TDs on 63 carries.
- Also returned kickoffs, averaging 17.0 yards on 12 returns.
- As a junior, he completed 264-of-394 passes for 4,431

yards (.670), 57 TDs and 13 interceptions, helping to lead the Bulldogs to the CIF State Division I-AA Championship.

- Also rushed 188 times for 1,218 yards and 16 scores.
- Named the Sacramento Bee all-Metro Offensive Player of the Year, MaxPreps all-Northern California and Sierra Foothill League Co-Offensive Most Valuable Player following the season.
- In his final prep campaign, completed 197-of-268 passes for 3,993 yards (.735), 60 TDs and just four interceptions en route to a second-straight state championship.
- Rushed 62 times for 431 yards and 12 TDs.
- Named Offensive Most Valuable Player in the SFL following the season.
- Concluded his prep career with a record of 30-1 as the starter.
- Was coached by current Hornet Assistant Head Coach Kris Richardson and quarterbacks coach Bobby Fresques at Folsom HS.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in communications and is pursuing a second bachelor's in recreation administration.
- Son of Derek and Jasmine Bennett.
- Has two brothers, Jawon and AJ, and one sister, Stella.
- Grew up in Sparks before moving to Folsom, Calif. to play high school football.
- Lists Cam Newton as his sports hero.



1 KAIDEN BENNETT

QB | 6-0 | 188 | Sr. | Sparks, Nev. | Folsom HS | Nevada

2023 SEASON

Date	Opponent	PASSING						RUSHING			
		C-A	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
8/31	at Nicholls	11-16	0	68.8	221	2	47	10	38	1	14
9/9	Tex. A&M-Commerce	14-22	1	63.6	176	1	33	10	101	2	40
9/16	at Stanford	21-33	2	63.6	279	1	49	13	100	1	28
9/23	at Idaho	15-29	0	51.7	234	2	49	11	9	0	8
9/30	Northern Arizona	18-27	0	66.7	257	1	44	22	76	0	24
10/14	at Northern Colorado	23-29	0	79.3	187	3	24	13	16	0	10
10/21	Montana State	26-42	2	61.9	234	1	24	6	22	0	17
10/28	Idaho State	7-11	1	63.6	79	1	23	11	45	0	13
11/4	at Montana	8-17	0	47.1	52	0	12	12	42	0	9
11/18	at UC Davis	19-28	1	67.9	232	3	35	7	3	0	11
11/25	at North Dakota	17-22	0	77.3	207	1	38	13	126	2	36
12/2	at South Dakota	3-7	1	42.9	34	0	23	2	-1	0	1
Totals		182-283	8	64.3	2192	16	49	130	577	6	40

2022 SEASON

Date	Opponent	PASSING						RUSHING			
		C-A	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
9/4	Utah Tech	2-2	0	100.0	14	0	10	1	-2	0	0
10/1	at Cal Poly	0-1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/8	Northern Colorado	2-4	0	50.0	12	0	11	7	59	0	12
10/15	at Eastern Washington	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	3	21	0	19
11/11	at Portland State	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	-6	0	0
Totals		4-7	1	.571	26	0	11	12	72	0	19

2021 SEASON

Date	Opponent	PASSING						RUSHING			
		C-A	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
9/18	at California	1-1	0	100.0	9	0	9	0	0	0	0
10/9	Southern Utah	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	20	0	20
10/23	Northern Arizona	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	2	4	0	4
11/06	Cal Poly	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	2	1	0	4
11/13	Portland State	1-1	0	100.0	9	0	9	1	3	0	3
Totals		2-2	0		18	0	9	6	28	0	20

HOMETOWN

Sparks, Nev.

- Located just east of Reno, Nev.
- Home of the Tesla gigafactory.
- Named for former Nevada governor John Sparks.

HOMETOWN

Folsom Bulldogs

- Located just east of Sacramento (about 20 miles from Sacramento State).
- Opened in 1922.
- School has won four CIF state football titles.
- Alumni include QB Jake Browning, OL Jonah Williams and DB Jordan Richards.
- Fellow Hornets Cameron Broussard, Bryce Buck, Parker Clayton, Gavin Davis-Smith, Tyler Hardeman, DeShawn Lynch, Dylan Jorge, Caleb Nelson and Kaden Richardson are all graduates of Folsom HS.



35 HUNTER BOEDEDEKER

LB | 6-0 | 222 | Fr. | Santa Barbara, Calif. | Bishop Diego HS

2023 SEASON

- Appeared in nine games with the majority of the action coming on special teams.
- Was credited with a tackle at Montana.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Bishop Diego HS in Santa Barbara, Calif.
- Played three varsity seasons for the Cardinals.
- Credited with 54 tackles, including seven for loss, as a senior.
- Ended the year with a season best 10 stops against Alemany HS in a Southern Section Div. 2 playoff game.
- Had at least two tackles in all 11 games in which he played.
- Recorded a sack against Oxnard HS and Redondo Union HS.
- Also had an interception against Redondo Union and forced a fumble against Oxnard.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Parents are Matt and Kerri Boeddeker.

HOMETOWN

Santa Barbara, Calif.

- Located on the Central Coast of California, 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles.
- Incorporated in 1850.
- Was originally settled by the Chumash Indians and then controlled by the Spanish in 1769.

HIGH SCHOOL

Bishop Diego Cardinals

- A private high school in Santa Barbara.
- Opened in 1959 and is named after California's first bishop, Bishop Francisco Garcia Diego y Moreno.
- Enrollment was 263 in 2021-22.

BOEDEDEKER'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2023	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



14 CURRON BORDERS

RB | 5-7 | 184 | So. | Sacramento, Calif. | Antelope HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the year.
- Appeared in one game where he had two carries for four yards against Idaho State.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Rushed for 3,574 yards and 50 touchdowns in three varsity seasons for the Titans.
- Ended his high school career with 1,368 yard and 18 touchdowns in 11 games as a senior.
- Averaged 6.5 yards per carry during the season and had five games over 100 yards.
- Ran for 267 yards and four touchdowns against River City HS.
- Also had 184 yards and two scores against Whitney HS.
- Scored at least one touchdown in every game and had multiple rushing TDs in four games.
- Added 24 receptions for 360 yards and three touchdowns.
- As a junior, he rushed for 2,039 yards and 32 touchdowns.
- Posted three 300-yard efforts with 321 against Woodcreek HS, 315 against Placer HS, and 302 against Roseville HS.
- Rushed for at least 100 yards in the first nine games of the year.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Mother is Patrice Redick.

HOMETOWN

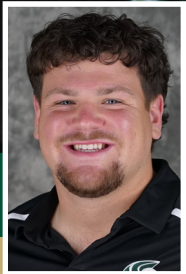
Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- Is the center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- Is the fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

Antelope Titans

- Opened in the fall of 2019 with the first graduating class coming in 2011.
- Alumni include former Sacramento players Mister Harriel and Elijah Dotson.



95 MASON BROSSSEAU

DL | 6-3 | 276 | Jr. | Hanford, Calif. | Hanford HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in 12 games as a reserve member of the defensive line.
- Was credited with 14 total tackles, including three sacks.
- Had three tackles at Northern Colorado for his season high and added two stops in four games.
- Recorded a sack against Idaho, Northern Colorado and Idaho State with each resulting in a 7-yard loss.
- Added three quarterback hurries during the season.

2022 SEASON

- Appeared on the defensive line against Utah Tech and Northern Colorado.
- Was credited with a solo tackle in both games.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season after playing in four games.
- Saw action in home games against Northern Arizona, Cal Poly and Portland State as well as at UC Davis.
- Was credited with a tackle against PSU.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Hanford HS.
- Named to the Cal-Hi Sports all-state medium schools first team.
- Had 38 tackles in four games as a senior, with at least eight stops in each contest.
- Was credited with 9.5 sacks and had a minimum of two sacks in each game.
- Recorded a season-high 11 tackles, including five solos against Tulare Union HS.
- Had four TFLs against Lemmore HS and Edison HS,
- Recovered a blocked punt and returned it for a touchdown against Lemmore HS.

- Was named the West Yosemite League Lineman of the Year following the 2019 season.
- Earned second team all-West Yosemite League as a sophomore.
- Helped lead the Bullpups to undefeated WYL seasons in 2018 and 2019.
- Played on both sides of the ball where he recorded 61 total tackles, including 16 TFLs and three sacks as a junior.
- Was credited with 41 tackles with 3.0 for loss the previous season.
- Also competed in track and field and wrestling.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Scott and Teri Brosseau.

HOMETOWN

Hanford, Calif.

- Located in the Central Valley and is the county seat of Kings County.
- Was incorporated in 1891.

HIGH SCHOOL

Hanford Bullpups

- Opened in 1892.
- Notable alumni include UFC fighter Chad Mendes, actor Jan-Michael Vincent and former Hornet tight end DJ Maciel.

BROSSEAU'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2022	2-0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2023	6-8	14	3.0-21	3.0-21	0	0-0	0	0-0
totals	8-9	17	3.0-21	3.0-21	0	0-0	0	0-0



3 AJON BRYANT

RB | 5-6 | 152 | Fr. | Santa Ana, Calif. | Mater Dei HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate of Mater Dei HS in Santa Ana, Calif.
- A three-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals.
- Played four varsity seasons for the Monarchs.
- Mater Dei posted a 37-2 overall record during his final three seasons and won the CIF Open Division state title in 2021 and 2023.
- Finished his career with 1,268 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns.
- Amassed 510 rushing yards as a senior while averaging 6.9 yards per carry.
- Biggest output came against Orange Lutheran HS where he had 155 yards and a pair of touchdowns.
- Scored three TDs against JSerra HS.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in exercise science.
- Parents are Alisha Pomaran and Alexander Bryant.

HOMETOWN

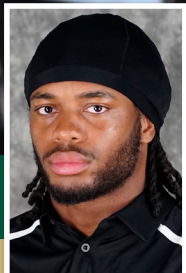
Santa Ana, Calif.

- Is the county seat of Orange County.
- The second most populous city in Orange County only behind Anaheim.
- Was settled in 1810 as Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana.
- Incorporated in 1866.

HIGH SCHOOL

Mater Dei Monarchs

- A private coed high school in Santa Ana, Calif.
- Opened in 1950 and was the first Catholic high school in Orange County.
- Football team has won the mythical national title in 1994, 1996, 2017, 2018, 2020, and 2021.
- Notable alumni include Heisman Trophy winners John Huarte, Matt Leinart and Bryce Young, NFL wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown, quarterbacks Matt Barkley, Todd Marinovich and Colt Brennan, and current Colorado Rockies Ryan McMahon.



13 ZEKE BURNETT

RB | 5-10 | 202 | So. | Sacramento, Calif. | Elk Grove HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in eight games during the year.
- Rushed for 216 yards and a touchdown while averaging 8.0 yards per carry.
- Had 143 yards on just nine carries against Idaho State.
- Recorded a pair of rushes over 50 yards against the Bengals with a long of 55 yards.
- That effort was the highest rushing output of the year on the team and tied him for 83rd all-time in school history.
- Scored his first career touchdown with a 7-yard rush against Northern Arizona.
- Caught a pass for 10 yards against Montana State.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Elk Grove HS in 2022.
- A three-star recruit from 247sports and Rivals.
- Was the Delta League MVP as a senior.
- Rushed for 1,534 yards and 27 touchdowns in 2021.
- Had eight 100-yard games, including three with 200-plus yards during the season.
- Averaged 8.4 yards per rush and 127.8 yards per game.
- Ran for 233 yards and three touchdowns against Cosumnes Oaks HS for his season best.
- Had touchdowns in nine games and scored multiple TDs in eight contests.
- Score five touchdowns against Lincoln HS and Pleasant Grove HS and had four against Gregori HS.
- Was coached at Elk Grove HS by former Hornet John Heffernan.
- Played his sophomore season at Capital Christian HS where he rushed for 1,001 yards and 11 touchdowns.
- Posted 152 yards and three touchdowns against

Christian Brothers HS for his best performance of the year.

- As a freshman, he rushed for 271 yards and three scores.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in business.
- Parents are Ike Burnett and Chi Chi Anyanwu.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- Is the center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- Is the fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

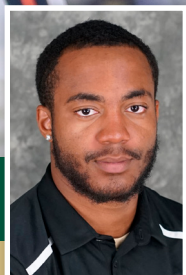
HIGH SCHOOL

Elk Grove Thundering Herd

- Opened in 1893 and was the first unionized high school in California.
- Notable alumni include agent Scott Boras, NBA veteran Bill Cartwright, NFL LB Lance Briggs, former MLB player/manager Buck Martinez, and current MLB players Dylan Carlson, JD Davis, Rowdy Tellez and Nick Madrigal.
- Fellow Hornet Hunter Hall also graduated from Elk Grove HS.

BURNETT'S CAREER STATS

year	att	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm	rec	yds	td
2023	27	216	8.0	1	55	27.0	1	10	0



28 DEJUAN BUTLER

NB | 5-11 | 206 | Gr. | Antioch, Calif. | Antioch HS | California

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Spent four years at California where he appeared in 16 games and recorded seven tackles with a forced fumble.
- Did not play during the 2020 season and redshirted in 2021 after playing in two games.
- Appeared in nine games in 2022 and was credited with four tackles.
- Tallied two tackles and forced a fumble against Colorado.
- Also had two stops against Oregon.
- Played in five games in 2023.
- Lone tackle came at Washington.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Antioch HS in 2020.
- Was a three-star recruit from 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals.
- Ranked as the 56th best cornerback in the country by 247Sports.
- Contributed 126 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, two interceptions that he returned for 17 yards and 18 pass breakups on defense as a senior.
- Rushed for 543 yards and seven touchdowns on 51 attempts as well as 16 receptions for 208 yards and two touchdowns in addition to two rushing two-point conversions on offense.
- Earned Bay Valley Athletic League Defensive Player of the Year as a senior when he had 42 tackles, 1.0 tackle-for-loss, one interception that he returned for 17 yards and four pass breakups on defense.

- Had 35 rushes for 380 yards and six touchdowns as well as four receptions for 110 yards and one touchdown in addition to a pair of rushing two-point conversions on offense.
- Recorded 48 tackles, 1.0 TFL, one interception and nine pass breakups on defense for a 7-4 team that was the top seed in the North Coast Section Div. I playoffs as a junior.
- Also contributed five rushes for 37 yards as well as 12 receptions for 98 yards and one touchdown on offense that same season.
- Contributed 27 tackles, 2.0 TFLs and five pass breakups on defense as a sophomore.
- Added 11 rushes for 126 yards one touchdown on the ground on offense for a team that finished 8-4 overall and reached the semifinals of the North Coast Section Div. I playoffs.
- Played in three games as a freshman and had nine tackles for a team that finished 8-5 and was the runner-up at the North Coast Section Div. I playoffs
- A two-sport athlete who was also a prep champion in the 200 meters.

PERSONAL

- Earned his bachelor's degree from Cal.
- Is pursuing a second bachelor's in communications.
- Parents are David Butler and Carmen Harris.

HOMETOWN

Antioch, Calif.

- The third-largest city in Contra Costa County.
- Located 65 miles southwest of Sacramento and 45 miles northeast of San Francisco.
- Was settled in 1848 by John Marsh.
- Incorporated in 1872.

HIGH SCHOOL

Antioch Panthers

- A public high school which opened in 1955.
- Notable alumni include NFL Hall of Famer Gino Marchetti and current Pittsburgh Steelers running back Najee Harris.

BUTLER'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021*	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2022*	2-2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1	0-0
2023*	1-2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
totals	4-4	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1	0-0

* While playing at Cal



83 MEKHEI BYRD

WR | 5-11 | 171 | Fr. | Sacramento, Calif. | Natomas HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Played one season of football at Natomas HS where he produced 1,666 all-purpose yards and scored 18 touchdowns.
- Caught 26 passes for 548 yards (21.1 yards per catch) and scored eight touchdowns.
- Tallied 117 receiving yards against Florin HS and 101 against Johnson HS for his two best totals.
- Also rushed for 502 yards during the year on 43 attempts (11.7 yards per rush).
- Ended the season with 145 yards against Johnson HS and 123 against Lincoln HS in his final two games.
- Was a dynamic kick and punt returner averaging 28.0 yards per kickoff return and 81.0 yards per punt return.
- Had punt returns of 90 and 72 yards during the season.
- Also plays basketball for the Nighthawks where he's averaged 10.0 points per game.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Parents are Balewa and Tameika Byrd.
- Is one of seven children (four boys, three girls).
- Brother, BJ, played at Jacksonville and Morehead State and was drafted by the Houston Roughnecks of the XFL.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- The center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- The fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

Natomas Nighthawks

- Opened in 1997 and was the first high school of the Natomas Unified School District.
- Alumni include Daniel Cuevas who is a member of the United State U-20 national soccer team.



47 AJ CAMPOS

LS | 6-2 | 228 | Jr. | Upland, Calif. | Upland HS

2023 SEASON

- Served as the team's long snapper in all 13 games.
- Was perfect on snaps for PATs, field goals and punts all season.

2022 SEASON

- Appeared in all 13 games as a long snapper.
- Made two tackles on punt coverage during the year with solo stops against Montana and UC Davis.
- Played a large role in the kicking game which did not miss a PAT all season and made 17-of-20 field goal attempts.
- Earned Big Sky all-academic honors.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Upland HS.
- Played three varsity seasons as the long snapper for the Scots.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Kelly Janusz and Arthur Campos.

HOMETOWN

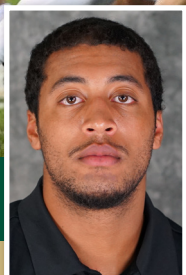
Upland, Calif.

- Located in San Bernardino County
- Was incorporated in 1906.
- Previously known as North Ontario.
- Located in the San Gabriel Mountains.

HIGH SCHOOL

Hilo Vikings

- Established in 1955.
- Notable alumni include MLB Hall of Famer Rollie Fingers.



19 JOSH CASHIOLA

DL | 6-3 | 229 | Sr. | Houston, Texas | Strake Jesuit Prep HS | Fresno City JC

2023 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games as a reserve defensive end in his first season with the Hornets.
- Credited with 27 total tackles, including 11 solos.
- Had 4.5 tackles-for-loss and two sacks amongst his total.
- Added three QB hurries during the year.
- Tallied seven tackles with two for loss in the win over Northern Arizona.
- Had four tackles with a sack at Montana.
- Other sack came against Cal Poly.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played the 2022 season at Fresno City JC.
- Was credited with 24 total tackles in nine games for the Rams.
- Had at least two tackles in the final eight games of the season.
- Set his season high with six solo stops, including a sack, against College of the Sequoias JC.
- Forced a fumble and had a PBU at Sacramento City JC.
- Started his college career at the University of San Diego where he played during the spring 2020-21 season and in 2021.
- Had one solo tackle in two career games.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2020 graduate of Strake Jesuit Prep HS in Houston, Texas.
- Only played football during his senior year.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in ethnic studies.
- Parents are Lisa Cashiola and Jamarion White.
- Dad was a running back at Stephen F. Austin in 1992.

HOMETOWN

Houston, Texas

- The fourth-most populous city in the United States and the sixth-most in North America with a 2020 population of 2.3 million.
- Covering 640 square miles, Houston is the ninth-most expansive city in the US.
- Was incorporated in 1837.

HIGH SCHOOL

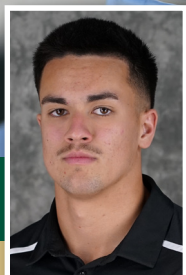
Strake Jesuit Crusaders

- Opened in 1960.
- Is the largest Catholic high school in Houston.
- Notable alumni include NCAA track champion Matthew Boling, several professional athletes and politicians.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Fresno City Rams

- Established in 1910.
- School has won numerous California state titles in football, basketball, baseball and track.
- Notable alumni include sociologist Harry Edwards, NFL Hall of Famer Tom Flores, MLB Hall of Famer Tom Seaver, NBA veteran Rafer Alston and former Hornet and NFL veteran Daimon Shelton.



46 CALEB CHENNAULT

LB | 6-0 | 220 | Jr. | Hanford, Calif. | Hanford HS | Sequoias JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played at College of Sequoias in Visalia, Calif.
- Named honorable mention all-Valley Conference as a sophomore in 2023.
- Finished the season with 60 tackles, including six for loss, two sacks, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.
- Opened the year with nine tackles and a fumble recovery against Butte JC.
- Credited with eight tackles, including a sack, at San Mateo JC.
- Forced fumbles at Reedley JC, Sacramento City and Contra Costa JC.
- Tallied at least one tackle in all 11 games and had five or more in seven games.
- Helped guide the Giants to an appearance in the Golden State Bowl.
- Played in the first two games of the 2022 season.
- Posted one tackle at Butte JC and had four stops against San Mateo JC.
- Redshirted in 2021.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Hanford HS in 2021.
- Played three varsity seasons and finished his career with 59 total tackles.
- Was limited to two games as a senior but managed to record 11 tackles, including one for loss.
- Posted 42 total tackles as a junior.
- Also rushed for 302 yards and averaged 4.6 yards per attempt that same season.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Scott and Nichole Chennault.

HOMETOWN

Hanford, Calif.

- Located in the Central Valley and is the county seat of Kings County.
- Was incorporated in 1891.

HIGH SCHOOL

Hanford Bullpups

- Opened in 1892.
- Notable alumni include UFC fighter Chad Mendes, actor Jan-Michael Vincent and former Hornet tight end DJ Maciel.
- Current Hornet Mason Brosseau also played at Hanford.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

College of Sequoias Giants

- Opened in 1926 as Visalia Junior College and switched its name in 1949.
- Notable alumni include "The Office" actor (and Sacramento State alum) Creed Bratton and former Journey frontman Steve Perry.



37 XANDER CHISOLM

S | 6-2 | 196 | Fr. | Bakersfield, Calif. | Liberty HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Appeared in three regular season games as well as both NCAA FCS Playoff games.
- Was credited with an assisted tackle against Cal Poly for his lone stop of the season.
- Primarily played on special teams.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Did a little of everything for the Patriots, playing safety, wide receiver and quarterback during his career.
- Helped lead the team to a California State Div. 1-A title and 13-2 overall record as a senior.
- Recorded 30 tackles in 12 games along with three interceptions, five pass breakups, a forced fumble and fumble recovery.
- Caught 21 passes for 483 yards and seven touchdowns during the year.
- Had a season-high four receptions and two touchdowns against Pittsburg HS in the state game.
- Posted 100 yards on just two grabs against Bakersfield HS.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Arthur and Anna Chisolm.

HOMETOWN

Bakersfield, Calif.

- Is the county seat and largest city in Kern County.
- Founded in 1861.
- Has strong country music history with Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and Dwight Yokum.

HIGH SCHOOL

Liberty Patriots

- Opened in 1999.
- Is the most populated school in Kern County.
- Notable alumni include MLS champion Quincy Amarikwa, NFL quarterback Jordan Love and punter Colton Schmidt.
- Fellow Hornet Riley Hernandez also graduated from Liberty HS.

CHISOLM'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2023	0-1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



15 TIM CHRISTIAN

CB | 5-10 | 180 | Jr. | Akron, Ohio | Copley HS | Foothill JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended Foothill JC in Los Altos, Calif., for two years.
- Was part of a Foothill defense which was ranked first in the state after allowing 8.5 points per game, 134.6 yards per game, 112.1 passing yards per game and recording 43 sacks as a team.
- Individually, he had 14 total tackles with an interception.
- Set his season high with three tackles against Los Medanos JC and at De Anza JC.
- Returned his interception against De Anza for 19 yards.
- Credited with six pass breakups during the year.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Copley HS in 2021.
- Played wide receiver and cornerback for the Indians.
- Team went 8-2 overall and was an undefeated 7-0 on the Suburban-American League during his senior season.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Mother is Michelle Hubbard.

HOMETOWN

San Jose, Calif.

- The third most populous city in California and the 10th-largest in the United States with a population just over a million.
- Incorporated in 1850.
- Is the home to numerous tech companies.

HIGH SCHOOL

Pioneer Mustangs

- A public high school located in the Almaden Valley neighborhood of San Jose.
- Established in 1960.
- Notable alumni include actor Kevin Pollak and former MLB pitcher Dave Righetti.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Foothill Owls

- Located in Los Altos, Calif.
- Founded in 1957.
- Notable alumni include actor Adrienne Barbeau, UCLA chancellor Gene Block, founder of Mrs. Fields cookies Debbi Fields and singer Juice Newton.
- Former Sacramento State head coach Marshall Sperbeck was the head coach at Foothill JC from 1992-2006.
- Fellow Hornet offensive lineman Joseph Speno also played at Foothill.



17 CARSON CONKLIN

QB | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. | Yorba Linda, Calif. | Centennial HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Played in the final four games of the regular season, starting two at quarterback.
- Finished the year with 744 yards with six touchdowns and a pair of interceptions.
- Completed 51-of-94 passes for a .542 completion percentage and a pass efficiency of 137.5.
- Debuted against Idaho State where he threw for 235 yards and three touchdowns while completing 14-of-21 passes.
- Had a season best 313 passing yards with three scores against Cal Poly.
- Also appeared at Montana and UC Davis.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Will graduate from Centennial HS in Corona, Calif., in December and will enroll at Sacramento State for the spring semester.
- Played three varsity seasons where he threw for 2,036 yards and 25 touchdowns.
- Appeared in eight games as a senior where he split time with another Div. I commit.
- Passed for 536 yards with a high of 232 against JSerra HS.
- Threw touchdown passes in four different games.
- As a junior, he compiled 1,071 passing yards with 16 touchdowns.
- Started the season with a season-best 186 passing yards against Cathedral Catholic HS.
- Tossed at least one touchdown in 11 of the team's 12 games, including two in five games.
- Team went 24-4 overall and 14-1 in league games during his three seasons.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Robert and Juli Conklin.
- Brother, Bobbie, played football at Louisiana-Monroe.

HOMETOWN

Yorba Linda, Calif.

- Located in northwestern Orange County.
- Is the birthplace and home to the presidential library of Richard Nixon.
- Was incorporated in 1967.

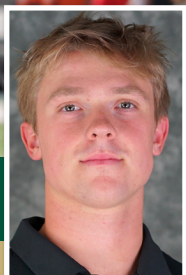
HIGH SCHOOL

Centennial Huskies

- Opened in 1989.
- Notable alumni include former Hornet and NFL long snapper Lonie Paxton, linebacker Vontaze Burfict and running back J.J. Taylor.

CONKLIN'S CAREER STATS

year	c-a	pct	yds	ypg	td-int	rush	yds	td
2023	51-94	.543	744	186.0	6-2	6	6	0



10 JOEY COOK

QB | 6-1 | 202 | Fr. | Novato, Calif. | Marin Catholic HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Marin Catholic HS in Kentfield, Calif., in 2023.
- Played his senior season with the Wildcats and let the team to a 13-1 overall record with its only loss coming in the NorCal Div. 2-A championship.
- Was named second team all-Marin County Athletic League.
- Attended San Marin HS for the 2021 season where he threw for 2,144 yards and 30 touchdowns with just three interceptions.
- Team posted a 14-1 overall record on won the California State Div. 5-AA title with a 20-14 win over Independence HS.
- Tossed multiple touchdowns in 12 games and had three TDs passes against Novato HS and St. Bernard's HS.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Parents are William and Maureen Cook.

HOMETOWN

Novato, Calif.

- Is the largest city in Marin County.
- Located 28 miles north of San Francisco.
- Incorporated in 1960.
- Was named by the Mexican government in 1839.

HIGH SCHOOL

Marin Catholic Wildcats

- A private high school which was founded in 1949.
- Located in Kentfield, Calif.
- Alumni include quarterbacks Dan Fouts, Jared Goff and Nick Rolovich.



11 MAKAI COPE

WR | 6-4 | 206 | Jr. | Culver City, Calif. | Culver City HS | Utah

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended Utah for three years where he appeared in 26 games.
- Played in all 11 games on special teams and at wide receiver in 2023.
- Recorded seven receptions for 75 yards and a touchdown in 13 games as a junior in 2022.
- Started three games that season on a team which played in the Rose Bowl against Penn State.
- Hauled in three receptions for 36 yards against UCLA and had three catches for 34 yards and a touchdown against Colorado.
- Saw action against Weber State and in the Rose Bowl against Ohio State during 2021 (redshirt season).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Culver City HS in 2021.
- Was a three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN.
- Named first team all-Ocean League.
- Had 46 receptions for 802 yards and nine touchdowns as a junior.
- Added 47 catches for 780 yards and nine touchdowns the previous season.
- Helped lead the team to the CIF Southern Section Div. VII title that same year.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in film.
- Parents are Matese Sharpless-Cope and Anthony Cope.

HOMETOWN

Culver City, Calif.

- Located in Los Angeles County.
- Served as the home of MGM Studios from 1924 to 1986.
- Sony Pictures and Hughes Aircraft are currently headquartered in Culver City.
- Was founded by Harry Culver and incorporated in 1917.

HIGH SCHOOL

Culver City Centaurs

- Opened in 1951.
- Alumni include NFL alums Derrick Deese and Carnell Lake and Metallica bassist Robert Trujillo.

COPE'S CAREER STATS

year	rec	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm
2021*	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2022*	7	75	10.7	1	21	5.8
2023*	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
totals	7	75	10.7	1	21	2.8

* While playing at Utah



40 DAWIT CRAIN

P | 6-6 | 215 | Fr. | Yucaipa, Calif. | Yucaipa HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Yucaipa HS in 2024.
- Played three seasons of varsity football where he had 73 touchbacks on 141 kickoffs during his career.
- Added 153 career points with 21 field goals and 90 PATs.
- As a senior, he placed 59.6 percent of his kickoffs (34-57) into the end zone.
- Also punted for the team and averaged 41.5 yards per punt with a long of 59 yards.
- Scored 71 points during his final year with 12 field goals and 35 extra points.
- Had three field goals over 40 yards, including a 46-yarder against Redlands HS.
- Made 35-of-36 extra points during the season.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Parents are Nicholas and Breann Crain.

HOMETOWN

Yucaipa, Calif.

- Located 10 miles east of San Bernardino.
- Name translates to "green valley" in the Serrano American Language.
- Incorporated in 1989.

HIGH SCHOOL

Yucaipa Thunderbirds

- A public high school which opened in 1958.
- Serves the cities of Yucaipa and Calimesa.
- Notable alumni include actress Susan Anton and MLB players Corky Miller and Taijuan Walker.



70 JUSTIN DAVIS

OL | 6-6 | 345 | So. | Camarillo, Calif. | Oaks Christian HS

2023 SEASON

- Did not appear in a game during the season.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Oaks Christian HS in Westlake, Calif.
- Primarily played right tackle during his senior season.
- Was a two-year starter on the varsity team.
- Named the team's Most Improved Player as a senior.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Stan Davis and Charon Tillman.

HOMETOWN

Camarillo, Calif.

- Located in Ventura County about an hour north of Los Angeles.
- City was incorporated in 1964.
- Is the home of California State University, Channel Islands.

HIGH SCHOOL

Oaks Christian Lions

- Establish in 2000 and serves grades 5-12.
- Located in Westlake Village, Calif.
- School has produced over a dozen NFL players including Kayvon Thibodeaux and Jimmy Clausen.



27 GAVIN DAVIS-SMITH

S | 5-11 | 198 | Sr. | Folsom, Calif. | Folsom HS

2023 SEASON

- Appeared in 12 of 13 games, including eight starts during the year.
- Primarily played at nickelback but also saw time at free and strong safety.
- Was credited with 65 total tackles, including 28 solos.
- Averaged 8.2 tackles per game over the final five games of the season.
- Credited with 11 tackles at Montana and South Dakota for his career high.
- Made at least one tackle in each game he played and had five or more in eight contests.
- Had seven tackles in four different games.
- Recorded a 7-yard sack at Montana.
- Also had TFLs against Cal Poly (1.0) and UC Davis (0.5) for a total of 2.5 during the year.
- Intercepted a pair of passes in the win over Cal Poly.
- Finished the season with five pass breakups.

2022 SEASON

- Appeared in all 13 games, starting 11 at safety.
- Posted 46 total tackles, including one for loss.
- Also had seven pass breakups.
- Opened the year with a career high nine tackles against Utah Tech.
- Recorded at least one tackle in all 13 games and had three or more tackles in eight games.
- Earned Big Sky all-academic honors.

2021 SEASON

- Played in 10 games with the majority of his action on special teams.
- Recorded six total tackles during the year.
- Had three stops against UNI, including a pair of solo tackles.
- Was credited with a single tackle against Northern Colorado, Cal Poly and Portland State.
- Earned Big Sky all-academic honors.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

2019 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Appeared in three game where he played on special teams.
- Saw action against Weber State, Northern Arizona and Austin Peay in the FCS playoffs.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Folsom HS in 2019
- Recorded 61 total tackles as a senior and had at least one tackle in every game in which he appeared.
- Set his season high with seven stops against Cathedral Catholic HS in the state championship game.
- Had six tackles in four games.
- Also had an interception, three pass breakups and recovered a fumble during the year.
- Helped Folsom to a 14-1 overall record and a California State Div. 1-AA title as a senior.
- Team's only loss was to De La Salle in the first game of the year.
- As a junior, he had 45 total tackles along with two interceptions, four PBUs and forced a fumble.
- Was credited with seven tackles against Nevada Union for his season high.
- Played for current Hornet assistant coaches Kris Richardson, Bobby Fresques, Sam Cole and Chris Parry.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in ethnic studies and is pursuing a second bachelor's in sociology.
- Parents are Ben Smith and Brei Davis.

HOMETOWN

Folsom, Calif.

- Located 20 miles east of Sacramento.
- Known for Folsom Prison and Folsom Lake.
- Was founded as a gold mining town in the mid 1800s.
- Was incorporated in 1946.

HIGH SCHOOL

Folsom Bulldogs

- Opened in 1922.
- School has won four CIF state football titles.
- Alumni include QB Jake Browning, OL Jonah Williams and DB Jordan Richards.
- Fellow current Hornets Kaiden Bennett, Kaleb Higgins, Onterio Smith Jr. and Kaden Richardson are all graduates of Folsom HS.

DAVIS-SMITH'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021	4-2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2022	24-22	46	1.0-3	0.0-0	7	0-0	0	0-0
2023	27-37	64	2.5-9	1.0-7	5	2-30	0	0-0
total	55-61	116	3.5-12	1.0-7	12	2-30	0	0-0



2 PATRICK DEAN

CB | 5-11 | 183 | Sr. | Ontario, Calif. | Colony HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in eight games during the year at cornerback and also on special teams.
- Recorded five total tackles during the season, including three solos.
- Credited with two tackles against Montana State for his season best.
- Missed the final three games of the season after breaking his leg.

2022 SEASON

- Played in eight games at cornerback where he made one start.
- Tallied 12 tackles, including five solos.
- Was credited with a season-high four tackles against Weber State.
- Also made an acrobatic interception against the Wildcats.
- Had three pass breakups during the season with two coming against UIW in the FCS Playoffs.

2021 SEASON

- Played in all 12 games at cornerback and on special teams.
- Earned his first career start at cornerback against Northern Arizona.
- Ended the season with 17 total tackles, including 14 solos.
- Had four tackles against NAU for his season best.
- Was credited with multiple tackles in six games.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.
- Ran track for the Hornets where he qualified for the Big Sky Championships in the 100 and 200 and earned all-conference as part of the 4x100 relay team.
- Fastest 100 was 10.94 in a dual against UC Davis.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2020 graduate of Colony HS in Ontario, Calif.
- Was a three-star recruit from 247sports.com.
- Named to the all-Palomares League team three times.
- Was credited with 34 total tackles as a senior with an interception.
- Ended the year with a career high 10 stops against Glendora HS.
- Also had four rushes for 39 yards and returned punts and kick to give him 235 all-purpose yards.
- As a junior, he had 24 total tackles, three interceptions and 179 all-purpose yards.
- Had a season high six total tackles against La Serna HS.
- Accumulated 179 return yards on his three interceptions.
- Also ran track for the Titans where he was the Palomares League champion in the 100.
- Ran 10.71 at the Southern Section Div. II prelims for his personal best.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in criminal justice.
- Parents are Modesty Bullock and Patrick Dean.

HOMETOWN

Ontario, Calif.

- Located in southwestern San Bernardino County, 35 miles east of Los Angeles.
- Incorporated in 1891.

HIGH SCHOOL

Colony Titans

- Opened in 2002.
- Notable alumni include NFL linebacker Bobby Wagner.

DEAN'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021	14-3	17	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2022	5-7	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	4	1-0	0	0-0
2023	3-2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
totals	22-12	34	1.0-2	0.0-0	4	1-0	0	0-0



13 YEBRELL EMERSON

S | 6-2 | 203 | Jr. | Fresno, Calif. | Central HS | Fresno City JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Spent the last two seasons at Fresno City JC.
- Appeared in five games in 2022 where he recorded 10 total tackles, including three for loss.
- Named all-Valley Conference both years.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Central HS in Fresno, Calif., in 2020.
- Recorded 46 total tackles, including 4.5 for loss as a senior.
- Credited with a season-high seven tackles against Oak Ridge on the NorCal Div. 1-AA championship.
- Helped the team to the California Div. 1-AA title and a perfect 14-0 record.
- Rushed for 356 yards and three touchdowns and caught five passes for 65 yards and a score that same season.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in sociology.
- Parents are Eric Emerson and Yekevia Murrill.
- Is one of eight children (four boys, four girls).

HOMETOWN

Fresno, Calif.

- Located in the heart of the Central Valley of California.
- Is the fifth most populous city in California and the 34th largest in the US.

HIGH SCHOOL

Central Grizzlies

- A multi-campus high school which opened in 1922. The East Campus opened in 1996.
- Notable alumni include former MLB outfielder Tom Goodwin and Kansas City Chiefs rookie wide receiver Xavier Worthy.
- Current Hornet Amarian Hunter is also a graduate of Central HS.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Fresno City Rams

- Established in 1910.
- School has won numerous California state titles in football, basketball, baseball and track.
- Notable alumni include sociologist Harry Edwards, NFL Hall of Famer Tom Flores, MLB Hall of Famer Tom Seaver, NBA veteran Rafer Alston and former Hornet and NFL veteran Daimon Shelton.



32 MATTHEW ESKRIDGE

LB | 6-1 | 225 | Jr. | Las Vegas, Nev. | Desert Pines HS | Riverside JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played the 2023 season at Riverside JC and helped lead the Tigers to the California JC championship.
- Named third team All-America by JC Gridwire.
- Finished the year with 44 tackles, including four sacks in 12 games.
- Tallied nine tackles with two TFLs and a sack at Long Beach JC for his highest total.
- Added eight tackles at Palomar JC.
- Had 1.5 sacks against Saddleback JC.
- Attended CCSF in 2022 where he was credited with 22 tackles in nine games.
- Finished with five stops against Santa Rosa JC for his season high.
- Forced a fumble at Butte JC, recovered a fumble against San Mateo JC and blocked a kick against Chabot JC.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Desert Pines HS in Las Vegas, Nev.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Matthew and Kellie Eskridge.

HOMETOWN

Las Vegas, Nev.

- Is the most populous city in Nevada and the seat of Clark County.
- The Las Vegas metro area is the second largest in the Southwest.
- Settled in 1905 and incorporated in 1911.
- Name is Spanish for "the meadows".

HIGH SCHOOL

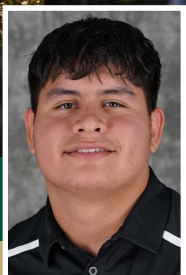
Desert Pines

- A public high school in Las Vegas which opened in 1999.
- No notable alumni.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Riverside Tigers

- Established in 1916.
- Have produced eight MLB players.
- Was the first head coaching job for Jerry Tarkanian.
- Fellow Hornet Jordan Barton also played at Riverside.



61 ISAAC ESPINOSA

K | 5-11 | 209 | Fr. | Richmond, Calif. | McClymonds HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate of McClymonds HS in Oakland, Calif.
- Served as the team's kicker and also played quarterback and punter during his career.
- Named first team all-league as a junior and was a second team selection as a senior.
- Finished his career with six field goals and made 72-of-75 career PATs.
- Placed 70 of 105 career kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks and averaged 47.5 yards per punt.
- Longest field goal was 53 yards as a junior against Castlemont HS which was the longest in the state that year.
- Helped the team to a 12-2 overall record that season and a berth in the CIF State Div. 2-AA title game that season.
- Was limited to four games as a senior but still managed to make 12-of-13 PATs during the year.
- Had three punts of 54 yards with two landing inside the opponent 20-yard line.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in mechanical engineering.
- Parents are Luis Espinosa and Alma Alejandre.

HOMETOWN

Richmond, Calif.

- Located in western Contra Costa County, nine miles north of Berkeley, Calif.
- Incorporated in 1905.
- Largest employer is Chevron Oil.

HIGH SCHOOL

McClymonds Warriors

- A public high school in West Oakland which opened in 1915.
- Named after J.W. McClymonds who was the superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District at the time.
- Notable alumni include MC Hammer, NBA Hall of Famer Bill Russell, MLB Hall of Famer Frank Robinson, College Basketball Hall of Famer and NBA coach Paul Silas.



50 OGE FEO

LB | 6-1 | 247 | Jr. | Waianae, Hawaii | Bethel HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games during the season.
- Primarily played on special teams but also saw action as a reserve linebacker.
- Finished the season with 11 total tackles, including six solos.
- All of his tackles came in the final seven games of the year.
- Set his season best with four tackles at Montana.

2022 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams.
- Made six tackles, including four solos.
- Had two stops against Northern Colorado for his season best.
- Was credited with a quarterback hurry at UNI.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted after playing in three games as a true freshman.
- Tallied three tackles (two solo) in his collegiate debut against Cal Poly.
- Had an assisted tackle against Portland State.
- Finished the year with four total tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Bethel HS in Spanaway, Wash., in 2021.
- Was a three-star recruit from 247sports.com.
- Was credited with 96 total tackles, including 11 for loss in nine games during his junior season.
- Had at least 10 stops in five games, including a season-high 18 against O'Dea HS and 13 against Lakes HS.
- Finished the year with five sacks, including three against Bishop Blanchet HS.
- Also forced three fumbles and broke up a pair of passes during the year.
- Rushed for 44 yards and two touchdowns and also caught a 24-yard pass on nine offensive plays during the season.
- Did not play during his senior season.
- Also played basketball and competed in track and field.

PERSONAL

- Full name is Oge To'atolualoalii Nua-Feo.
- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Kirisimasi Feo and Nash Feo.

HOMETOWN

Waianae, Hawaii

- Located in Honolulu County.
- Is part of the Honolulu metro area.

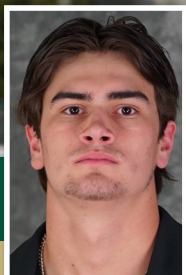
HIGH SCHOOL

Bethel Braves

- Located in Spanaway, Wash.
- Opened in 1952.
- Notable alumni include MLB veteran Mike Blowers and 1990 Daytona 500 champion Derrike Cope.

FEO'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021	2-2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2022	4-2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2023	6-5	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
totals	12-9	21	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



81 JAYDEN FLAIG

TE | 6-4 | 216 | Fr. | Placentia, Calif. | Yorba Linda HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Yorba Linda HS in 2023.
- Named all-Southern Section Div. III and was a third team all-state medium schools selection.
- Helped lead the Mustangs to the Southern Section Div. III championship.
- Caught 27 passes for 440 yards and six touchdowns as a senior.
- Also served as the team's kicker and punter where he had 53 touchbacks on kickoffs and averaged 43.2 yards per punt.
- Had long punt of 74 yards and landed 13 punts inside the opponent 20-yard line.
- Also played baseball where he was a first team all-league selection as a first baseman.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in criminal justice.
- Mother is Cassandra Barnes.

HOMETOWN

Placentia, Calif.

- Located in northern Orange County.
- Was incorporated in 1926.
- Began as an orange farming town and

HIGH SCHOOL

Yorba Linda Mustangs

- Opened in 2009.
- No notable alumni.



57 DECLAN FOLLETTE

OL | 6-2 | 275 | Fr. | Elk Grove, Calif. | Laguna Creek HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate of Laguna Creek HS in Elk Grove, Calif.
- Played three seasons of varsity football for the Cardinals on the offensive and defensive lines.
- Finished his career with 103 career tackles, including 14.0 for loss and five sacks.
- Credited with 37 stops as a senior and had at least two tackles in all nine games he played.
- Set his season high with seven tackles against West Park HS.
- Recorded sacks against West Park HS, Franklin HS and River City HS.
- Was the Sac-Joaquin Section Masters Wrestling Champion at 285 pounds as a senior.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in construction management.

HOMETOWN

Elk Grove, Calif.

- Located just south of Sacramento.
- Was the fastest growing city in the US in 2004-05.
- Founded in 1850 as a stagecoach stop between Sacramento and San Francisco.
- Largest employer is Apple, Inc.

HIGH SCHOOL

Laguna Creek Cardinals

- A public high school in Elk Grove, Calif., which opened in 1994.
- Notable alumni include former Sacramento State running back Bryan Hilliard.



85 DARREN GANDY

WR | 5-10 | 148 | Fr. | Victorville, Calif. | Silverado HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Played parts of four varsity seasons for Silverado HS.
- Was named all-Desert Sky League and all-Southern Section as a junior and senior.
- Finished his career with 82 receptions for 1,270 yards and 16 receiving touchdowns.
- Also rushed for 513 yards and eight scores.
- Caught 43 passes for 727 yards (16.9 ypc) and seven scores as a senior.
- Recorded three 100-yard performances that season with 106 against Barstow HS, 102 vs. Victor Valley HS and 100 vs. Summit HS.
- Had at least two receptions in all 10 games.
- Opened the year with eight grabs vs. Villa Park HS.
- As a junior, he had 29 catches for 461 yards and eight scores.
- Set a career best with 124 receiving yards and three touchdowns against Elsinore HS.
- Was named to the school honor roll all four years.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Mother is Katti McKeenan.
- Brother, Devin, is a wide receiver on the Hornet roster.

HOMETOWN

Victorville, Calif.

- Located in San Bernardino County.
- Was founded in 1858.
- Route 66 runs through the town.
- Has been used as a filming location for numerous movies.

HIGH SCHOOL

Silverado Hawks

- Founded in 1999 in Victorville, Calif.
- School won a 2007 CIF girls basketball state title.



2 DEVIN GANDY

WR | 6-1 | 191 | Jr. | Victorville, Calif. | Silverado HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in the first 10 games of the season before suffering a knee injury.
- Had 33 receptions for 412 yards and four TDs.
- Tied for second on the team in receiving touchdowns and was fifth in receptions.
- Set his season high in the opener at Nicholls where he had 82 yards on just three catches.
- Caught at least one pass on all 10 games he played and had three or more receptions in seven games.
- Scored a touchdown in four of his final five games of the year, finding the end zone against Northern Colorado, Montana State, Idaho State and Cal Poly.
- Had three rush attempts for a total of 30 yards during the season.
- Longest rush was 24 yards at Idaho.

2022 SEASON

- Missed all of the regular season while recovering from a knee injury.
- Made his season debut against Richmond in the second round of the FCS Playoffs where he had three receptions for 60 yards, including a 39-yard reception.
- Caught two passes for 12 yards against UIW in the quarterfinals.

2021 SEASON

- Played in all 12 games as a freshman where he was part of the team's wide receiver rotation.
- Caught 19 passes for 285 yards and a touchdown and had at least one reception in 10 games.
- Had a season-high four receptions against UC Davis for 35 yards.
- Best yardage total came against Portland State where he had 70 yards on two receptions with a long of 59.
- Scored his first collegiate touchdown on an 18-yard pass against Southern Utah.
- Averaged 39.2 yards per kick return on five attempts.

- Had a 94-yard return against Portland State for a touchdown which ranks as the sixth longest in program history.
- Also had a 58-yard return at Northern Colorado.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2020 graduate of Silverado HS in Victorville, Calif.
- A three-year varsity player who finished his career with 2,305 receiving yards and 28 touchdown receptions.
- Named to the all-Desert League team as a receiver and defensive back and was the team MVP as a senior.
- That season, he caught 34 passes for 943 yards and 11 touchdowns.
- Biggest output came against Granite Hills HS where he had nine grabs for 244 yards and five touchdowns.
- Averaged 27.7 yards per reception during year and had at least one 50-yard catch in five games.
- Also rushed for 71 yards and a score on 20 carries.
- Played cornerback on defense where he had 37 total tackles with six interceptions.
- Had a large role on special teams where he was the team's punter as well a punt and kick returner.
- In 2018, he caught 50 passes for 1,005 yards and 12 touchdowns.
- Hauled in seven passes for 319 yards and five touchdowns against Valencia HS.
- Added a pair of interceptions and recovered a fumble on defense.
- Caught 14 passes for 357 yards and five touchdowns as a sophomore.
- Finished his career with 33 total touchdowns and six two-point conversions for 210 points.
- Helped lead the team to a pair of Desert League titles.
- Also competed in track and field.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in criminal justice.
- Mother is Katti McKeehan.
- Brother, Michael Watkins, played football at Faulkner University.

HOMETOWN

Victorville, Calif.

- Located in San Bernardino County.
- Was founded in 1858.
- Route 66 runs through the town.
- Has been used as a filming location for numerous movies.

HIGH SCHOOL

Silverado Hawks

- Founded in 1999 in Victorville, Calif.
- School won a 2007 CIF girls basketball state title.

GANDY'S CAREER STATS

year	rec	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm	rush	yds	td	lg
2021	19	285	15.0	1	59	23.8	0	0	0	0
2022	5	72	14.4	0	39	36.0	1	1	0	1
2023	33	412	12.5	4	47	41.2	3	30	0	24
totals	24	357	14.9	1	59	25.5	4	31	0	24



8 JARED GIPSON

WR | 6-1 | 205 | Sr. | Stockton, Calif. | St. Mary's HS

2023 SEASON

- Named second team all-Big Sky.
- Ranked second on the team with 38 receptions for 657 yards and four touchdowns.
- His average of 17.3 yards per reception was the best on the team and led the Big Sky Conference.
- Caught at least one pass in 11 games and had three or more receptions in eight contests.
- Set his career best with six receptions against South Dakota in the second round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs.
- Had five catches for 154 yards against Cal Poly and five grabs for 108 yards against Northern Arizona.
- Recorded four receptions of at least 40 yards during the year with a long of 49 yards at Idaho.

2022 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games, starting two at wide receiver.
- Caught 33 passes for 385 yards and two touchdowns.
- Had at least one catch in 12 games and had multiple receptions in nine contests.
- Scored touchdowns against Utah Tech and at Cal Poly.
- Set his high in receiving yards for the year at Cal Poly with 76, including a 40-yarder.
- Had a season-best five receptions against Montana.

2021 SEASON

- Played in all 12 games as a freshman wide receiver.
- Tied for third on the team with 20 receptions and was second with 379 receiving yards.

- His average of 19.0 yards per catch was the best on the team and he had seven catches of 25 or more yards.
- Caught at least one pass in each of the final seven games of the season.
- Had four receptions for 88 yards and two touchdowns in the win at then-No. 5 Montana.
- Set a career best with 96 receiving yards on four grabs in the FCS Playoffs game against South Dakota State.
- Longest catch during the season was 42 yards against Northern Arizona.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2020 graduate of St. Mary's HS in Stockton, Calif.
- Was a two-star recruit by 247sports.com and Rivals.com.
- Missed his entire senior season due to injury.
- As a junior, he caught 13 passes for 220 yards and a touchdown in seven games.
- Had two or more receptions in five games.
- Averaged 16.9 yards per reception during the year.
- Had a season-high 83 receiving yards against Sheldon HS with a long of 66 yards.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Jonathan and Tammie Gipson.

HONORS

- Second Team All-Big Sky (2023)
- Preseason All-Big Sky (2024)

HOMETOWN

Stockton, Calif.

- Located in San Joaquin County about 45 miles south of Sacramento.
- Was the first city in California not to have a Spanish or Native American name.

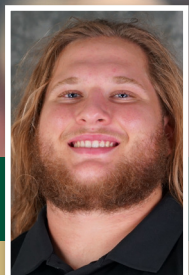
HIGH SCHOOL

St. Mary's Rams

- A private school founded in 1876.
- School president is former NFL referee Pete Morelli.
- Alumni include NFL running back Doug Martin.
- Fellow Hornets Izaiah and Marcus Aponte and Jake Dunniway also graduated from St. Mary's HS.

GIPSON'S CAREER STATS

year	rec	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm
2021	20	379	18.9	2	42	31.6
2022	33	385	11.7	2	40	29.6
2023	38	657	17.3	4	49	50.5
totals	91	1,421	15.6	8	49	37.4



65 CADE GRETLEIN

OL | 6-4 | 289 | Fr. | Bakersfield, Calif. | Liberty HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Helped lead Liberty HS to the California State Div. 1-AA title as a senior.
- Team won its final 10 games of the year, including its second straight Valley Championship.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in kinesiology.
- Parents are Christian and Amanda Gretlein.

HOMETOWN

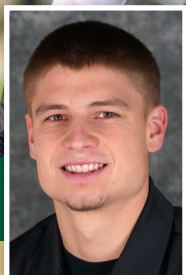
Bakersfield, Calif.

- Is the county seat and largest city in Kern County.
- Founded in 1861.
- Has strong country music history with Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and Dwight Yokum.

HIGH SCHOOL

Liberty Patriots

- Opened in 1999.
- Is the most populated school in Kern County.
- Notable alumni include MLS champion Quincy Amarikwa, NFL quarterback Jordan Love and punter Colton Schmidt.
- Current Hornet Riley Hernandez and Jason Oliver also graduated from Liberty HS.



26 ANDERSON GROVER

WR | 6-3 | 200 | Sr. | Modesto, Calif. | Downey HS | Washington State

2023 SEASON

- Appeared in all 13 games during his first season with the team.
- Caught 34 passes for 431 yards and three touchdowns.
- Scored his first TD as a Hornet in the season opener at Nicholls.
- Also scored touchdowns at UC Davis and North Dakota.
- Over half of his season yardage total came in the final three games where he had 87 yards at UC Davis, 96 at North Dakota and 79 at South Dakota.
- Longest reception was 48 yards at USD in the second round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs.
- Caught at least one pass in 11 games and had three or more receptions in five contests.
- Was also the team's primary punt returner where he had 17 returns for 121 yards.
- Longest returns were 36 yards at Nicholls and 23 against Idaho State.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended Washington State for two years.
- Appeared in 10 games, including one as a starter in 2022.
- Caught five passes for 51 yards and one touchdown for an average of 10.2 yards per catch.
- Had a 7-yard touchdown reception at Stanford.
- Recorded two receptions for 27 yards against Arizona State.
- Started against Fresno State in the LA Bowl.
- Redshirted during the 2021 season where he appeared in one game against Utah State.
- Attended Modesto Junior College during the 2019 season.
- Caught 20 passes for 326 yards and two touchdowns.
- Set season highs with four receptions for 94 yards against Sacramento City JC.

GROVER'S CAREER STATS

year	rec	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm
2022*	5	51	10.2	1	17	12.8
2023	34	431	12.7	3	48	33.2
totals	39	482	12.4	4	48	28.4

* at Washington State

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2019 graduate of Downey HS.
- Played football, basketball and baseball.
- Had 73 receptions for 1,164 yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior.
- Finished with at least 100 receiving yards in five games.
- Biggest output came against Grant HS where he had 155 yards and three touchdowns on seven receptions.
- Hauled in 13 catches against Enochs HS.
- Added 53 catches for 806 yards and six scores as a junior.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in communications and is pursuing a second bachelor's in recreation administration.
- Parents are Tom and Christen.
- Has one brother (Calvin) and one sister (Cora).
- Brother played at Sacramento State from 2017-18.

HOMETOWN

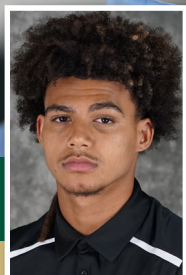
Modesto, Calif.

- Is the seat of Stanislaus County.
- Ranks as the 19th largest city in California.
- Located 68 miles south of Sacramento and 90 miles north of Fresno.
- Home to Gallo Winery and one of the largest agricultural producers in the world.

HIGH SCHOOL

Downey Knights

- Opened in 1951.
- Named for Thomas Downey.
- Notable alumni include Stars Wars creator George Lucas, MLB all-star Joe Rudi, quarterback Tony Graziani and Olympic discus thrower Suzy Powell.



9 KAI HAMILTON

WR | 6-3 | 178 | Fr. | San Jose, Calif. | Valley Christian HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate from Valley Christian HS in San Jose, Calif.
- A three-star recruit by 247Sports and a two-star by Rivals.
- Recorded 33 career receptions for 414 yards and six touchdowns.
- Was limited to just two games during his senior season but had 2 receptions for 229 yards and three scores as a junior.
- Caught seven passes for 91 yards and a TD against Bellarmine College Prep.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Jabari Hamilton and Kelly McCabe.

HOMETOWN

San Jose, Calif.

- The third most populous city in California and the 10th-largest in the United States with a population just over a million.
- Incorporated in 1850.
- Is the home to numerous tech companies.

HIGH SCHOOL

Valley Christian Warriors

- A private Christian school which opened in 1960 in Los Gatos, Calif.
- Current high school campus opened in 2000 in South San Jose.
- Notable alumni include Grammy Award-winning singer Joy Williams of The Civil Wars.



96 ELIJAH HANSEN

DL | 6-2 | 250 | Jr. | El Dorado Hills, Calif. | Oak Ridge HS | Sierra JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended Sierra JC in Rocklin, Calif., for two years.
- Appeared in 10 games as a sophomore in 2023 where he was credited with 18 total tackles, including four sacks.
- Opened his year with five tackles, including two sacks, against San Mateo JC.
- Also had a sack at Shasta JC and a half-sack against American River JC and Sequoias JC.
- Saw action in one game as a freshman in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Oak Ridge HS in El Dorado Hills, Calif.
- Was limited to three games as a senior and finished the season with 11 total tackles.
- As a junior in 2019, he had 53 total stops with 18 coming behind the line of scrimmage.
- Posted a career-high 12 tackles against Elk Grove HS.
- Helped the team to a Sac-Joaquin Section Div. I title in 2019 and a berth in the CIF NorCal Div. 1-AA game.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in public relations.

HOMETOWN

El Dorado, Calif.

- A suburb of Sacramento located 23 miles east of Sacramento State.
- Originally founded during the Gold Rush and was part of two Pony Express routes.
- Began attracting residents in the 1960s.

HIGH SCHOOL

Oak Ridge Trojans

- Opened in 1980.
- Football team won the California D-II title in 2003 and 2004.
- Girls basketball won the D-I crown in 2005.
- Swim team won the state championship in 2016 and 2017.
- Notable alumni include NBA player Ryan Anderson, NFL players Seryi Ajitutu, Ian Book, Ross Dwelley and Austin Collie and MLB veteran F.P. Santangelo.
- Fellow Hornets Sawyer Merrill and Austin Jarrard also played at Oak Ridge HS.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Sierra Wolverines

- Located in Rocklin, Calif., 22 miles northeast of Sacramento.
- Founded in 1936.
- Served as the longtime training camp home of the San Francisco 49ers.
- Notable alumni include wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk.
- Former Sacramento State head football coach John Volek served as the Director of Athletics from 2003-11.
- Fellow Hornet Eian Moore also played at Sierra.



90 PATE HAUNGA

DL | 6-2 | 280 | Sr. | Sacramento, Calif. | Burbank HS | Chabot JC

2023 SEASON

- Played in three games during his first season with the Hornets.
- Credited with an assisted tackle against Texas A&M-Commerce.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played two seasons at Chabot JC in Hayward, Calif.
- Was a two-time all-Bay 6 Conference selection.
- Recorded 29 total tackles over the final six games of the 2022 season.
- Ended his year with 12 solo stops against Laney JC for his career best.
- Had two sacks against San Joaquin Delta JC and one at City College of San Francisco.
- Began his career as a tight end in 2021 where he caught two passes for 20 yards.
- Longest reception was 12 yards against Shasta JC.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2017 graduate of Burbank HS in Sacramento, Calif.
- Recorded 81 total tackles as a junior in 2015.
- Finished the season with 4.5 sacks and 19.0 tackles-for-loss.
- Started the season with 12 tackles against Oak Ridge HS for his season best and ended the year with 11 stops against Rocklin HS in the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. II playoffs.
- Had four TFLs against Florin HS, including 2.5 sacks.
- Started his high school career at Rancho Cotate HS in Santa Rosa, Calif.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Father is Alisea Haunga.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- Is the center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- Is the fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

Luther Burbank Titans

- Located in South Sacramento.
- Opened in the early 1960s.
- Notable alumni include NBA veteran James Donaldson and MLB umpire Gary Darling.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Chabot Gladiators

- Located in Hayward, Calif.
- Opened in 1961 and became the first college in the Chabot-Las Positas Community College district.
- Notable alumni include actor Tom Hanks and NFL veteran Lorenzo Lynch who both went on to attend Sacramento State.



72 SAWYER HAYS

OL | 6-6 | 288 | Jr. | Sacramento, Calif. | Christian Brothers HS

2023 SEASON

- Appeared in all 13 games during the year.
- Primarily played on special teams as a punt protector.
- Credited with an assisted tackle at Montana.

2022 SEASON

- Did not appear in a game.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Christian Brothers HS in Sacramento, Calif.
- Played defensive end, tight end and tackle for the Falcons.
- Recorded seven tackles in three games as a senior.
- Was credited with 34 total tackles as a junior, including 10 for loss.
- Had at least one tackle in all 10 games and posted a season high six against Vanden HS and Vista Del Lago HS.

- His season also included two sacks, two forced fumbles and field goal block.
- Had a 37-yard rush for a touchdown on offense against Burbank HS.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in health science.
- Parents are Steve and Leah Hays.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- The center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- The fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

Christian Brothers Falcons

- A private school which was founded in 1876.
- Notable alumni include actor LaVar Burton, NFL players Asa Jackson and Ahkello Witherspoon and Sacramento State AD Mark Orr.



75 TYLER HENRY

DL | 6-3 | 280 | So. | Houston, Texas | De La Salle HS

2023 SEASON

- Saw action in two games during the season, playing against Texas A&M-Commerce and Idaho State.
- Earned an assisted tackle against TAMUC.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of De La Salle HS in Concord, Calif.
- A two-star recruit from 247sports.
- As a senior, he recorded 36 total tackles with seven sacks.
- Played in six games as a junior where he had 12 total tackles, including three sacks.
- Also played on the offensive line both years.
- Team went 16-3 in his two seasons and advanced to the CIF Northern California Div. I title game in 2021.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in business finance.
- Mother is Jasmin Hawes.

HOMETOWN

Houston, Texas

- The fourth-most populous city in the United States and the sixth-most in North America with a 2020 population of 2.3 million.
- Covering 640 square miles, Houston is the ninth-most expansive city in the US.
- Was incorporated in 1837.

HIGH SCHOOL

De La Salle Spartans

- Founded in 1965 in Concord, Calif.
- Football team won 151 consecutive games between 1992-2004.
- Has been awarded seven high school national championships.
- Alumni include Maurice Jones-Drew, soccer star Chris Wondolowski and basketball players Jon, Brent and Drew Barry.

HENRY'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2023	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



54 RILEY HERNANDEZ

LB | 6-2 | 223 | So. | Bakersfield, Calif. | Liberty HS

2023 SEASON

- Did not appear in a game during the season due to an injury.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season after playing in just one game.
- Was pressed into action against Montana and responded with four tackles, including one solo.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Liberty HS in Bakersfield, Calif.
- A two-star recruit from 247sports.
- Helped lead Liberty HS to a berth in the CIF Div. 1-A title game and the Central Section Div. I championship as a senior.
- Had 71 total tackles during the season, including three sacks.
- Was credited with double digit tackles in three consecutive playoff games with 11 stops against Clovis HS, 12 against Buchanan HS in the semifinals and 10 against Central HS in the championship.
- Was named first team all-area.
- Played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Frontier HS in Bakersfield, Calif., where he played tight end and linebacker.
- Earned team MVP honors as a sophomore.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in environmental studies.
- Parents are Dawn and Michael Hernandez.

HOMETOWN

Bakersfield, Calif.

- Is the county seat and largest city in Kern County.
- Founded in 1861.
- Has strong country music history with Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and Dwight Yokum.

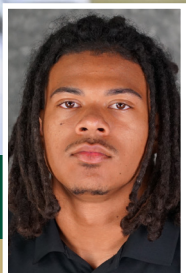
HIGH SCHOOL

Liberty Patriots

- Opened in 1999.
- Is the most populated school in Kern County.
- Notable alumni include MLS champion Quincy Amarikwa, NFL quarterback Jordan Love and punter Colton Schmidt.
- Fellow Hornet Cade Gretlein and Jason Oliver also graduated from Liberty HS.

HERNANDEZ'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2022	1-3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



16 KALEB HIGGINS

S | 6-2 | 198 | So. | Austin, Texas | Folsom HS | California

2023 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games during his first season with the team.
- Saw the majority of his playing time on special teams but also played safety.
- Earned the start against North Dakota in the first round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs and responded with a pair of solo tackles.
- Had a season-high three tackles at Nicholls in the season opener.
- Finished the year with nine total stops, including five solos.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended Cal for two years.
- Did not record any statistics for the Golden Bears.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated Folsom HS in 2021.
- Was a three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals and was ranked in the top 100 players for his class in California by all three organizations.
- Helped lead his 2019 junior squad to a 10-2 overall record, a Sierra Foothill League titles with a perfect

6-0 conference mark and an appearance in the semi-finals of the Sac-Joaquin Section Division I playoffs before COVID-19 canceled/postponed his 2020 senior campaign.

- Earned all-Sac-Joaquin Section and team Defensive MVP honors as a junior when he recorded 22 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, one interception that he returned 60 yards for a touchdown, six pass deflections, one forced fumble and one blocked punt in nine games played.
- Spent his freshman season at James Bowie HS in Austin, Texas and sophomore campaign at Byron P. Steele HS in Cibola, Texas but did not participate at either school due to injury.
- Ran track and field at both schools and won the district title as a 2018 freshman at James Bowie before finishing second in the district as a 2019 sophomore at Byron P. Steele.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in psychology.
- Parents are George and Karon Higgins.

HOMETOWN

Austin, Texas

- Is the county seat and largest city in Kern County.
- Founded in 1861.
- Has strong country music history with Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and Dwight Yokum.

HIGH SCHOOL

Folsom Bulldogs

- Opened in 1922.
- School has won four CIF state football titles.
- Alumni include QB Jake Browning, OL Jonah Williams and DB Jordan Richards.
- Fellow current Hornets Kaiden Bennett, Gavin Davis-Smith, Onterio Smith Jr. and Kaden Richardson are all graduates of Folsom HS.

HERNANDEZ'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2022	1-3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



39 DEREK HOUSTON

LB | 6-1 | 224 | Fr. | Rocklin, Calif. | Rocklin HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the year.
- Played in four regular season games as well as the two NCAA FCS Playoff contests.
- Credited with five solo tackles during the year.
- Had two stops at North Dakota for his highest total.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A two-star recruit from 247sports.
- Played three varsity seasons for Rocklin HS.
- Finished his career with 164 tackles, including 7.5 sacks.
- Averaged 6.0 tackles per game while being limited to just six games as a senior.
- Had a season high 17 tackles against Manteca HS in the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs.
- Was credited with 100 tackles as a junior, including 13.0 for loss.
- Had at least three tackles in all 13 games and recorded double digit stops in four contests.
- Set his career high with 20 tackles against Granite Bay HS.
- Helped lead the team to a 12-1 overall record with the only loss coming in the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. I championship game.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in business marketing.
- Parents are Caleb and Kim Houston.

HOMETOWN

Rocklin, Calif.

- Located 21 miles northeast of Sacramento in Placer County.
- Was settled as a gold mining town in the mid 1850s.
- Earned it's name as a granite quarry.

HIGH SCHOOL

Rocklin Thunder

- Founded in 1992.
- Notable alumni include San Francisco Giants pitcher Logan Webb.
- Fellow Hornets Charlie McBride and Elias Mullican also graduated from Rocklin HS.

DE. HOUSTON'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2023	5-0	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



38 DJ HOUSTON

CB | 5-10 | 183 | Sr. | Compton, Calif. | Hawthorne HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games with the bulk of his action on special teams.
- Finished the year with 11 total tackles, including seven solos.
- Opened the year with three tackles at Nicholls for his season best.
- Credited with a pair of stops against Texas A&M-Commerce, North Dakota and South Dakota.
- Had three pass breakups during the year.

2022 SEASON

- Appeared in all 13 games at cornerback and on special teams.
- Finished the season with six total tackles, including four solos.
- Had two tackles at Eastern Washington for his season best.
- Credited with a PBU against Utah Tech.

2021 SEASON

- Played in seven games during his first active season with the team.
- Made four total tackles and had two pass breakups during the year.
- Had two tackles against Northern Arizona and one against Southern Utah and Cal Poly.
- Recorded PBUs against NAU and Portland State.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Hawthorne HS in 2020 where played wide receiver and cornerback.
- Caught 33 passes for 431 yards and five touchdowns as a junior.
- Recorded at least two receptions in 10 games during the year with a high of six against El Segundo HS.
- Caught four passes for 79 yards in the season opener against Legacy HS for his high.
- On defense, he was credited with 38 total tackles and had eight pass breakups.
- Had 11 stops against El Segundo HS for his high.
- Also played varsity as a sophomore where he caught 15 passes for 331 yards and three touchdowns.
- Set a career best with five receptions for 100 yards against Rivera HS.
- Added 22 tackles on defense with two interceptions, three PBUs and a fumble recovery.
- Also competed in basketball and track.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in ethnic studies.
- Son of Helen Gordon.
- Has six cousins who have all played collegiate sports.

HOMETOWN

Compton, Calif.

- Located in southern Los Angeles County.
- Eighth oldest city in California as it was incorporated in 1888.

HIGH SCHOOL

Hawthorne Cougars

- Opened in 1951.
- Notable alumni include all of The Beach Boys, Cy Young Award winner Mike Scott, NFL receiver Curtis Conway and 1992 Olympic gold medalist in the 200 and 4x100 Michael Marsh.

DJ HOUSTON'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021	3-1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	2	0-0	0	0-0
2022	4-2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0	0-0
2023	7-4	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	3	0-0	0	0-0
totals	14-7	21	0.0-0	0.0-0	6	0-0	0	0-0



34 AMARIAN HUNTER

LB | 6-3 | 228 | Jr. | Fresno, Calif. | Central HS | Reedley JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended Reedley JC for two years.
- Played in four games as a freshman in 2022 before seeing time in the team's final 11 games the following season.
- Tallied 45 tackles during his career with seven sacks and 10 TFLs.
- Had at least two tackles in each game he played as a sophomore.
- Set his season high with six stops against Sequoias JC.
- Recorded a pair of sacks against Diablo Valley JC and had 1.5 at Sierra JC.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Central HS in Fresno, Calif.
- Totaled 49 tackles as a senior, including 49 for loss.
- Set his season best with 10 tackles against San Joaquin Memorial HS in a playoff game.
- Team went 29-3 during his three varsity seasons.
- Central HS won the CIF State Div. 1-AA game in 2019 and finished the year with a 15-0 record.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in business.
- Parents are Robert and Amariah Hunter.

HOMETOWN

Fresno, Calif.

- Located in the heart of the Central Valley of California.
- Is the fifth most populous city in California and the 34th largest in the US.
- Founded in 1872 as a railway station of the Central Pacific Railroad before it was incorporated in 1885.

HIGH SCHOOL

Central Grizzlies

- A multi-campus high school which opened in 1922. The East Campus opened in 1996.
- Notable alumni include former MLB outfielder Tom Goodwin and Kansas City Chiefs rookie wide receiver Xavier Worthy.
- Current Hornet Yebrell Emerson is also a graduate of Central HS.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Reedley Tigers

- Founded in 1926 on the campus of Reedley High School.
- Moved to its current location in 1956.
- Football team was the national champion in 2002.
- Notable alumni include NFL quarterback Josh Allen, longtime MLB manager Bobby Cox and former Nike executive Sonny Vaccaro.



41 CHASE JACKSON

LB | 6-0 | 215 | Jr. | Fontana, Calif. | Damien HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate of Damien HS in La Verne, Calif.
- A three-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Named second team all-league as a junior and honorable mention as a senior.
- Recorded 110 career tackles in three varsity seasons.
- Credited with at least two tackles in all 10 of his games en route to 49 tackles as a senior.
- Had seven stops against La Serna HS and Murrieta Valley HS for his season high.
- Posted three sacks and four TFLs during the year.
- Added 41 tackles as a junior and had 20 as a sophomore.
- Also competed in track and field.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in business.
- Parents are Dante and Tynita Jackson.

HOMETOWN

Fontana, Calif.

- A city in San Bernardino County which was founded in 1913.
- Is home to the Auto Club Speedway as well as the Kaiser steel mill.

HIGH SCHOOL

Damien Spartnas

- An all-boys private Catholic high school in La Verne, Calif.
- Established in 1959 as Pomona Catholic Boys High School and changed its name in 1967.
- Notable alumni include MLB veteran Mark McGwire and ESPN Basketball Bracketologist Joe Lunardi.
- Sacramento State offensive coordinator Bobby Fresques and current Hornet quarterback Jordan Barton are also graduates of the school.

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NAKIAN JACKSON

LB | 6-1 | 227 | So. | Stockton, Calif. | Edison HS

2023 SEASON

- Appeared in the first nine games of the season before having his season halted by a thumb injury.
- Tallied 15 total tackles, including five solos.
- Credited with three tackles against Northern Arizona and Montana for his season best.
- Made at least one tackle in eight of his nine games.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Appeared in the season opener against Utah Tech.
- Was credited with a tackle against the Trailblazers.
- Also saw action against UC Davis and Incarnate Word.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Edison HS in Stockton, Calif.
- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Recorded 38 tackles in five games as a senior.
- Returned interceptions for touchdowns against Pitman HS and McNair HS as a senior.
- Helped the team to three San Joaquin Athletic Association titles.
- Named the SJAA Defensive Player of the Year.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in sociology.
- Parents are Stephfan and Onickia Jackson.

HOMETOWN

Stockton, Calif.

- Located in San Joaquin County about 45 miles south of Sacramento.
- Was the first city in California not to have a Spanish or Native American name.

HIGH SCHOOL

Edison Vikings

- Opened in 1941.
- Named after Thomas Edison.
- Notable alumni include former Hornet and Arena League Hall of Famer Darren Arbet and NFL players Lavelle Hawkins, Trumaine Johnson and Derek Kennard.
- Fellow Hornet Anta'Veon McKenzie also graduate from Edison HS.

JACKSON'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2022	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2023	5-10	15	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
totals	5-11	16	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0

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AUSTIN JARRARD

TE | 6-3 | 233 | Sr. | El Dorado Hills, Calif. | Oak Ridge HS | American River JC | Oklahoma State

2023 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games during the year on special teams and as a reserve tight end.
- Caught a 5-yard touchdown at Idaho on his first career reception as a Hornet.
- Had a 4-yard catch at Northern Colorado.
- Finished the season with two grabs for nine yards.
- Had a pair of tackles in the season opener at Nicholls.

2022 SEASON

- Played in nine games as a tight end and on special teams in his first season with the team.
- Recorded tackles against Idaho and Incarnate Word.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played the 2021 season at Oklahoma State where he appeared in four games.
- Recovered a fumble on third down in the third quarter in a tied game against Tulsa to help OSU to a win.
- Played two seasons for former Hornet All-American Jon Osterhout at American River JC.
- Had 26 receptions for 310 yards and three touchdowns as a freshman in 2019.
- ARC did not play football in 2020.
- Was rated as a three-star prospect by 247sports and Rivals.
- 247sports named hi the No. 2 junior college tight end in the nation.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2018 graduate of Oak Ridge HS in El Dorado Hills, Calif.
- Capped his high school career with 1,077 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns on 52 catches as a senior.
- Had five 100-yard receiving games, including 151 yards on just three catches against Lincoln HS and 144 yards and 10 grabs in the section title game against St. Mary's HS.
- Scored two touchdowns in five games, including the last four of the year.
- Also played on defense where he had 62 total tackles, including 10 sacks.
- Had a career high 13 tackles against Reed HS.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in sociology and is pursuing a second bachelor's in communications.
- Grandparents are Mike and Vicki Gosselin.

HOMETOWN

El Dorado Hills, Calif.

- A suburb of Sacramento located 23 miles east of Sacramento State.
- Originally founded during the Gold Rush and was part of two Pony Express routes.
- Began attracting residents in the 1960s.

HIGH SCHOOL

Oak Ridge Trojans

- Opened in 1980.
- Football team won the California D-II title in 2003 and 2004.
- Girls basketball won the D-I crown in 2005.
- Swim team won the state championship in 2016 and 2017.
- Notable alumni include NBA player Ryan Anderson, NFL players Seryi Ajitutu, Ian Book, Ross Dwelley and Austin Collie and MLB veteran F.P. Santangelo.
- Fellow Hornet Sawyer Merrill also played at Oak Ridge HS.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

American River Beavers

- Located in North Highlands, Calif., just outside of Sacramento.
- Opened in 1955.
- Notable alumni include TV journalist Joan Lunden, MLB players Dusty Baker, Dallas Braden, Steve Holm, Bob Oliver and John Vukovich, NFL veterans Tony Eason and Gerald Wilhite and Olympic gold medal swimmer Debbie Meyer.
- Fellow Hornets Sawyer Merrill and Zach Schreiner also played at ARC.

JARRARD'S CAREER STATS

year	rec	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm
2022	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2023	2	9	4.5	1	5	0.8
totals	2	9	4.5	1	5	0.5



49 ELLIOTT JOHNSON

DL | 6-1 | 285 | Sr. | Modesto, Calif. | Gregori HS | Lincoln (CA)

2023 SEASON

- Did not appear in a game during the season.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played the 2022 season at Lincoln University on Oakland, Calif.
- Began his collegiate career at CCSF in San Francisco during the 2019 season.
- Finished the year with six tackles in five games.
- Had two tackles against Siskiyou.
- Attended Modesto JC in 2021.
- Recorded 13 total tackles for the Pirates, including 4.5 for loss.
- Had three tackles against San Mateo JC and Diablo Valley JC for his season high.
- Was credited with a pair of sacks against Diablo Valley.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2019 graduate of Gregori HS in Modesto, Calif.
- Was credited with 33 total tackles as a senior.
- That number included a sack and he also recovered a fumble.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Elliott Johnson, Sr. and Shawna Douglas.

HOMETOWN

Modesto, Calif.

- Is the seat of Stanislaus County.
- Ranks as the 19th largest city in California.
- Located 68 miles south of Sacramento and 90 miles north of Fresno.
- Home to Gallo Winery and one of the largest agricultural producers in the world.

HIGH SCHOOL

Gregori Jaguars

- Opened in 2010.
- Located north of Modesto.
- No notable alumni.



23 MICHAEL JOHNSON

RB | 5-7 | 189 | Jr. | Oxnard, Calif. | Pacifica HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in four games during the year.
- Received four carries for 32 yards and a touchdown.
- Rushed twice for 26 yards and a score against Idaho State with a long of 18 yards.
- Had one attempt for three yards against Texas A&M-Commerce and Cal Poly.

2022 SEASON

- Saw action against Northern Colorado at running back.
- Had three carries for 25 yards with a long of 12 yards against the Bears.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2020 graduate of Pacifica HS in Oxnard, Calif.
- Helped lead the Tritons to the CIF State Div. 2-A title and a 15-1 overall record as a senior.
- Caught 71 passes for 1,145 yards and 13 touchdowns during three varsity seasons.
- Rushed for 1,375 and 11 touchdowns during his career.
- Finished his career with 3,354 all-purpose yards.
- Also recorded 44 total tackles.
- As a senior, he had one interception and eight pass breakups.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Michael, Jr., and LeTina Johnson.

HOMETOWN

Oxnard, Calif.

- The most populous city in Ventura County.
- Incorporated in 1903.
- Located 60 miles west of Los Angeles.

HIGH SCHOOL

Pacifica Tritons

- Opened in 2001.
- Won the CIF State Div. 2-A title in 2019 with a 34-6 win over McClymonds HS.
- Notable alumni include WBC welterweight champion Victor Ortiz.

JOHNSON'S CAREER STATS

year	att	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm	rec	yds	td
2022	3	25	8.3	0	12	25.0	0	0	0
2023	4	32	8.0	1	18	8.0	0	0	0
totals	7	57	8.1	1	18	11.4	0	0	0



23 LAMONT JOHNSON-BURRELL

CB | 6-3 | 182 | So. | Sacramento, Calif. | Sacramento HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in 10 games during the regular season.
- Credited for four total tackles — all of which came in a three-game span.
- Had two tackles against Idaho State and added one tackle against Montana and Cal Poly.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Sacramento HS in 2022.
- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Played wide receiver and cornerback for the Dragons where he was coached by former Hornet Justin Reber.
- Was a two-time all-metro and all-Capital Athletic League selection.
- Caught 17 passes as a senior for 483 yards and five touchdowns.
- Biggest game came against El Camino HS where he had four receptions for 100 yards and a score.
- Credited with 30 tackles on defense and had multiple tackles in nine games.
- Intercepted passes against McNair HS and Oakland HS.
- Team went 9-3 in 2021 and advanced to the second round of the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. III playoffs.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in business.
- Parents are Rosie Alston and Sharon Trevillion.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- Is the capital of California
- The center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- Is the fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

Sacramento Dragons

- Opened in 1856 and is the second oldest public high school in California.
- Became a public charter school in 2003.
- Has been at its current location since 1924.
- Notable alumni include NBA all-star and former Sacramento mayor Kevin Johnson; Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Alva Johnston; former California governor Hiram Johnson; Sly and Family Stone vocalist and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Cynthia Robinson; MLB managers John McNamara and Jerry Royster and former NFL kicker Jim Breech.

JOHNSON-BURRELL'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2023	3-1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



60 ADAM JOHNSTON

LS | 6-0 | 225 | So. | Ripon, Calif. | Ripon HS | Modesto JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played one season at Modesto JC.
- Helped the Pirates to a 7-4 overall record and a berth in the Northern California Playoffs.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Ripon HS in 2023.
- Played two seasons of varsity football for the Indians.
- Rushed for 119 yards and two touchdowns during his career.
- Also caught four passes for 32 yards and two scores in his two seasons.
- On defense, he had 44 total tackles in his career with 29 coming during his senior season.
- Credited with five tackles against Sonora HS and Modesto Christian HS for his high.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in economics.
- Parents are Justin and Chessa Johnston.

HOMETOWN

Ripon, Calif.

- Located in San Joaquin County, 65 miles south of Sacramento.
- Was originally named Murphy's Ferry but was re-named after Ripin, Wisc.
- One of the largest almond producing regions in the world.

HIGH SCHOOL

Ripon Indians

- The only high school in Ripon, Calif.
- School averages around 909 students.
- No notable alumni.



11 STEVEN KEENE II

CB | 6-3 | 180 | So. | Sacramento, Calif. | Capital Christian HS | Lewis & Clark

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended Lewis & Clark in Portland, Ore., during the 2022-23 academic year.
- Appeared in nine games and finished the season with 11 total tackles.
- Recorded at least one tackle in seven games, including the first four of his career.
- Had three tackles against Linfield for his season best.
- Credited with a pass breakup at Montana Western.
- Also played basketball at Lewis & Clark where he appeared in two games.
- Scored five points against Portland Bible and four against Northwest Indian.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2023 graduate of Capital Christian HS in Sacramento.
- Played football and basketball for the Cougars.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in biological sciences.
- Parents are Claudette and Steven Keene.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- The center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- The fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

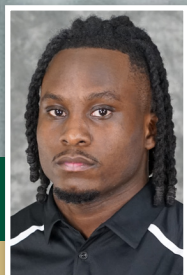
Capital Christian Cougars

- A private school in Sacramento located 8 miles east of campus.
- Notable alumni include MLB player Mauricio Dubon and NBA player DJ Wilson.
- Fellow Hornet Kennedel Riley also graduated from Capital Christian HS.

KEENE'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2023*	10-1	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0	0-0

* While playing at Lewis & Clark



1 MURVIN KENION III

S | 6-0 | 204 | Sr. | Vallejo, Calif. | St. Patrick-St. Vincet HS | CCSF | Idaho

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played two seasons at Idaho where he helped the Vandals to the NCAA FCS quarterfinals in 2023 and totaled 53 total tackles and four interceptions.
- Credited with 17 tackles in 2023 with a high of six against UAlbany in the NCAA FCS Playoffs.
- Played in all 11 games in 2022 where he amassed 36 total tackles, including 2.5 for loss.
- Added four interceptions and seven PBUs during the year.
- Set his career high with nine tackles against Portland State.
- Picked off passes against Drake, Northern Colorado, Portland State and Idaho State.
- Played the 2021 season at City College of San Francisco.
- Posted 15 tackles, including three TFLs, and an interception in nine games.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Was a 2019 graduate of St. Patrick-St. Vincent HS in Vallejo, Calif.
- A three-star recruit by 247Sports.com.
- Totaled over 1,300 all-purpose yards, 14 touchdowns and seven interceptions as a senior.
- Helped lead the Bruins to a CIF State Div. 6-AA title as a sophomore in 2017.
- Attended the same high school as former Hornet All-American Marshel Martin.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from Idaho with a degree in business.
- Is majoring in kinesiology at Sacramento State.
- Son of Murvin and Monique Kenion.

HOMETOWN

Vallejo, Calif.

- Located 30 miles northeast of San Francisco and 60 miles west of Sacramento.
- Home of Cal Maritime Academy, Mare Island Naval Shipyard and Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.

HIGH SCHOOL

St. Patrick-St. Vincent Bruins

- A private high school in Vallejo.
- St. Vincent opened in 1870 and St. Patrick in 1968.
- The two merged in 1983.
- No notable alumni.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

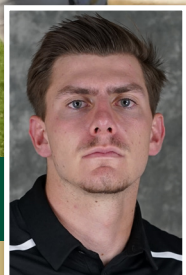
CCSF Rams

- Opened in 1935 as San Francisco Junior College.
- Name was changed to City College of San Francisco in 1948.
- Currently consists of 11 campuses.
- Football team has won 10 national titles.
- Notable alumni includes NFL veterans, O.J. Simpson, Al Cowlings, Jeremiah Masoli and Desmond Bishop, actors Bill Bixby, Barbara Eden and Danny Glover and California Supreme Court chief justice Allen Broussard.

KENION'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2022*	15-21	36	2.5-14	0.0-0	7	4-17	1	0-0
2023*	9-8	17	0.5-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	1-0
totals	24-29	53	3.0-17	0.0-0	7	4-17	1	1-0

* While playing at Idaho



92 EVAN KIELY

K | 6-4 | 216 | So. | Turlock, Calif. | Pitman HS

2023 SEASON

- Saw action in 12 of the team's 13 games as a kickoff specialist.
- Had 55 kickoffs during the year for an average of 62.4 yards.
- Posted 18 touchbacks with four coming against Idaho State and three each against Northern Colorado, Cal Poly and South Dakota.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Pittman HS in Turlock, Calif.
- Played parts of three varsity seasons.
- Finished his career going 29-of-31 on extra points and 7-of-10 on field goal attempts.
- As a senior, he made all 20 of his PAT tries and had a field goal of 35 yards.
- Earned first team all-CCAL honors at kicker and was the league special teams MVP.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Parents are Brandon and Samantha Kiely.

HOMETOWN

Turlock, Calif.

- Located Stanislaus County and is about 90 miles south of Sacramento.
- Founded in 1871 and incorporated in 1908.
- Is one of top agricultural producers in the state.
- Home to California State University, Stanislaus.

HIGH SCHOOL

Pitman Pride

- Opened in 2002 in Turlock, Calif.
- Notable alumni include Colin Kaepernick.



56 BRANDON KNOTT

DL | 6-3 | 278 | Sr. | Sacramento, Calif. | Inderkum HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in the first 12 games of the year on the defensive line.
- Finished the season with 19 total tackles, including 1.5 for loss and a sack.
- Set his season high with four tackles against Montana State.
- Credited with at least one tackle in 10 games.
- Posted a 16-yard sack and also had a QB hurry at Nicholls in the season opener.
- Added a half-TFL against Montana State.

2022 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games as a defensive tackle.
- Finished the season with 32 total tackles, including a sack.
- Posted at least one tackle in each game and had multiple stops in nine games.
- Had a strong showing in the FCS Playoffs, recording a season-high four tackles against both Richmond and Incarnate Word.
- Also had four tackles, including an 11-yard sack, at Colorado State.
- Had three quarterback hurries during the season.

2021 SEASON

- Played in all 12 games as a defensive tackle.
- Tallied 20 total tackles during the season, including seven solos and one sack.
- Had four tackles against Cal Poly and three against UNI, Idaho State, Northern Colorado and South Dakota State.
- Credited with an 8-yard sack against Cal Poly for his first career sack.
- Had a PBU against Northern Arizona.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

2019 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Was named the co-Defensive Scout Team MVP.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2019 graduate of Inderkum HS in Sacramento, Calif.
- Was a three-star recruit by 247sports.
- Named first team all-metro by the Sacramento Bee, first team all-Sac-Joaquin Section by MaxPreps and third team all-state medium schools by Cal-Hi Sports.
- Voted the Capital Valley Conference MVP as a senior.
- Played nearly every snap for Inderkum as a starter at right tackle on offense and at defensive tackle.
- Recorded 48 tackles with 27 for loss as a senior.
- Had 8.5 sacks during the year with 2.5 against River Valley HS and 2.0 against Roseville HS.
- Paved the way for an offense which averaged 388.8 rushing yards, 569.1 total yards and 51.3 points per game.
- Was a captain for a Tiger team which went 10-0 during the regular season and won the CVC title.
- The team's lone loss came in a 31-30 setback against Central Catholic in the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. II semifinals.
- Team posted a combined record of 33-5 in his three years and won the league title each season.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in kinesiology and is pursuing a second bachelor's in recreation administration.
- Parents are John Knott and Kim Prindle.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- The center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- The fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

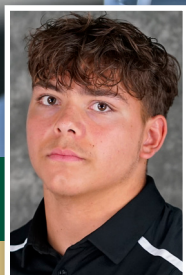
HIGH SCHOOL

Inderkum Tigers

- Opened in 2004.
- Located in the North Natomas neighborhood of Sacramento.
- Notable alumni include former NFL tight end Vince Mayle.
- Fellow Hornet Davion Ross also graduated from Inderkum HS.

KNOTT'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021	7-13	20	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0-0	0	0-0
2022	10-22	32	1.0-11	1.0-11	0	0-0	0	0-0
2023	9-10	19	1.5-19	1.0-16	0	0-0	0	0-0
totals	26-45	71	3.5-38	3.0-35	0	0-0	0	0-0



93 AHSER KOLODZIEJ

DL | 6-1 | 230 | Fr. | Palo Alto, Calif. | St. Francis HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate of St. Francis HS in Mountain View, Calif.
- Named first team all-Big 8 Conference as a senior.
- Was credited with 31 total tackles a senior, including a sack.
- Recovered a fumble against Monterey Trail HS and returned it 61 yards.
- Set his season high with six tackles against Monterey Trail HS, Sacred Heart Prep and Bellarmine Prep.
- Added a sack against Sacred Heart Prep.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Mother is Miriam Kolodziej.

HOMETOWN

Mountain View, Calif.

- Located in Santa Clara County and is part of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Original land of the Ohlone people.
- Was settled in 1852 and incorporated in 1902.
- Current home to Google, Intuit, Microsoft, 23andMe, LinkedIn and Samsung.

HIGH SCHOOL

St. Francis Lancers

- A private Catholic co-educational school which was founded in 1955 by the Brothers of Holy Cross.
- Opened as an all-boys school before merging with Holy Cross High School in 1972 to become co-ed.
- Notable alumni include former MLB players Eric Byrnes and Daniel Descalso, NFL veteran and Hornet analyst Doug Cosbie and actress Linda Cardellini.



18 KYLE KOONTZ

TE | 6-4 | 225 | Fr. | Minden, Nev. | Douglas HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate of Douglas HS in Minden, Nev.
- A two-star recruit by 247sports.
- Caught 20 passes for 303 yards and three touchdowns as a senior.
- Had at least one reception in all 10 of the team's games during the year.
- Recorded a season-high 79 yards and two touchdowns against North Valleys HS.
- Played three years of varsity football and basketball for the Tigers.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in business.
- Parents are Scott and Stephanie Kuntz.

HOMETOWN

Minden, Nev.

- The county seat of Douglas County.
- Located 24 miles east of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., and 15 miles south of Carson City, Nev.
- Founded in 1906 by Heinrich Friedrich Dangberg who named the town after Minden, Germany.

HIGH SCHOOL

Douglas Tigers

- A public high school which was founded in 1908.
- Has operated in current location since 1976.
- Named after Stephen Douglas.
- Notable alumni include MLB veteran pitcher Shawn Estes and 2020 Summer Olympics bronze medalist diver Krysta Palmer.



66 GIO KOVACS

OL | 6-4 | 300 | Fr. | Pleasanton, Calif. | Amador Valley HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate of Amador Valley HS in Pleasanton, Calif.
- Played on both the offensive and defensive lines for the Dons.
- Helped the team to a 7-3 overall record and a perfect 4-0 mark in league games as a senior.
- Named first team all-East Bay Athletic League Valley as a defensive lineman.
- Earned honorable mention all-Bay Area by the Mercury News Group
- Awarded the Amador Valley HS Defensive Player of the Year and the Ultimate Don award.
- Also earned the school's scholar-athlete award.
- Finished his senior season with 27 total tackles, include three for loss and two sacks, and also recovered a fumble.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in computer engineering.
- Parents are Ty and Kate Kovacs.
- Dad played basketball and baseball at Gallaudet University.
- Mom played softball at CSUN and crewed at Sacramento State.

HOMETOWN

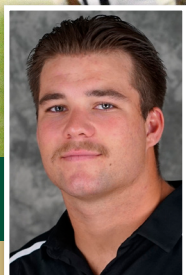
Pleasanton, Calif.

- A city in Alameda County which is located in the Amador Valley and a suburb of the East Bay region.
- Was ranked the wealthiest middle-sized city in the United States in 2005 and 2007.
- Is the headquarters of Safeway and Workday.
- Was settled as a Mexican land grant in 1839 and incorporated in 1894.

HIGH SCHOOL

Amador Valley Dons

- Established in 1922 with the first graduating class coming a year later.
- Is a four-time California Distinguished School and three-time National Blue Ribbon School.
- Notable alumni include MLB outfielder Stephen Piscotty and Mighty Morphin Power Rangers actor David Yost (Blue Ranger).



82 COLEMAN KUNTZ

TE | 6-3 | 239 | Jr. | Beaumont, Calif. | Etiwanda HS

2023 SEASON

- Appeared in all 13 games, starting six at tight end.
- Caught 20 passes for 236 yards for an average of 11.8 yards per receptions.
- Became the team's goal-line back where he had six carries for 10 yards and four touchdowns.
- Scored a pair of rushing touchdowns at North Dakota in the first round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs and added score against Northern Arizona and Idaho State.
- Had five receptions against Northern Arizona and 68 receiving yards against Texas A&M-Commerce for his season bests.
- Caught at least one pass in eight games and had multiple catches in six contests.
- Longest reception of the year was 28 yards against Texas A&M-Commerce.

2022 SEASON

- Appeared in 12 games during his first season with the team.
- Caught five passes for 71 yards and also added three tackles on special teams.
- Had two receptions for a total of 25 yards against Idaho.
- Set his season best with a 28-yard catch at Weber State.
- Averaged 14.2 yards per reception during the year.
- Credited with tackles against Cal Poly, Portland State and UC Davis.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Etiwanda HS in 2021.
- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Played three varsity seasons where he caught 44 passes for 535 yards and five touchdowns as a tight end.
- Earned all-Baseline League honors.
- Had 19 receptions as a junior for 257 yards and three TDs.
- Caught at least one pass in 10 games, including four against Hemet HS.
- Amassed a season-high 66 receiving yards on three receptions against Pacific HS.
- In just four games during the spring season of his senior year, he caught 13 passes for 174 yards.
- Set career highs with 74 yards against Los Osos HS and five receptions against Rancho Cucamonga HS.
- Majoring in business.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in business.
- Parents are Scott and Stephanie Kuntz.

HONORS

- Preseason All-Big Sky (2024)

HOMETOWN

Beaumont, Calif.

- A city in Riverside County, California, United States, located at the summit of the San Geronio Pass.
- Incorporated in 1912.
- Was originally created as a stagecoach stop and evolved into a railway stop on the Southern Pacific line.
- Was the location of a Lockheed rocket test site during the Cold War.

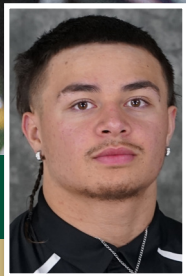
HIGH SCHOOL

Etiwanda Eagles

- Opened in 1983.
- A public high school in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
- Notable alumni include NBA veteran Darren Collison, NFL wide receiver Marvin Jones and former USA and MLS player Maurice Edu.

KUNTZ'S CAREER STATS

year	rec	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm	rush	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm
2022	5	71	14.2	0	28	6.5	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2023	20	236	11.8	0	28	18.2	6	10	1.7	4	3	0.8
totals	25	307	12.3	0	28	12.8	6	10	1.7	4	3	0.4



21 WILL LEOTA

LB | 6-2 | 223 | Sr. | Salt Lake City, Utah | Salem Hills HS | Utah Tech

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played three seasons at Utah Tech where he earned all-WAC/UAC honors each season.
- Was named second team all-WAC in 2021, first team all-WAC in 2022 and second team all-UAC in 2023.
- Recorded 213 tackles during his three seasons which places him sixth in school history.
- Finished the 2023 season with 75 total tackles, including four for loss.
- Set his season high with 12 tackles at Austin Peay and also cracked double digits with 11 at North Alabama and 10 at Northern Arizona.
- Intercepted a pass at NAU and finished the year with two pass breakups and quarterback hurries.
- Shared the conference lead with 84 total tackles in 2022.
- Set his career high with 16 total tackles at Stephen F. Austin, had 14 tackles at UNI and 12 against Tarleton State.
- Picked off a pass and had a PBU against Sam Houston.
- As a freshman in 2021, he had 54 total tackles, including 4.5 for loss and a sack.
- Set his season high with 11 at Montana and had eight tackles against Sacramento State and Stephen F. Austin.
- Added an interception and a TFL at Montana.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Salem Hills HS in Salem, Utah.
- Named first team all-state and was a two-time all-region selection.
- Recorded 75 total tackles as a senior with seven TFLs and seven interceptions.
- Helped lead the team to the Utah 5A state semifinals.
- Also played on offense where he had over 1,200 all-purpose yards.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Sione Leota and Wendy Gibson.

HONORS

- Second Team All-Western Athletic (2021)
- First Team All-Western Athletic (2022)
- Second Team All-United Athletic (2023)
- Preseason All-Big Sky (2024)

HOMETOWN

Salem, Utah

- A city in the Provo-Orem metro area.
- Had a population of 9,298 in the 2020 census.
- Was settled in 1851 with the name Pond Town.
- Incorporated in 1920 and named after Salem, Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL

Salem Hills Skyhawks

- A public high school which opened in 2008.
- Became the first high school in Utah to be awarded the National Performing Arts School of Excellence.

LEOTA'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021*	39-15	54	4.5-11	1.0-5	0	1-0	0	0-0
2022*	40-44	84	4.5-5	0.0-0	2	1-1	0	0-0
2023*	37-38	75	4.0-8	0.0-0	2	1-0	0	0-0
totals	116-97	213	13.0-24	1.0-5	4	3-1	0	0-0



84 JAYTHN LONG

WR | 5-11 | 160 | Fr. | Stockton, Calif. | Lincoln HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate from Lincoln HS in Stockton, Calif.
- A three-star recruit by 247Sports and a two-star by Rivals.
- Finished his career with 53 receptions for 839 yards and four touchdowns.
- Caught 21 passes for 301 yards and three scores as a senior.
- Had five receptions for 58 yards against West HS.
- Largest yardage output was against St. Mary's HS where he had 69 receiving yards on only three grabs.
- As a junior, he had 31 receptions for 536 yards and a score.
- Set his career bests with 11 catches for 170 yards against Tokay HS.
- Also broke the century mark with 115 receiving yards on four receptions against West HS.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in communications.
- Parents are Nate Long and Alyssa Saing.

HOMETOWN

Stockton, Calif.

- Located in San Joaquin County about 45 miles south of Sacramento.
- Was the first city in California not to have a Spanish or Native American name.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lincoln Trojans

- Opened in 1954.
- Notable alumni include PGA golfer Ricky Barnes, NFL wide receiver Brandin Cooks, President/CEO of the Los Angeles Chargers Dean Spanos and MLB players Dean Kremer and Adam Melhuse.



68 DAVIS MAY

OL | 6-4 | 314 | Fr. | Bakersfield, Calif. | Garces Memorial HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A two-star recruit from 247sports.
- A four-year varsity player at Garces Memorial HS in Bakersfield.
- Named first team all-Central Section, all-area and all-league as a junior and senior.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Parents are David and Marisa May.

HOMETOWN

Bakersfield, Calif.

- Is the county seat and largest city in Kern County.
- Founded in 1861.
- Has strong country music history with Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and Dwight Yokum.

HIGH SCHOOL

Garces Memorial Rams

- A private high school which was founded in 1947.
- Notable alumni include former NFL defensive coordinator and Syracuse head coach Greg Robinson.
- Fellow Hornet Aiden Meek also graduated from Garces Memorial HS.



58 JAYLAND McGLOTHEN

DL | 6-2 | 270 | Fr. | Las Vegas, Nev. | Silverado HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate from Silverado HS in Las Vegas, Nev.
- A three-star recruit by 247Sports and a two-star by Rivals.
- Played three varsity seasons.
- Named the Nevada 5A Division I Defensive MVP as a senior and was an all-state selection following his junior season.
- Had 72 total tackles as a senior, including 21.0 for loss and 12 sacks.
- Recorded at least five tackles in all nine games he appeared in during the season.
- Credited with at least one TFL in each game and had sacks in seven contests.
- Tallied 12 tackles against Foothill HS and added 10 against Shadow Ridge HS.
- As a junior, he helped lead Silverado HS to a Nevada Class 4A state title and a 12-0 overall record.
- Amassed 70 tackles during the season with 32 for loss and 18.5 sacks.
- Posted three sacks in three different games and had two or more in six contests.
- Also played varsity as a sophomore where he made 49 total tackles with 8.0 for loss and three sacks.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Parents are Lawrence and Maria McGlothen.

HOMETOWN

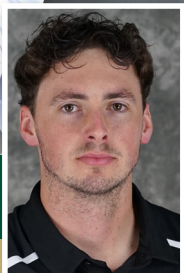
Las Vegas, Nev.

- Is the most populous city in Nevada and the seat of Clark County.
- The Las Vegas metro area is the second largest in the Southwest.
- Settled in 1905 and incorporated in 1911.
- Name is Spanish for "the meadows".

HIGH SCHOOL

Silverado Skyhawks

- A public high school which opened in 1994.
- Notable alumni include former MLB outfielder and mental health advocate Drew Robinson.



91 CAL MCGOUGH

P | 6-2 | 190 | Jr. | Geelong, Australia | St. Joseph's College

2023 SEASON

- Earned honorable mention all-Big Sky.
- Punted 36 times for an average of 42.86 yards per punt which places him fifth in school single-season history.
- Forced 11 fair catches during the year and landed 18 punts inside the opponent 20-yard line (50.0 percent).
- Had seven punts of at least 50 yards with a long of 62 against Idaho State and at Montana.

2022 SEASON

- Named third team all-Big Sky following his first season at Sacramento State.
- Averaged 40.9 yards per punt during the season.
- Appeared in 12 games due to the fact that the team did not punt against Incarnate Word in the FCS quarterfinals.
- Landed 13 of his 29 punts inside the opponent 20-yard line.
- His only touchback of the season came in the opening game of the year.
- Boomed a season-best 55-yard punt against Richmond in the second round of the FCS Playoffs.
- Had a 50-yard punt at Weber State.
- Biggest play of the year may have come in the Causeway Classic when he rushed for 20 yards on a fake punt on 4th-and-11. That drive ended with a field goal to give the Hornets a two-score lead.
- Earned Big Sky all-academic honors.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Participated in ProKick Australia.
- The program began in 2007 and trains Australians to kick and punt.
- Has produced 85 collegiate All-Americans.
- Alumni include former Hornets Owen Houlihan and Sam Clark.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Craig McGough and Megan Evans.

HONORS

- Third Team All-Big Sky (2022)
- Honorable Mention All-Big Sky (2023)

HOMETOWN

Geelong, Australia

- The second largest city in Victoria, Australia, trailing Melbourne.
- Located at the eastern end of Corio Bay and on the left bank of the Barwon River.

HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's College

- Founded in 1981.
- An all-boys secondary school located in Hunters Hill — a suburb of Sydney.
- Serves students in grades 7-12.

MCGOUGH'S CAREER STATS

year	punts	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+
2022	29	1186	40.9	55	1	10	13	2
2023	37	1585	42.8	62	2	11	18	7
totals	66	2771	42.0	62	3	21	31	9



78 RICHARD McKAY

OL | 6-6 | 292 | Fr. | Vallejo, Calif. | Clayton Valley Charter HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Helped Clayton Valley to a pair of deep runs in the North Coast Section playoffs.
- The Ugly Eagles reached the Div. I championship during his junior season.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in criminal justice.
- Father is Richard McKay III.

HOMETOWN

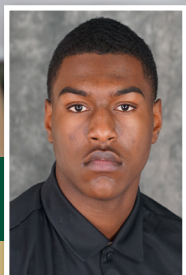
Vallejo, Calif.

- Located 30 miles northeast of San Francisco and 60 miles west of Sacramento.
- Home of Cal Maritime Academy, Mare Island Naval Shipyard and Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.

HIGH SCHOOL

Clayton Valley Charter Ugly Eagles

- Located in Concord, Calif.
- Opened in 1958 and switched to a charter school in 2012.
- Notable alumni include college basketball coach Bob Thomason, MLB player Damon Mashore and NFL player Kahlil McKenzie.
- Fellow Hornet Leke Fashola also graduated from Clayton Valley Charter.



17 ANTA'VEON McKENZIE

S | 6-1 | 196 | Fr. | Stockton. | Edison HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Appeared in four regular season game and two NCAA FCS Playoff games.
- Was thrust into the lineup during the playoffs and responded with seven tackles at North Dakota and South Dakota.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2023 graduate of Edison HS in Stockton, Calif.
- Graduated at the semester of his senior year.
- Appeared in eight games as a senior where he recorded 65 tackles (8.1 tackles per game)
- Had at least six stops in each contest, including six games with eight or more.
- Was credited with 11 tackles against McNair HS for his season best.
- Intercepted passes against Linden HS and Bear Creek HS.
- Helped the team advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs as a senior.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in sociology.
- Parents are Antwan McKenzie and LaPrell Williams.

HOMETOWN

Stockton, Calif.

- Located in San Joaquin County about 45 miles south of Sacramento.
- Was the first city in California not to have a Spanish or Native American name.

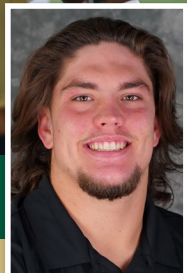
HIGH SCHOOL

Edison Vikings

- Opened in 1941.
- Named after Thomas Edison.
- Notable alumni include former Hornet and Arena League Hall of Famer Darren Arbet and NFL players Lavelle Hawkins, Trumaine Johnson and Derek Kennard.
- Fellow Hornet Nakian Jackson also graduate from Edison HS.

MCKENZIE'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2023	8-6	14	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



74 AIDEN MEEK

OL | 6-5 | 300 | Jr. | Bakersfield, Calif. | Garces Memorial HS

2023 SEASON

- Started all nine games in which he appeared.
- Earned eight starts at right tackle and one at right guard.
- Suffered a broken clavicle in the season opener at Nicholls which forced him to miss four weeks.
- Was part of an offensive line which allowed just 16 sacks during the year.

2022 SEASON

- Did not appear in a game.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Garces Memorial HS in Bakersfield, Calif.
- Was a two-star recruit from 247sports.com.
- Played tackle and guard for the Rams and also saw some action on the defensive line.
- Recorded eight tackles in five games as a senior
- Also competed in wrestling.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in economics.
- Parents are Justin and Rebecca Meek.
- Father played football at Idaho and grandfather at Hawaii.
- Had three cousins play college football, including tight end Bear Pascoe who went on to win a Super Bowl with the New York Giants.

HOMETOWN

Bakersfield, Calif.

- Is the county seat and largest city in Kern County.
- Founded in 1861.
- Has strong country music history with Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and Dwight Yokum.

HOMETOWN

Garces Memorial Rams

- A private high school which was founded in 1947.
- Notable alumni include former NFL defensive coordinator and Syracuse head coach Greg Robinson.



59 NATHAN MEJIA

OL | 6-3 | 304 | Jr. | Arcadia, Calif. | Cathedral HS

2023 SEASON

- Named honorable mention all-Big Sky.
- Started all 13 games at center.
- Anchored an offensive line which allowed only 16 sacks during the season.

2022 SEASON

- Named Freshman All-America by Stats Perform and HERO Sports.
- Earned second team all-Big Sky honors.
- Started all 13 games at center.
- Part of an offensive line which set the school record with 3,358 rushing yards and rushed for 5.4 yards per carry.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Started the Northern Arizona game at center in his lone appearance and helped the team to a 44-0 win.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Cathedral HS in Los Angeles.
- Was a three-star recruit from 247sports.com as a guard.
- Played on both the offensive and defensive lines.
- Recorded six tackles in three games as a senior on defense and had 12 in six games on defense as a junior.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in business.
- Parents are Cesar and Gabriela Mejia.

HONORS

- Stats Perform Freshman All-American (2022)
- HERO Sports Freshman All-American (2022)
- Second Team All-Big Sky (2022)
- Honorable Mention All-Big Sky (2023)
- Preseason all-Big Sky (2024)

HOMETOWN

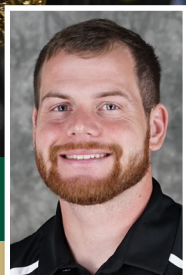
Arcadia, Calif.

- Located in Los Angeles County about 13 miles northeast of downtown LA at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains.
- Incorporated in 1903.

HIGH SCHOOL

Cathedral Phantoms

- A private high school in Los Angeles which was founded in 1925.
- Was built on the site of a former cemetery.
- Notable attendees include LA mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (expelled his junior year) and Cobra Kai actor Xolo Maridueña.



63 MIKE MELANSON

P | 5-11 | 185 | Jr. | Las Vegas, Nev. | Las Vegas HS | Sequoias JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended College of Sequoias in Visalia, Calif., for three years.
- Earned all-league honors as a sophomore after averaging 39.1 yards per punt.
- Had punts of at least 50 yards in four games during the 2023 season, including a 65-yarder at Sacramento City JC and a 60-yarder against Diablo Valley JC.
- Landed 17 punts inside the opponent 20-yard line.
- Had an identical average of 39.1 yards per punt during the 2022 season with 20 landing inside the 20.
- Boomed a 65-yard punt against Reedley JC for his season long and had six kicks of at least 50 yards.
- Appeared in two games in 2021 before redshirting.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Las Vegas HS in 2012.
- Averaged 38.63 yards per punt as a senior.
- Longest punt was 53 yards against Green Valley HS.
- Placed 11 of his 30 punts inside the opponent 20-yard line.
- Also played wide receiver where he had 13 receptions for 102 yards and a touchdowns in his final year.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Parents are Stephen and Rosemarie Melanson.

HOMETOWN

Las Vegas, Nev.

- Is the most populous city in Nevada and the seat of Clark County.
- The Las Vegas metro area is the second largest in the Southwest.
- Settled in 1905 and incorporated in 1911.
- Name is Spanish for "the meadows".

HIGH SCHOOL

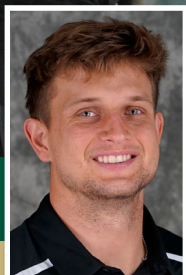
Las Vegas Wildcats

- Opened in 1905 and the current campus has been in place since 1993.
- School has won 16 Nevada state titles in football.
- Notable alumni include Bryce Harper and current MLB pitcher Erick Fedde.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

College of Sequoias Giants

- Opened in 1926 as Visalia Junior College and switched its named in 1949.
- Notable alumni include "The Office" actor (and Sacramento State alum) Creed Bratton and former Journey frontman Steve Perry.



15 SAWYER MERRILL

WR | 6-0 | 196 | Sr. | El Dorado Hills, Calif. | Oak Ridge HS | American River JC

2023 SEASON

- Appeared in all 13 games with most of his action coming on special teams.
- Served as one of the team's gunners on punt coverage where he recorded eight tackles during the year, including five solos.
- Credited with two tackles at Stanford and had one tackle in six other games.

2022 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games at both wide receiver and on special teams.
- Caught two passes for a total of nine yards.
- First career reception came at Cal Poly.
- Had an 11-yard grab the following week against Northern Colorado.
- Recorded six tackles during the season on special teams.
- All six stops came over the final four games as he had two against Portland State, UC Davis and Incarnate Word.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played the 2021 season at American River College in Sacramento, Calif., where he was coached by former Hornet All-American Jon Osterhout.
- Led the Beavers with 377 receiving yards and four TD catches on 25 receptions in nine games.
- Had a season high seven receptions for 155 yards and a touchdown at Sierra JC.
- Pulled in five passes for 67 yards and a score against Santa Rosa JC.
- Averaged 15.1 yards per receptions during the season.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2019 graduate of Oak Ridge HS in El Dorado Hills, Calif.
- Finished his career with the Trojans with 60 receptions for 820 yards and six touchdowns.
- As a senior, he had 49 catches for 704 yards and five TDs.
- Caught at least two passes in all 10 games and had five or more receptions in six contests.
- Opened the year with nine catches for 124 yards and two TDs against Lincoln HS.
- Also returned a punt for a 37-yard touchdown against the Fighting Zebras.
- Had five receptions for 104 yards against Vacaville HS.
- Played on defense where he had 46 total tackles, including three for loss.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in sociology.
- Parents are Degan and Allison Merrill.

HOMETOWN

El Dorado Hills, Calif.

- A suburb of Sacramento located 23 miles east of Sacramento State.
- Originally founded during the Gold Rush and was part of two Pony Express routes.
- Began attracting residents in the 1960s.

HIGH SCHOOL

Oak Ridge Trojans

- Opened in 1980.
- Football team won the California D-II title in 2003 and 2004.
- Girls basketball won the D-I crown in 2005.
- Swim team won the state championship in 2016 and 2017.
- Notable alumni include NBA player Ryan Anderson, NFL players Seryi Ajitotutu, Ian Book, Ross Dwelley and Austin Collie and MLB veteran F.P. Santangelo.
- Fellow Hornets Austin Jarrard, Bryson Summers and Elijah Hansen also played at Oak Ridge HS.

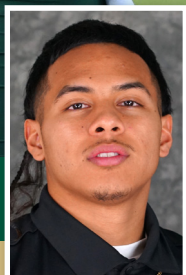
JUNIOR COLLEGE

American River Beavers

- Located in North Highlands, Calif., just outside of Sacramento.
- Opened in 1955.
- Notable alumni include TV journalist Joan Lunden, MLB players Dusty Baker, Dallas Braden, Steve Holm, Bob Oliver and John Vukovich, NFL veterans Tony Eason and Gerald Wilhite and Olympic gold medal swimmer Debbie Meyer.
- Fellow Hornets Austin Jarrard and Zach Schreiner also played at ARC.

MERRILL'S CAREER STATS

year	rec	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm
2022	2	9	4.5	0	11	0.2
2023	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
total	2	9	4.5	0	11	0.1



6 EZRA MOLENI

RB | 6-0 | 206 | Sr. | Midvale, Utah | Hillcrest HS | San Mateo JC

2023 SEASON

- Played in nine games during his first season at Sacramento State.
- Received 65 carries for 278 yards and also caught five passes for 32 yards and a touchdown.
- Heaviest workload came at Northern Colorado where he had 17 carries for 87 yards.
- Also caught two passes for nine yards, including an 8-yard touchdown against the Bears.
- Averaged 58.3 rushing yards per game over a three-game stretch where he filled in for the injured Marcus Fulcher.
- Had two receptions against Northern Colorado and Montana State for his season best.
- Amassed 15 receiving yards against the Bobcats for his season best.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended College of San Mateo for two seasons.
- Named first team All-America by the JC Athletic Bureau and was the Region I Offensive Player of the Year as a sophomore.
- Set the school record with 1,400 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns on 208 carries in 2022.
- Helped guide CSM to the California state title with a 55-0 win in the championship game.
- Rushed for over 100 yards in six games, including the final four of the season.
- Had 232 rushing yards and two touchdowns in the state title game which set the CSM single-game record.
- Scored at least one touchdown in 11 games and had multiple rushing touchdowns in six contests.
- Also caught 13 passes for 158 yards during the year.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2018 graduate of Hillcrest HS in Midvale, Utah.
- Played three varsity seasons.
- Finished his career with 20 touchdowns.
- Had 1,456 all-purpose yards as a senior and added three interceptions on defense.
- Named All-America, all-state and all-region as a wide receiver as a senior.
- Best game came against Cottonwood HS where he scored five touchdowns.
- Holds the school record for longest receiving touchdown with a 98-yarder as a senior.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in economics.
- Parents are Albert and Sulia Moleni.

HOMETOWN

Midvale, Utah

- Located 12 miles south of Salt Lake City.
- Positioned next to the Jordan River.
- Incorporated in 1909.

HIGH SCHOOL

Hillcrest Huskies

- Established in 1962.
- Notable alumni include NFL veteran Zane Beadles.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

San Mateo Bulldogs

- Opened in 1922 in San Mateo, Calif.
- Notable alumni include NFL coaches John Madden, Dick Vermeil and Ted Tollner, NFL veteran Julian Edelman, MLB veterans Keith Hernandez and John Wettland, announcer John Miller, actors Dana Carvey and Dennis Haysbert, TV host/producer Merv Griffin, and musician Lindsey Buckingham.
- Fellow Hornets Malini Ti'a and Amari Roberson also played at San Mateo JC.

MOLENI'S CAREER STATS

year	att	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm	rec	yds	td
2023	65	276	4.2	0	19	30.7	5	32	1



EIAN MOORE

S | 6-0 | 190 | Sr. | Sacramento, Calif. | Sheldon HS | Sierra JC

2023 SEASON

- Missed the entire season due to an injury.

2022 SEASON

- Appeared in 12 games, starting four at safety.
- Finished the season with 39 total tackles, including 17 solos.
- Set his season best with eight tackles at Weber State
- Credited with six tackles against Idaho.
- Recorded at least one tackle in nine games, including four with five or more.
- Had three pass breakups during the season, including two against UC Davis.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Played in the final three games of the season after recovering from a knee injury.
- Finished the season with four total tackles all of which were solos.
- Had three stops at UC Davis for his season.
- Recorded a solo tackle and had a PBU against Portland State.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played two seasons at Sierra JC in Rocklin, Calif.
- Amassed 109 tackles during the two years with 50 stops as a freshman and 59 as a sophomore.
- As a sophomore he added three tackles-for-loss, forced a fumble, recovered a fumble and had three interceptions.
- Was credited with at least three tackles in all 11 games he played in 2019 with a high of 10 against Butte.
- Also had eight tackles at Feather River and seven against Shasta and American River.
- Intercepted passes against Sacramento City, American River and Siskiyou.
- As a freshman in 2018, he had 10 tackles at Shasta for his high and had nine against Siskiyou.
- Picked off a pass against Shasta and had four PBUs during the year.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2018 graduate of Sheldon HS in Sacramento, Calif.
- Was credited with 143 tackles during his two seasons on varsity and had five career interceptions.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in criminal justice and is pursuing a second bachelor's in ethnic studies.
- Parents are Jay Moore and Kiesha Fletcher.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- The center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- The fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

Sheldon Huskies

- Opened in 1997 in Elk Grove, Calif.
- Notable alumni include artist David Garibaldi, NFL player Taron Johnson and basketball players DeMarcus Nelson and Marcus Bagley.
- Fellow Hornet Dilon Juniel also graduated from Sheldon HS.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Sierra Wolverines

- Located in Rocklin, Calif., 22 miles northeast of Sacramento.
- Founded in 1936.
- Served as the longtime training camp home of the San Francisco 49ers.
- Notable alumni include wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk.
- Former Sacramento State head football coach John Volek served as the Director of Athletics from 2003-11.
- Fellow Hornets Elijah Hansen and Bryson Summers also played at Sierra JC.

MOORE'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021	4-0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0	0-0
2022	17-22	39	0.0-0	0.0-0	3	0-0	0	0-0
totals	21-22	43	0.0-0	0.0-0	4	0-0	0	0-0



25 ARDWON MORRIS

RB | 5-9 | 202 | Fr. | Los Angeles, Calif. | Orange HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate from Orange HS.
- Rushed for 2,486 yards and 27 touchdowns as a senior to earn league MVP honors.
- Yardage total ranked second in the Southern Section and eighth in the state.
- Averaged 226.0 rushing yards per game and had a minimum of 113 yards in all 11 contests.
- Opened the year with 293 yards and five touchdowns against Pacifica HS.
- Set his career best with 409 yards and seven touchdowns against Estancia HS.
- Added 287 yards and four scores against Costa Mesa HS and 361 yards and two TDs against Santa Ana HS.
- Scored a touchdown in nine of 11 games and had multiple TDs in seven games.
- Team finished 7-5 and advanced to the second round of the Southern Section Div. IX playoffs.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Mother is Kwamina Chislom.

HOMETOWN

Los Angeles, Calif.

- The largest city in California and the fourth-largest in the United States.
- Became a city in 1835.
- Covers 503 square miles.

HIGH SCHOOL

Orange Panthers

- Established in 1903.
- Moved to its current location in 1953.
- Notable alumni include Fred Kelly who won the 110-hurdles at the 1912 Summer Olympics, world distance champion Mary Decker, Grammy Award winning composer Bill Holman and NFL punter Micah Knorr.



22 ELIAS MULLICAN

CB | 6-1 | 172 | So. | Rocklin, Calif. | Rocklin HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in two games during the season.
- Did not record a tackle.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Was the Sierra Foothill League MVP as a senior after helping the Thunder to the league title and a berth in the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. I title game.
- A three-year varsity player who played cornerback, safety, running back and wide receiver.
- Named all-metro by The Sacramento Bee following his junior season where he was also first team all-SFL.
- Had 25 tackles and five interceptions as a senior.
- Also caught 40 passes for 663 yards and eight touchdowns and rushed for 88 yards and one TD.
- Had a pair of interceptions against Granite Bay HS.
- Caught two or more passes in 11 games, including a season-high six in the regular-season win over Folsom HS.
- Had three receptions for 90 yards and a touchdown against Sheldon HS in the second round of the section playoffs.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Mother is Jennie Mullican.

HOMETOWN

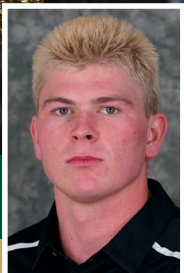
Rocklin, Calif.

- Located 21 miles northeast of Sacramento in Placer County.
- Was settled as a gold mining town in the mid 1850s.
- Earned it's name as a granite quarry.

HIGH SCHOOL

Rocklin Thunder

- Founded in 1992.
- Notable alumni include San Francisco Giants pitcher Logan Webb.
- Fellow Hornets Derek Houston and Spencer Patton also graduated from Rocklin HS.



87 GAVIN NELSON

TE | 6-4 | 245 | Jr. | Clovis, Calif. | Buchanan HS | Fresno City JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended Fresno City JC for two years.
- Appeared in nine games during the 2023 season where he caught 14 passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns.
- Brought in four passes for 59 yards at Modesto JC for his season bests with a long of 49 yards.
- Had three catches for 25 yards at College of the Sequoias.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Buchanan HS in Clovis, Calif.
- Was named the Tri-River Athletic League Defensive Lineman of the Year as a senior.
- Finished that year with 17.5 tackles for loss, including 10.5 sacks.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in business.
- Parents are Steve and Laurie Nelson.

HOMETOWN

Clovis, Calif.

- Located in Fresno County.
- Established in 1890 as a freight stop for the San Joaquin Valley Railroad.
- Was incorporated in 1912.

HIGH SCHOOL

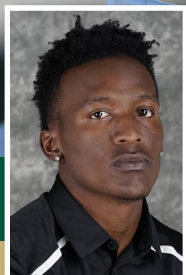
Buchanan Bears

- A public high school which opened in 1991.
- School is named for Dr. Floyd B. Buchanan who was the first superintendent of the Clovis Unified School District.
- Serves as the home of the California State High School Track & Field Championships.
- Notable alumni include MLB player Jordan Luplow, professional golfer Kevin Chappell, astronaut Jessica Wittner and former Sacramento State FCS All-American Ben Sorensen.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Fresno City Rams

- Established in 1910.
- School has won numerous California state titles in football, basketball, baseball and track.
- Notable alumni include sociologist Harry Edwards, NFL Hall of Famer Tom Flores, MLB Hall of Famer Tom Seaver, NBA veteran Rafer Alston and former Hornet and NFL veteran Daimon Shelton.



JOSHUA NICHOLSON

WR | 6-0 | 179 | Jr. | Grand Prairie, Texas | South Grand Prairie HS | San Diego State

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended San Diego State for three years.
- Played in all 12 games for the Aztecs in 2023, starting three.
- Had 13 receptions for 113 yards and a touchdown.
- Recorded a 21-yard touchdown reception against Air Force.
- Set his career high with three receptions against Colorado State.
- Finished the 2022 season with four receptions for 44 yards and a touchdown in six games.
- Posted his first collegiate receptions against Utah where he had two grabs, including an 18-yard touchdown.
- Caught one pass for three yards against Middle Tennessee State in the EasyPost Hawai'i Bowl.
- Redshirted in 2021.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of South Grand Prairie HS where he played four varsity seasons.
- Helped the Warriors advance to the second round of the 2020 Texas Conference 6A Division I playoffs in his final prep season.
- Received second-team all-District 7-6A recognition as a junior in 2019 after catching 30 passes for 403 yards and five touchdowns.
- Was clocked at 4.48 in the 40-yard dash, according to Rivals.
- Also competed on the South Grand Prairie High track and field team.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Sharron and Aaron Clegg.

HOMETOWN

Grand Prairie, Texas

- Located in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.
- Was founded in 1863 and originally named Dechman.
- Incorporated as Grand Prairie in 1909.
- Large employers include Lockheed Martin Missiles and Bell Helicopter.

HIGH SCHOOL

South Grand Prairie Warriors

- Opened in 1969 and moved to its current campus in 1972.
- Notable alumni include Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Robert Hart of the Dallas Morning News.

NICHOLSON'S CAREER STATS

year	rec	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm
2022*	4	44	11.0	1	18	7.3
2023*	13	113	8.7	1	21	9.4
totals	17	157	9.2	2	21	8.7

* While playing at San Diego State



12 JASON OLIVER

CB | 6-0 | 169 | So. | Bakersfield, Calif. | Liberty HS | Colorado

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during his first season with the Hornets.
- Appeared in four regular season games as well as both NCAA FCS Playoff contests.
- Recorded three tackles during the year, including one in each playoff game at North Dakota and South Dakota.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended Colorado during the 2022-23 year.
- Appeared in all 12 games as a true freshman.
- Finished the season with 11 total tackles, including eight solos.
- Had two stops against Arizona, Oregon State and Washington for his season high.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Liberty HS in Bakersfield, Calif.
- Was a three-star prospect by the recruiting services.
- The 247 Composite ranked him as the No. 85 cornerback in the nation, No. 70 player from California, and No. 932 player nationally.
- 247 Sports ranked him as the No. 103 cornerback in the class and No. 100 player from California.
- Rivals listed him as the No. 67 player in California.
- ESPN ranked him the No. 81 athlete in the class, No. 56 player from California and No. 115 player in the west.
- On3 sports ranked him as the No. 121 cornerback in the class and No. 81 player from California.
- Played three years of varsity at Liberty for coach Bryan Nixon.
- Playing receiver and in the defensive backfield, he was named all-league, the Area Player of the Year and was named a hometown all-star.
- Caught 40 catches for 927 yards and 10 touchdowns offensively and had 40 tackles on defense with a sack, 10 pass breakups, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery on defense.
- Returned seven kicks for 141 yards and 18 punts for 283 yards and a touchdown on special teams.
- Scored three touchdowns in a 35-7 win over Pittsburg HS.
- In a COVID-shortened junior season, Liberty was 5-0 and he played in two games, catching six passes for 125 yards and a touchdown and added three tackles

on defense and had one kick return for 18 yards on special team.

- As a sophomore, Liberty was 10-2 and he played receiver and cornerback.
- Caught 16 passes for 336 yards and two touchdowns and added 25 tackles, 13 pass breakups and three interceptions on defense and returned six kicks for 144 yards on special teams.
- Also played baseball and track & field at Liberty, posting personal bests of 15.32 in the 100-meter hurdles and 39.92 in the 300-hurdles.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in economics.
- Parents are Jason and Nicole Oliver.
- Has one sister, Kiara.
- Dad Jason played football at USC.
- Cousin, Justin Cheadle, was an all-Pac-12 offensive lineman at Cal spent time on the practice squads with the Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers
- Uncle, John Tarver, played football at Colorado from 1968-71 and was drafted in the 1972 NFL Draft and played for five seasons with the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles.

HOMETOWN

Bakersfield, Calif.

- Is the county seat and largest city in Kern County.
- Founded in 1861.
- Has strong country music history with Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and Dwight Yokum.

HIGH SCHOOL

Liberty Patriots

- Opened in 1999.
- Is the most populated school in Kern County.
- Notable alumni include MLS champion Quincy Amarikwa, NFL quarterback Jordan Love and punter Colton Schmidt.
- Fellow Hornet Cade Gretlein and Riley Hernandez also graduated from Liberty HS.



53 ELIJAH ORTIZ

OL | 6-1 | 300 | Jr. | Union City, Calif. | James Logan HS | Laney JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played the 2023 seasons at Laney JC in Oakland, Calif.
- Earned all-Bay 6 League honors.
- Saw time at both center and guard for a team which rushed for 146.8 yards per game.
- Began his collegiate career at Southern Oregon in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of James Logan HS in Union City, Calif.
- Was a two-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Named all-league as a junior and senior and was earned a spot on the all-Bay Area team.
- Played three varsity seasons and was a captain his senior year.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Edward and Melina Ortiz.

HOMETOWN

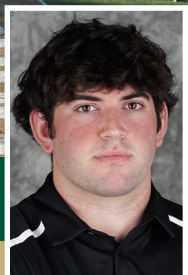
Union City, Calif.

- Located in Alameda County and is part of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Approximately 19 miles south of Oakland and 20 miles north of San Jose.
- Incorporated in 1959.

HIGH SCHOOL

James Logan Colts

- A public high school in Union City, Calif.
- Named after pioneer James Logan.
- Notable alumni include former Hornet FCS All-American Fred Amey, NFL veteran Roy Williams, former NBA guard Nate Robinson and Olympic silver medalist in freestyle wrestling Stephen Abas.



98 SPENCER PATTON

DL | 6-1 | 271 | Fr. | Rocklin, Calif. | Rocklin HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Rocklin HS in 2024.
- A two-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Earned first team all-metro honors by The Sacramento Bee as a senior.
- Was a three-time all-Sierra Foothill League selection.
- Helped the Thunder to a 2023 Sac-Joaquin Section Div. II title and a 12-2 overall record.
- The team advanced to the CIF NorCal Div. 2-AA game.
- Finished his career with 123 total tackles, including 19 TFLs and 13 sacks.
- Added four fumble recoveries, a forced fumble and four pass breakups.
- Also played rugby.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in criminal justice.
- Parents are Rob and Melissa Patton.
- Dad played linebacker for the Hornets (1985-90) and led the team with 136 tackles his final year.

HOMETOWN

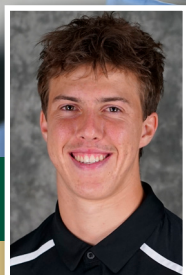
Rocklin, Calif.

- Located 21 miles northeast of Sacramento in Placer County.
- Was settled as a gold mining town in the mid 1850s.
- Earned its name as a granite quarry.

HIGH SCHOOL

Rocklin Thunder

- Founded in 1992.
- Notable alumni include San Francisco Giants pitcher Logan Webb.
- Fellow Hornets Derek Houston and Elias Mullican also graduated from Rocklin HS.



80 TOMMY POE

TE | 6-4 | 209 | Fr. | Penryn, Calif. | Del Oro HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate from Del Oro HS in Loomis, Calif.
- A two-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Played two varsity seasons for the Golden Eagles where he caught 68 passes for 1,293 yards and 14 touchdowns and was named second team all-Sierra Foothill League twice.
- Finished his senior season with 39 receptions for 730 yards and four scores and also blocked two punts.
- Opened the season with three touchdown catches against Inderkum HS.
- Caught eight passes for 120 yards against Casa Roble HS and added seven receptions for a season-high 155 yards against Granite Bay HS.
- Amassed 563 receiving yards on 29 receptions with 10 touchdowns as a junior.
- Set his season high with seven catches for 130 yards against Clayton Valley Charter.
- Recorded two TD receptions against Del Campo HS, Clayton Valley Charter and Menlo-Atherton HS.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in construction management.
- Parents are Scott and Jennifer Poe.
- Great grandfather, John Kub, played football at Marquette in the late 1920s.

HOMETOWN

Penryn, Calif.

- Located in Placer County and is 30 miles northeast of Sacramento.
- Founded in 1864 with the establishment of a granite quarry.
- Named after a city in Wales.

HIGH SCHOOL

Del Oro Golden Eagles

- A public high school in Loomis, Calif.
- Opened in 1959.
- Notable alumni include former Stanford and NFL quarterback Randy Fasani, former MLB manager Marcel Lachemann, college basketball coach Don Verlin and current PGA golfer Austin Smotherman.



52 TANGITANGI PONGIA

OL | 6-3 | 312 | Jr. | San Diego, Calif. | St. Augustine HS | UTEP

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended UTEP during the fall of 2023.
- Did not appear in a game for the Miners.
- Played at Cisco College in Cisco, Texas for the 2021 and 2022 seasons.
- Was a two-start recruit from 247Sports.
- Part of an offensive line which rushed for over 130 yards per game in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of St. Augustine HS in San Diego.
- Was part of the team which won the San Diego Section Div. I title during his sophomore season.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in economics.
- Mother is Ahi Pongia.

HOMETOWN

San Diego, Calif.

- The second most populous city in California and the eighth largest in the United States.
- Located adjacent to the California-Mexico border.
- First settled by Europeans in 1542 by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo of Spain.
- Was conquered by the U.S. in 1848 as part of the Mexican-American War.
- Hosts the largest naval fleet in the world.

HIGH SCHOOL

St. Augustine Saints

- A private Catholic boys high school in San Diego.
- Was founded in 1922 and was named after Saint Augustine Hippo, an early Christian theologian.
- Notable alumni include former San Diego mayor Roger Hedgecock and NBA veteran Jelani McCoy.



18 FATA PULOKA

DL | 6-3 | 221 | Fr. | Sacramento, Calif. | Monterey Trail HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the year after playing in four regular season games.
- Did not record a tackle during the year.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A two-star recruit from 247sports.
- Played parts of three varsity seasons for Monterey Trail HS.
- Finished his career with 132 total tackles, including eight sacks and 15.0 tackles-for-loss.
- Also had 27 receptions for 430 yards and four scores.
- Was credited with 43 total tackles as a senior.
- Had at least three stops in each of his nine games and had five or more in four contests.
- Set his season high with eight tackles against Folsom HS.
- As a junior, he had 79 total tackles.
- Tallied 10 stops against Clayton Valley Charter HS and Burbank HS.
- Also recorded two interceptions, three pass break-ups, two fumble recoveries and a blocked field goal during the year.
- Helped lead the Mustangs to undefeated league records and Metro League titles each season.
- Monterey Trail also advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs each year.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Mother is Alisi Puloka.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- The center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- The fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

Monterey Trail Mustangs

- Established in 2004 in Elk Grove, Calif.
- Notable alumni include rapper Saweetie.



79 KADEN RICHARDSON

OL | 6-2 | 283 | Sr. | Folsom, Calif. | Folsom HS | UC Davis

2023 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games, starting six at right guard.
- Team posted a 4-2 record in games he started, including the win at Stanford.
- Was part of an offensive line which allowed only 16 sacks during the year.

2022 SEASON

- Appeared in 12 games as a reserve offensive lineman and on special teams.
- Served as the backup center all season.
- Earned Big Sky all-academic honors.

2021 SEASON

- Played in all 12 games.
- Served as a punt protector in each game and also had some reps as a reserve offensive lineman.
- Earned Big Sky all-academic honors.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended UC Davis during the 2019-20 academic year but did not participate in football activities.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Folsom HS in 2020.
- Was a three-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Named first team all-metro by The Sacramento Bee, first team all-NorCal and first team all-Sierra Foothill League as a junior and a senior.
- Earned all-Sac-Joaquin Section honors as a senior.
- Voted to the Cal-Hi Sports Junior All-State team in 2018.
- Helped guide Folsom to a 42-3 overall record in his final three years.
- The team won Sac-Joaquin Section and state titles in 2017 and 2018.
- Was coached by his father, Kris, on the varsity team.
- Teamed with current Hornets Kaiden Bennett, Kameron Broussard, Parker Clayton, Gavin Davis-Smith, DeShawn Lynch, Dylan Jorge, Joseph Wagner and Tyler Hardeman.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in communications and is pursuing a second bachelor's in recreation administration.
- Parents are Kris and Kelly Richardson.
- Brother, Kooper, played for the Hornets and is currently a member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

HOMETOWN

Folsom, Calif.

- Located 20 miles east of Sacramento.
- Known for Folsom Prison and Folsom Lake.
- Was founded as a gold mining town in the mid 1800s.
- Was incorporated in 1946.

HIGH SCHOOL

Folsom Bulldogs

- Located just east of Sacramento (about 20 miles from Sacramento State).
- Was established in 1922.
- School has won four CIF state football titles.
- Alumni include QB Jake Browning, OL Jonah Williams and DB Jordan Richards.
- Fellow Hornets Kaiden Bennett, Gavin Davis-Smith, and Onterio Smith, Jr. are all graduates of Folsom HS.



62 KENNDEL RILEY

OL | 6-4 | 353 | Jr. | Lincoln, Calif. | Capital Christian HS

2023 SEASON

- Started all six games in which he appeared during the year at right guard.
- Was part of an offensive line which allowed only 16 sacks during the year.

2022 SEASON

- Played in eight games on the offensive line.
- Started at right guard during the team's FCS Playoffs games against Richmond and Incarnate Word.
- Recorded a tackle against UIW following a turnover.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Capital Christian HS in Sacramento, Calif.
- Was a two-star recruit from 247sports.com and Rivals.
- Earned second team all-Capital Athletic League honors on the defensive line as a junior.
- Helped lead the Cougars to an undefeated CAL season and a trip to the 2019 Sac-Joaquin Section Div. III semifinals.
- Was credited with 12 total tackles, including a sack that season.

- Helped pave the way for an offense which averaged 33.4 points and 345.7 yards per game.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Kenneth and Kimberly Riley.

HOMETOWN

Lincoln, Calif.

- A suburb of Sacramento which is located in Placer County.
- Was founded in 1859 by Theodore Judah.

HIGH SCHOOL

Capital Christian Cougars

- A private school in Sacramento located 8 miles east of campus.
- Notable alumni include MLB player Mauricio Dubon and NBA player DJ Wilson.
- Fellow Hornet Steven Keene also graduated from Capital Christian HS.



5 AMARI ROBERSON

S | 6-0 | 187 | Jr. | East Oakland, Calif. | San Leandro HS | San Mateo JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played two seasons at San Mateo JC.
- Appeared in seven games and finished the year with 14 total tackles with an interception, tackle-for-loss and a pass breakup.
- Had three tackles and an interception in a 30-27 win over American River JC in the NorCal championship game.
- Recorded a season-high five stops against Riverside JC in the California 3C2A championship game.
- As a freshman in 2022, he was credited with nine tackles with three PBUs and a fumble recovery.
- Team went 12-1 on the way to winning the California 3C2A championship.
- Defense surrendered just five points in the three playoff games and surrendered 11.8 points per game throughout the year.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2020 graduate of San Leandro HS.
- Played three varsity seasons and finished his career with 98 total tackles.
- Had five interceptions as a senior with a long return of 29 yards.
- Also forced three fumbles and recovered one during the year.

- Tallied 55 tackles as a junior, including nine for loss.
- Recorded five or more tackles in six games with a high of nine against Castro Valley HS.
- Also played on offense where he had 23 career receptions for 316 yards and four touchdowns.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Sam Roberson and Drucilla Snowden.

HOMETOWN

East Oakland, Calif.

- Is a neighborhood in Oakland, Calif.
- Stretches between Lake Merritt in the northwest and San Leandro in the southeast.
- East Oakland takes up the largest portion of the city's land area.

HIGH SCHOOL

San Leandro Pirates

- A public school located in San Leandro, Calif.
- Opened in 1949.
- Notable alumni include former Oregon and NFL quarterback Dennis Dixon and En Vogue lead singer Dawn Robinson.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

San Mateo Bulldogs

- Opened in 1922 in San Mateo, Calif.
- Notable alumni include NFL coaches John Madden, Dick Vermeil and Ted Tollner, NFL veteran Julian Edelman, MLB veterans Keith Hernandez and John Wettland, announcer John Miller, actors Dana Carvey and Dennis Haysbert, TV host/producer Merv Griffin, and musician Lindsey Buckingham.
- Fellow Hornets Ezra Moleni and Malini Ti'a also played at San Mateo JC.



42 JEROME ROBERTS

LB | 5-10 | 208 | Fr. | San Diego, Calif. | Lincoln HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate from Lincoln HS in San Diego.
- Recorded 171 total tackles as a senior while leading the Hornets to a 12-1 overall record.
- Named the Western League Defensive Player of the Year and was a first team all-league selection that season.
- The team's lone loss came in a 27-26 setback in the San Diego Section Open Division championship.
- Averaged 13.2 tackles per game and had 10 or more stops in 12 of his 13 games.
- Set his season high with 22 tackles against Granite Hills HS in the final game of his career.
- Credited with 19 stops against Helix HS in the San Diego Section Open Division semifinals.
- His season tackle total included 33 TFLs and three sacks.
- Also intercepted a pass, forced two fumbles and recovered a pair of fumbles during the year.
- Named first team all-Western League as a junior.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in film.
- Parents are Jerome Roberts and Monique Graves.

HOMETOWN

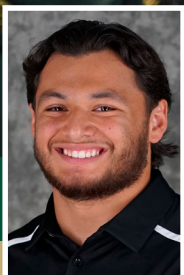
San Diego, Calif.

- The second most populous city in California and the eighth largest in the United States.
- Located adjacent to the California-Mexico border.
- First settled by Europeans in 1542 by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo of Spain.
- Was conquered by the U.S. in 1848 as part of the Mexican-American War.
- Hosts the largest naval fleet in the world.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lincoln Hornets

- Opened in 1949 as a middle school and was converted to a high school in 1955.
- School was rebuilt between 2003-07.
- Located in the Lincoln Park neighborhood in south-east San Diego.
- Notable alumni include NFL Hall of Fame running backs Marcus Allen and Terrell Davis, CFL quarterback Damon Allen and NBA player Norman Powell.



33 ALEX ROCHA

LB | 6-2 | 213 | Fr. | Bakersfield, Calif. | Bakersfield HS

2023 SEASON

- Missed the entire season with an injury.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Bakersfield HS in 2022.
- A two-star recruit from 247sports and Rivals.
- As a senior, he had 79 total tackles with three sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- Credited with 10 stops against Mission Prep for his season best and had nine tackles against Central HS, Liberty HS and Frontier HS.
- Helped the Drillers advance to the Central Section Div. II championship game.
- Caught 15 passes for 256 yards and two touchdowns as a tight end.
- Recorded 38 total tackles with a sack as a junior.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in business.
- Parents are Roy and Joanna Rocha.

HOMETOWN

Bakersfield, Calif.

- Is the county seat and largest city in Kern County.
- Founded in 1861.
- Has strong country music history with Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and Dwight Yokum.

HIGH SCHOOL

Bakersfield Drillers

- Opened in 1893.
- Notable alumni include musician Merle Haggard, NFL Hall of Famer and announcer Frank Gifford, Olympic gold medal wrestler Jake Varner and former Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.



14 PHOENIX ROSE

CB | 5-10 | 169 | Fr. | Marysville, Calif. | Whitney HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate from Whitney HS in Rocklin, Calif.
- A three-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN.
- Played parts of four varsity seasons for the Wildcats and finished his career with 135 total tackles, nine interceptions and 31 pass breakups.
- As a senior, he was credited with 38 total tackles, including three for loss and three sacks.
- Intercepted a pass against Antelope HS and had two PBUs against Oak Ridge HS.
- The previous year, he had 45 total tackles with a high of 14 against Heritage HS.
- Picked off passes against Woodcreek HS and Heritage HS and had 17 PBUs during the year.
- As a sophomore, he had 30 total tackles with three interceptions.
- Credited with 22 total tackles as a freshman.
- Added an interception against Oak Ridge HS and two against Del Oro HS.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in kinesiology.
- Parents are Michael and Tina Rose.
- Is the youngest of six children (three boys, three girls).

HOMETOWN

Marysville, Calif.

- Is the county seat of Yuba County.
- Located 41 miles north of Sacramento.
- Ancestral land of the Maidu prior to the arrival of Jedediah Smith in 1828.
- Was part of the California gold rush and incorporated in 1851.

HIGH SCHOOL

Whitney Wildcats

- A public school located in Rocklin, Calif.
- Opened in 2005.
- Named after George Whitney who was the founder of Rocklin, Calif.
- No notable alumni.
- Fellow Hornet Zach Schreiner is also a graduate of the school.



24 DAVION ROSS

DB | 5-11 | 196 | Jr. | Sacramento, Calif. | Inderkum HS

2023 SEASON

- Missed the entire season after rupturing his Achilles tendon prior to the year beginning.

2022 SEASON

- Did not compete during the season while recovering from a knee injury.

2021 SEASON

- Appeared in seven games as a reserve defensive back.
- Had four total tackles, including three solos.
- Had two stops at Cal and one tackle against UNI and at Idaho State.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

2019 SEASON

- Appeared in eight games, starting five at cornerback.
- Tallied 13 tackles during the year with eight solos, one tackle-for-loss, and a pass breakup
- Was credited with six tackles against Fresno State for his season high. That total included a 4-yard TFL.
- Recorded two tackles in the victories against #22 Eastern Washington and #5 Montana.

2018 SEASON

- Redshirted during the year.
- Appeared in two games on special teams.
- Did not record a tackle.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2018 graduate of Inderkum HS in Sacramento, Calif.
- Was a two-star recruit by Rivals.
- Named first team all-metro by the Sacramento Bee and all-Sac-Joaquin Section by MaxPreps as a senior.
- Played three seasons of varsity football for the Tigers.
- Finished his career with 132 total tackles, 18 interceptions, and 1,186 all-purpose yards.
- Team went 34-5 overall and a perfect 18-0 in league play during his career.
- Rushed for 525 yards and seven touchdowns and added 48 total tackles with six interceptions as a senior.
- Had three games with at least 100 rushing yards, including 111 against River City HS.
- Had 109 rushing yards and a season high two touchdowns against Woodland HS.
- Recorded at least three tackles in all 11 games in which he played.
- Had a season high six tackles against Moreau Catholic, River Valley HS and Del Oro HS.
- Grabbed three interceptions against Moreau Catholic and two against River Valley.
- As a junior, he made 44 total tackles and had nine interceptions.
- Also rushed for 211 yards and had 132 receiving yards.
- Had two interceptions against El Cerrito HS, River City HS and Moreau Catholic.
- Concluded his sophomore season with 40 tackles and three interceptions.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in anthropology and is pursuing a second degree in recreation administration.
- Father is Damion Ross.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- The center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- The fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

Inderkum Tigers

- Opened in 2004.
- Located in the North Natomas neighborhood of Sacramento.
- Notable alumni include former NFL tight end Vince Mayle.
- Fellow Hornet Brandon Knott also graduated from Inderkum HS.

D. ROSS' CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2019	8-5	13	1.0-4	0.0-0	1	0-0	0	0-0
2021	3-1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
totals	11-6	17	1.0-4	0.0-0	1	0-0	0	0-0



88 JAY RUDOLPH

TE | 6-4 | 238 | Jr. | Phoenix, Ariz. | Horizon HS | San Diego State

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended San Diego State for the last four years where he played in 30 games.
- Played in seven games as a true freshman on special teams in 2020.
- Appeared in 13 of 14 games, making five starts in 2021.
- Caught a 2-yard touchdown pass in overtime against Utah.
- Started five games in 2022 where he had one reception for 9 yards against San Jose State.
- Redshirted during the 2023 season.
- Played in four games, starting two, where he had four receptions for 27 yards.
- Set his career best with a 14-yard reception against UCLA.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Horizon HS in Scottsdale, Ariz., in 2020.
- Was a three-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN and a two-star recruit by Rivals.
- Named second team all-state as a senior after leading the Huskies to a berth in the state championship game.
- Finished his career with 88 receptions for 1,453 yards and 15 touchdowns.
- Had 57 catches for 903 yards and seven scores as a senior.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from San Diego State.
- Pursuing his MBA at Sacramento State.
- Parents are Scott and Jodi Rudolph.

HOMETOWN

Scottsdale, Ariz.

- Located in eastern Maricopa County and is part of the Phoenix metro area.
- Originally a Pima village.
- Settled by U.S. Army chaplain Winfield Scott in 1888.
- Incorporated in 1951.

HOMETOWN

Horizon Huskies

- A public high school in Phoenix, Ariz., which opened in 1980.
- Notable alumni include U.S. national women's soccer player and World Cup champion Sydney Leroux, MLB pitcher Tommy Joseph and former LPGA champion Grace Park.

RUDOLPH'S CAREER STATS

year	rec	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm
2020*	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2021*	1	2	2.0	1	2	0.2
2022*	1	9	9.0	0	9	1.0
2023*	4	27	6.8	0	14	6.8
totals	6	38	6.3	1	14	1.2

* While playing at San Diego State



44 WILL SCHALDE

DL | 6-5 | 258 | So. | Lemoore, Calif. | Lemoore HS

2023 SEASON

- Played against Idaho State as a reserve member of the defensive line.
- Switched from tight end to defensive end prior to the season.

2022 SEASON

- Did not compete in a game during the season.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Appeared in the home wins over Northern Arizona, Cal Poly and Portland State but did not record any statistics.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Lemoore HS in 2020.
- Earned first team all-West Yosemite League honors as a senior.
- Caught 46 passes for 807 yards and six touchdowns as a tight end.
- Biggest game came against Golden West HS where he had seven receptions for 155 yards and three TDs, including an 80-yard score to win the game.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in history and is pursuing his MBA.
- Parents are Christopher and Angela Schalde.

HOMETOWN

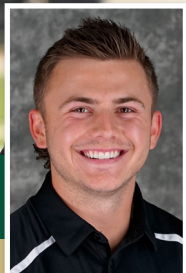
Lemoore, Calif.

- Located in Tulare County, 33 miles south of Fresno.
- Founded by Dr. Lee Moore in 1870.
- Home of Tulare Lake which is the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River.
- Naval Air Station Lemoore is the largest master jet base in the US.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lemoore Tigers

- Opened in 1900.
- Notable alumni include Journey front man Steve Perry, Olympic sprinter Tommy Smith, NFL veterans Lorenzo Neal and Charlie Jones, and former Hornet Allen Perryman.



97 ZACH SCHREINER

K | 6-0 | 181 | Sr. | Rocklin, Calif. | Whitney HS | American River JC

2023 SEASON

- Led Sacramento State with 91 total points which tied him for 10th in school single-season history.
- Made 14-of-19 field goals and was a perfect 49-of-49 on extra points.
- His 14 field goals are tied for the third most in a season at Sacramento State.
- Became only the second Hornet to not miss a PAT when attempting at least 40 in a season.
- Was named the Big Sky Special Teams Player of the Week after making field goals of 24, 22 and 44 yards in the win over Stanford.
- Also converted a 44-yard field goal at Idaho the following week to tie his season long.
- All but one of his misses came from beyond 40 yards.
- Kicked off 18 times where he averaged 52.8 yards per attempt.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played two seasons at American River College in Sacramento, Calif., where he was coached by former Hornet All-American Jon Osterhout.
- Made 8-of-11 field goals as a sophomore and was 23-of-23 on extra points.
- Made two field goals against Sacramento City JC, Modesto JC and Shasta JC for his season high.
- Had a 50-yard field against SCC and made a 48-yarder against Modesto JC.
- The Beavers finished the season with an 8-4 overall record and went undefeated (5-0) in conference play.
- Team advanced to the NorCal Championships.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2020 graduate of Whitney HS in Rocklin, Calif.
- Played two varsity seasons where he made 7-of-12 field goals and 48-of-51 extra points.
- Longest field goal was 47 yards against Placer HS.
- Team advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Div. II Section Championship game as a senior.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in business.
- Parents are Dan and Michelle Schriener.

HOMETOWN

Rocklin, Calif.

- Located 21 miles northeast of Sacramento in Placer County.
- Was settled as a gold mining town in the mid 1850s.
- Earned it's name as a granite quarry.

HIGH SCHOOL

Whitney Wildcats

- A public school located in Rocklin, Calif.
- Opened in 2005.
- Named after George Whitney who was the founder of Rocklin, Calif.
- No notable alumni.
- Fellow Hornet Zach Schreiner is also a graduate of the school.

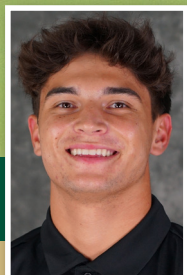
JUNIOR COLLEGE

American River Beavers

- Located in North Highlands, Calif., just outside of Sacramento.
- Opened in 1955.
- Notable alumni include TV journalist Joan Lunden, MLB players Dusty Baker, Dallas Braden, Steve Holm, Bob Oliver and John Vukovich, NFL veterans Tony Eason and Gerald Wilhite and Olympic gold medal swimmer Debbie Meyer.
- Fellow Hornets Austin Jarrard and Sawyer Merrill also played at ARC.

SCHREINER'S CAREER STATS

year	fgm-fga	pct	lg	xp-xpa	pct	pts
2023	14-19	73.7	44	49-49	100.0	91



10 DANNY SCUDERO

WR | 5-9 | 178 | Fr. | San Jose, Calif. | Archbishop Mitty HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Appeared in four regular season games and played in both NCAA FCS Playoff contests.
- Was primarily used on special teams where he recorded two tackles and returned three kickoffs for an average of 18.3 yards per return.
- Scored on a touchdown on his first offensive touch of his career with a 16-yard rush against Montana State on ESPN2.
- Longest kickoff return was 29 yards against Idaho State.
- Credited with tackles against Northern Arizona and Idaho State.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Finished his senior season with 982 receiving yards and 309 rushing yards.
- Caught at least one pass in all 12 games in 2022, including five games with five or more grabs.
- Had nine receptions for 117 yards against Saint Francis HS.
- Finished the season with five 100-yard receiving games.
- Best output was in the season opener where he had 145 yards against Palma HS.
- Recorded 13 receiving touchdowns and had two scores in four games.

- Had a season-high 106 rushing yards on just six attempts against Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep.
- Also served as the team's kick returner and played on defense where he had an interception, forced a fumble and was credited with 4.5 sacks.
- As a junior, he had 307 receiving yards and 137 rushing yards.

PERSONAL

- Plan to major in business.
- Parents are Dan and Lisa Scudero.
- Sister, Meghan, played soccer at UCLA.

HOMETOWN

San Jose, Calif.

- The third most populous city in California and the 10th-largest in the United States with a population just over a million.
- Incorporated in 1850.
- Is the home to numerous tech companies.

HIGH SCHOOL

Archbishop Mitty Monarchs

- A private high school located in San Jose.
- Established in 1964.
- Notable alumni include Olympic Kerri Walsh-Jennings (beach volleyball) and Brandi Chastain (soccer), NBA veteran Aaron Gordon and MLB outfielder Mitch Haniger.



76 JACKSON SLATER

OL | 6-4 | 316 | Sr. | Bellevue, Wash. | Newport HS

2023 SEASON

- Earned first team all-Big Sky honors for the second consecutive year.
- Joined former All-American Jon Osterhout (1998-99) as the only Hornet offensive lineman to do so.
- Started all 13 games at left guard.
- Was part of an offensive line which allowed just 16 sacks during the year.

2022 SEASON

- Named third team All-American by the Associated Press and fourth team by Phil Steele.
- Voted to the HERO Sports Sophomore All-America team.
- Was selected to the all-Big Sky Conference first team.
- Started all 11 regular season games at left guard before moving to left tackle for the two FCS Playoff games.
- Part of an offensive line which paved the way for a school-record 3,163 rushing yards and 36 rushing touchdowns.
- Earned Big Sky all-academic honors.

2021 SEASON

- Started the final nine games at left guard.
- Made his collegiate debut at Idaho State and did not leave the lineup from that point forward.
- Was part of an offensive line which averaged 4.6 yards per rush attempt and allowed just 18 sacks during the season.
- Earned Big Sky all-academic honors.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Newport HS in Bellevue, Wash.
- Was a three-star recruit from 247sports.com.
- Played tackle, guard and center for the Knights.
- Earned second team all-KingCo 4A honors as a sophomore and junior.
- Was named the team's lineman of the year following the 2019 season and was a team captain his final two seasons.
- Played on the defensive line as a senior where he had 20 tackles in four games.
- Also competed in baseball, basketball and track and field.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in business.
- Parents are Melissa and John Slater.
- Father played football at Western Washington.
- Brother, Luke, is also a member of the team.

HONORS

- Associated Press Third Team All-American (2022)
- Phil Steele Fourth Team All-American (2022)
- HERO Sports Sophomore All-American (2022)
- First Team All-Big Sky (2022)
- Preseason All-Big Sky (2023)
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HOMETOWN

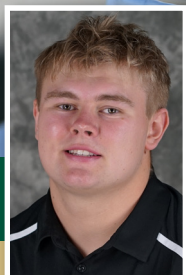
Bellevue, Wash.

- Located across Lake Washington from Seattle.
- Is the third largest city in the Seattle metro area.
- Is the headquarters for Microsoft and T-Mobile and the birthplace of Amazon.

HIGH SCHOOL

Newport Knights

- Opened in 1964.
- Notable alumni include former MLB player Todd Hollandsworth, Mariners owner and president John Stanton, and current BYU MBB coach Mark Pope.



67 LUKE SLATER

OL | 6-2 | 270 | Fr. | Bellevue, Wash. | Newport HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate of Newport HS in Bellevue, Wash.
- A two-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Played three years of varsity football on the offensive and defensive lines.
- Named first team all-King County and was the KingCo 3A Lineman of the Year as a junior and senior.
- Recorded 38 tackles on defense during his career.
- Highest total came during his junior season where he had 30 stops, including five for loss.
- Also competed in track and field where he was the District 4A champion in the shot put with a mark of 56-05.00 as a senior.
- Finished in second place at the state meet as a senior and sixth place as a junior.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in kinesiology.
- Parents are John and Melissa Slater.
- Dad played football at Western Washington.
- Brother, Jackson, in an all-conference guard for the Hornets.

HOMETOWN

Bellevue, Wash.

- Located across Lake Washington from Seattle.
- Is the third largest city in the Seattle metro area.
- Is the headquarters for Microsoft and T-Mobile and the birthplace of Amazon.

HIGH SCHOOL

Newport Knights

- Opened in 1964.
- Notable alumni include former MLB player Todd Hollandsworth, Mariners owner and president John Stanton, and current BYU MBB coach Mark Pope.



12 ONTERRIO SMITH, JR.

WR | 6-2 | 195 | Fr. | Sacramento, Calif. | Folsom HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the year.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A three-star recruit from 247Sports.
- Caught 47 passes for 666 yards and six touchdowns as a senior.
- Had at least one reception in all 12 games he played, including four or more in seven games.
- Posted a season best nine receptions for 210 yards and a score against Del Oro HS.
- Scored two touchdowns against Monterey Trail HS and Central Catholic HS.
- Helped lead Folsom HS to the Sierra Foothill League and a Sac-Joaquin Section Div. I title.
- Team advanced to the Northern California Div. I-AA championship game before falling to De La Salle HS.
- As a junior, he was limited to six games but finished the season with seven receptions for 115 yards and two TDs.
- Folsom was 11-4 during the year but won the Sac-Joaquin Section and Northern California championships to earn a berth in the CIF State Div. I-AA title game.

PERSONAL

- Has yet to declare a major.
- Parents are Onterrio and Kimberly Smith.
- His father played collegiately at Tennessee and Oregon and professionally for the Minnesota Vikings.

HOMETOWN

Sacramento, Calif.

- The capital of California.
- The center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- The fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

Folsom Bulldogs

- Located just east of Sacramento (about 20 miles from Sacramento State).
- Was established in 1922.
- School has won four CIF state football titles.
- Alumni include QB Jake Browning, OL Jonah Williams and DB Jordan Richards.
- Fellow Hornets Kaiden Bennett, Gavin Davis-Smith and Kaden Richardson are all graduates of Folsom HS.



86 TY SMITH

WR | 6-0 | 181 | Jr. | Apple Valley, Calif. | Apple Valley HS

2023 SEASON

- Was a member of the team but did not appear in a game.

2022 SEASON

- Saw action against Northern Colorado.
- Did not record statistics during the season.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Apple Valley HS in 2021.
- Named first team all-Mojave River League in 2018 and 2019 and was named the team MVP as a junior.
- Did not play during the 220-021 season.
- Caught 53 passes for 1,037 yards and 17 touchdowns as a junior.
- Biggest output came against Sultana HS where he had eight receptions for 298 yards and four touchdowns.
- Scored at least one touchdown in nine of the team's 11 games and had multiple touchdowns in five games.
- Had two or more receptions in each game, including a season high nine receptions against Burroughs HS.
- Also played defensive back where he finished the year with 31 total tackles with a sack and pass breakup.
- As a sophomore, he caught 37 passes for 625 yards

and nine scores.

- Had six receptions and two touchdowns against Sultana HS (119 yards) and Victory Valley HS (118 yards).

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are Lindsy Lange Smith and Tyron Smith.

HOMETOWN

Apple Valley, Calif.

- Located in the Victor Valley of San Bernardino County.
- 90 miles northeast of Los Angeles.
- Was the home of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.
- One of 22 locations in California that uses town instead of city.

HIGH SCHOOL

Apple Valley Sun Devils

- Built in 1967.
- Notable alumni include actor Cuba Gooding Jr., and MLB pitcher Jason Vargas.



48 JORDAN SNOWDEN

DL | 6-3 | 237 | Fr. | Benicia, Calif. | Benicia HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Benicia HS in 2024.
- A two-start recruit by 247Sports.
- Named to the all-Bay Area team by the San Jose Mercury News and was a first team all-Diablo Athletic League choice as a senior.
- Recorded 20 tackles in seven games during his final season.
- Had five stops and forced a fumble against Bethel HS for his season highs.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in mechanical engineering.
- Parents are Willie and Michelle Snowden.

HOMETOWN

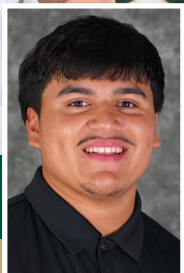
Benicia, Calif.

- Located in Solano County in the North Bay region of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Served as the capital of California for nearly thirteen months from 1853 to 1854.
- Founded in 1847 and named after the wife of Mexican Comandante General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo who oversaw the land.

HIGH SCHOOL

Benicia Panthers

- A public high school which was established in 1892.
- No notable alumni.



73 JOSE SOTO

OL | 6-3 | 304 | Fr. | Tulare, Calif. | Tulare Western HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Redshirted during the year.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Was named the school's lineman of the year all four seasons.
- Selected as a the West Yosemite League Lineman of the Year as a senior.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in kinesiology.
- Parents are Jose and Maira Soto.
- Has four sisters.

HOMETOWN

Tulare, Calif.

- Located in the central valley about sixty miles north of Bakersfield and 50 miles south of Fresno.
- Incorporated in 1888.
- Name is based on Yokuts word for reeds.

HIGH SCHOOL

Tulare Western Mustangs

- Opened in 1959.
- No notable alumni.



64 BRANDON SOUSA

OL | 6-4 | 306 | So. | Pleasanton, Calif. | Foothill HS

2023 SEASON

- Saw action as a reserve offensive lineman against Idaho State.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Foothill HS in Pleasanton, Calif.
- A two-star recruit by 247sports.com.
- Helped the Falcons to a 10-3 overall record and a 4-0 mark in the East Bay Valley League as a senior.
- Team advanced to the North Coast Section Div. II championship game in 2021.
- Was a two-time all-East Bay Athletic League selection on the offensive line and a one-time selection on the defensive line.
- Named first team all-West Coast Preps All-Bay Area and first team all-North Coast Section as a senior.
- Ranked as the third best offensive linemen and 20th best player in the Bay Area by West Coast Preps.
- Credited with 55 pancake blocks as a senior.
- Added 47 total tackles, including 3.5 sacks, during his career.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in business.
- Parents are Kevin and Sylvia Sousa.
- Father played football at Nevada and Pacific.

HOMETOWN

Pleasanton, Calif.

- A city in Alameda County which is located in the Amador Valley and a suburb of the East Bay region.
- Was ranked the wealthiest middle-sized city in the United States in 2005 and 2007.
- Is the headquarters of Safeway and Workday.
- Was settled as a Mexican land grant in 1839 and incorporated in 1894.

HIGH SCHOOL

Foothill Falcons

- Opened in 1973.
- Notable alumni include actress Gabrielle Union, MLB players Brandon Crawford and T.J. Friedl, quarterback Sean Mannion and PGA golfer Paula Creamer.



51 JOSEPH SPENO

OL | 6-3 | 267 | Jr. | San Jose, Calif. | Pioneer HS | Foothill JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played the 2023 season at Foothill JC in Los Altos, Calif.
- Team went 11-0 and won the American Division Bowl.
- Part of an offensive line which led the way for 249.7 rushing yards per game and allowed just nine sacks on the season.
- Attended Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., during 2022-23.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Pioneer HS in San Jose, Calif.
- Played on the offensive and defensive lines.
- Recorded 17 tackles as a defensive lineman during his senior year.
- Highest total was nine stops against Leland HS.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in social science.
- Parents are Damien and Valerie Speno.

HOMETOWN

San Jose, Calif.

- The third most populous city in California and the 10th-largest in the United States with a population just over a million.
- Incorporated in 1850.
- Is the home to numerous tech companies.

HIGH SCHOOL

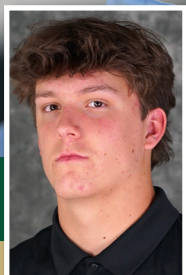
Pioneer Mustangs

- A public high school located in the Almaden Valley neighborhood of San Jose.
- Established in 1960.
- Notable alumni include actor Kevin Pollak and former MLB pitcher Dave Righetti.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Foothill Owls

- Located in Los Altos, Calif.
- Founded in 1957.
- Notable alumni include actor Adrienne Barbeau, UCLA chancellor Gene Block, founder of Mrs. Fields cookies Debbi Fields and singer Juice Newton.
- Former Sacramento State head coach Marshall Sperbeck was the head coach at Foothill JC from 1992-2006.
- Fellow Hornet cornerback Tim Christian also played at Foothill.



65 KYLE STAHLACKER

DL | 6-6 | 289 | Fr. | Citrus Heights, Calif. | Oakmont HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the year.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A three-star recruit from 247sports.
- Named first team all-Foothill Valley League and was the team's Defensive Lineman of the Year as a senior.
- Recorded 41 total tackles in eight games, including 10.5 for loss and six sacks.
- Had nine tackles against College Park HS for his season high and had eight against Davis HS.
- Also recorded three sacks against College Park HS for his highest total.
- Was credited with 30 tackles as a junior with a high of six against Foothill HS.
- Also played tight end where he caught nine passes for 166 yards and two touchdowns.
- Named first team all-Foothill Valley League and was honorable mention all-metro by the Sacramento Bee as a junior.
- Recorded 30 tackles, including 5.0 TFLs and 2.5 sacks that season.

PERSONAL

- Plans to major in business.
- Parents are Ben and Gina Stahlecker.

HOMETOWN

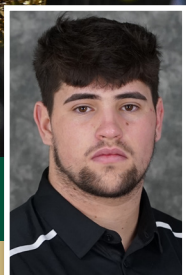
Citrus Heights, Calif.

- Located in Sacramento County.
- Was incorporated in 1996.
- City covers 14.22 square miles.

HIGH SCHOOL

Oakmont Vikings

- Opened in 1965 in Roseville, Calif.
- Notable alumni include NFL Super Bowl champion Dan Bunz and former Sacramento State All-American Jon Osterhout.



71 BRYSON SUMMERS

OL | 6-5 | 308 | Jr. | El Dorado Hills, Calif. | Oak Ridge HS | Coastal Carolina

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Redshirted at Coastal Carolina during the 2023 season.
- Played the 2022 season at Sierra JC in Rocklin, Calif., where he was part of an offense that averaged 419.5 yards per game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2022 graduate of Oak Ridge HS.
- A two-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Named second team all-metro by the Sacramento Bee and second team all-Sierra Foothill League as a senior.
- Won a Sac-Joaquin Section Div. I title as a sophomore in 2019 and was part of the team which advanced to the CIF NorCal Championship.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications
- Parents are David and Sherry Summers.

HOMETOWN

El Dorado Hills, Calif.

- A suburb of Sacramento located 23 miles east of Sacramento State.
- Originally founded during the Gold Rush and was part of two Pony Express routes.
- Began attracting residents in the 1960s.

HIGH SCHOOL

Oak Ridge Trojans

- Opened in 1980.
- Football team won the California D-II title in 2003 and 2004.
- Girls basketball won the D-I crown in 2005.
- Swim team won the state championship in 2016 and 2017.
- Notable alumni include NBA player Ryan Anderson, NFL players Seryi Ajitrotutu, Ian Book, Ross Dwelley and Austin Collie and MLB veteran F.P. Santangelo.
- Fellow Hornet Austin Jarrard also played at Oak Ridge HS.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Sierra Wolverines

- Located in Rocklin, Calif., 22 miles northeast of Sacramento.
- Founded in 1936.
- Served as the longtime training camp home of the San Francisco 49ers.
- Notable alumni include wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk.
- Former Sacramento State head football coach John Volek served as the Director of Athletics from 2003-11.
- Fellow Hornets Elijah Hansen and Bryson Summers also played at Sierra JC.



4 ELIJAH TAU-TOLLIVER

RB | 6-1 | 204 | Jr. | Sparks, Nev. | Reed HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games as a running back and kick returner.
- Rushed 64 times for 387 yards and seven touchdowns and also caught seven passes for 38 yards.
- Ranked second on the team in touchdowns during the year.
- Had two rushing TDs against Montana State and Cal Poly.
- Set his career best with 100 rushing yards against Montana State on ESPN2 with the help of a 53-yard touchdown run.
- Finished the Cal Poly game with 99 yards on a season-high nine attempts.
- Longest pass reception was 11 yards against Northern Arizona.
- Was the primary kick returner for the team, tallying 18 returns during the year for 414 yards.
- Recorded a 44-yard return against Nicholls in the season opener and matched that distance against South Dakota in the second round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs.
- Moved into sixth place in school history with 1,053 career return yards and is seventh with 42 career returns.
- Posted five tackles during the year on special teams, including four solos.
- Credited with two tackles at Idaho for his high.

2022 SEASON

- Appeared in all 13 games as a running back and kick returner.
- Rushed for 192 yards on 22 carries (8.0 yards per attempt).
- Had three rushes of at least 18 yards, including a season-best 22-yard carry at Eastern Washington.
- Opened the year with 71 rushing yards on eight totes against Utah Tech.

TAU-TOLLIVER'S CAREER STATS

year	att	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/gm	rec	yds	td
2021	3	9	3.0	0	3	2.3	0	0	0
2022	24	192	8.0	0	22	14.8	3	34	0
2023	64	387	6.0	7	53	29.8	7	38	0
totals	91	588	6.5	7	53	19.6	10	72	0

- Caught three passes for 34 yards during the season.
- Longest reception was 15 yards at Cal Poly.
- Averaged 26.6 yards per kick return on 24 attempts.
- Returned the opening kickoff of the second half against Richmond for a 95-yard touchdown in the FCS Playoffs.
- That score is tied for the fifth-longest kickoff return for a touchdown in school history.
- Had four kickoff returns of at least 40 yards during the year.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season.
- Appeared in four games on special teams and at running back.
- Had three carries for nine yards against Cal Poly.
- Recorded special teams tackles in three games with three tackles at Northern Colorado and two against Cal Poly and UC Davis.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Reed HS in Sparks, Nev.
- Earned a three-star ranking from 247sports.com and two stars from Rivals.
- Selected as the Gatorade Nevada Player of the Year in the spring of 2021.
- Named the Offensive Player of the Year and first team all-region by the Nevada Appeal as a senior.
- Also named second team all-region as a linebacker that same season.
- Named the High Desert League MVP as a junior after earning first team all-league honors at running back and second team at linebacker.
- Finished his senior season with 641 rushing yards and five touchdowns and also caught seven passes for 90 yards and a score.
- Crossed the century mark in three of the four games including 251 rushing yard against Bishop Manogue HS and 200 against McQueen HS.

- Returned a kickoff for a 98-yard touchdown against Damonte Ranch HS.
- Rushed for 1,404 yards and 21 touchdowns with seven 100-yard games as a junior.
- Posted a career-high 260 rushing yards and four touchdowns in a win over McQueen HS.
- Also scored four touchdowns in a playoff victory over Douglas HS and had three against the same team during the regular season.
- Caught 24 passes for 478 yards and three touchdowns during the year.
- Had three receptions of at least 50 yards.
- Rushed for 359 yards and five touchdowns and caught 10 passes for 179 yards and two scores as a sophomore on the varsity team.
- Also competed in track and field where was part of the 4x100 relay team which finished third at the Nevada State Championships.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in sociology.
- Parents are Earl Tolliver and Tosha Tau-Tolliver.

HOMETOWN

Sparks, Nev.

- Located just east of Reno, Nev.
- Home of the Tesla gigafactory.
- Named for former Nevada governor John Sparks.

HIGH SCHOOL

Reed Raiders

- Founded in 1974.
- Named after former area judge Edward C. Reed.
- School has won Nevada state titles in girls basketball and golf, and boys and girls cross country, soccer and track.
- Alumni include Giants reliever Jake McGee.



20 ADAM TAYLOR

CB | 5-10 | 150 | Fr. | Stockton, Calif. | St. Mary's HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate from St. Mary's HS in Stockton, Calif.
- A three-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Recorded 22 total tackles and had three interceptions and two pass breakups as a senior.
- Picked off two passes against Tokay HS.
- Helped the team to an 11-2 overall record and a 5-0 league mark as a senior.
- The Rams advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. II championship game.
- Played his junior season at Stagg HS in Stockton, Calif.
- Caught 34 passes for 834 yards and 14 touchdowns as a wide receiver that season.
- Added 37 total tackles with three interceptions and eight pass breakups on defense.
- Best offensive performance came against Sierra HS where he caught six passes for 196 yards and three touchdowns.
- Had four grabs for 163 yards and four scores against McNair HS.
- Finished the year with four 100-yard receiving games.
- Also competed in track and field.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in journalism.
- Parents are Samuel and Ardra Taylor.
- Is the youngest of six children and has three brothers and two sisters.
- Brother, Samuel "JR" Taylor played six years in the Minnesota Twins organization.
- Brother, David, played football at College of San Mateo and two seasons at Lake Erie.

HOMETOWN

Stockton, Calif.

- Located in San Joaquin County about 45 miles south of Sacramento.
- Was the first city in California not to have a Spanish or Native American name.

HIGH SCHOOL

St. Mary's Rams

- A private high school in Stockton, Calif., which was founded in 1876.
- Notable alumni include NBA player Gabe Vincent, WNBA player Chelsea Gray and MLB veterans Ed Sprague Jr., Ty Kelly and Von Hayes.
- Current St. Mary's head girls basketball coach Alle Moreno played at Sacramento State.



3 MALINI TI'A

NB | 6-0 | 205 | Jr. | Livermore, Calif. | Granada HS | San Mateo JC

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played the 2023 season at College of San Mateo JC where he recorded 51 total tackles in 12 games.
- Added 2.0 tackles-for-loss, two interceptions, five pass breakups and blocked a kick during the year.
- Recorded eight tackles against Modesto JC during the regular season and matched the total in the rematch against the Pirates in the 3C2A playoffs.
- Helped the Bulldogs to an 11-2 overall record and a NorCal championship.
- Was part of CSM's state title team in 2022.
- Began his collegiate career at Utah Tech where he spent two years.
- After redshirting in 2019, he played in four of five spring games during the following year.
- Credited with 31 total tackles, including 13 solos.
- Set his season high with 10 tackles against New Mexico State.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Granada HS in 2019.
- Was a two-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Earned first team all-league honors at wide receiver and defensive back.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in ethnic studies.
- Parents are Patrick and Eva Ti'a.

HOMETOWN

Livermore, Calif.

- Located in Alameda County.
- Is the furthest east city in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Was established in 1869 and incorporated in 1876.
- Named for Robert Livermore who was one of the original ranchers.
- Largest employer is the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

HIGH SCHOOL

Granada Matadors

- A public high school which opened in 1963 in Livermore, Calif.
- Notable alumni include former Cy Young Award winner Mark Davis, former UNLV head coach Tony Sanchez, boxer Brandon Gonzales, MLB outfielder Miles Mastrobuoni, former NFL punter Louie Aguiar and Jomboy's Jimmy O'Brien.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

San Mateo Bulldogs

- Opened in 1922 in San Mateo, Calif.
- Notable alumni include NFL coaches John Madden, Dick Vermeil and Ted Tollner, NFL veteran Julian Edelman, MLB veterans Keith Hernandez and John Wettland, announcer John Miller, actors Dana Carvey and Dennis Haysbert, TV host/producer Merv Griffin, and musician Lindsey Buckingham.
- Fellow Hornets Ezra Moleni and Amari Roberson also played at San Mateo JC.



36 JAMES TIVAO

LB | 6-0 | 205 | Fr. | San Diego, Calif. | Madison HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2024 graduate from Madison HS in San Diego.
- A three-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals.
- Played three full varsity seasons for the Warhawks.
- Named preseason all-state in 2023 by Cal-Hi Sports.
- Finished his career with 271 total tackles and also rushed for 1,032 career yards.
- Credited with 102 tackles as a senior, including 18.0 for loss and 3.5 sacks.
- Recorded at least six tackles in all 11 games and had 10 or more in five contests.
- Set his season high with 15 stops against Granite Hills HS and had 12 tackles against Steele Canyon HS, Oak Ridge HS and Mater Dei Catholic HS.
- Rushed for 411 yards and four touchdowns that same season.
- Had a season-high 81 rushing yards against Helix HS and scored two touchdowns against Mater Dei Catholic HS.
- Posted 99 tackles as a junior and 70 as a sophomore.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in public health.
- Parents are Pisa and Faaalo Tivao.

HOMETOWN

San Diego, Calif.

- Is the center of the fifth-largest metro area in California.
- Is the fastest growing major city in California.
- Served as the western end point of the transcontinental railroad.

HIGH SCHOOL

Madison Warhawks

- A public high school in San Diego which opened in 1962.
- Located in the Claremont Mesa neighborhood.
- Named after former US president James Madison.
- Notable alumni include former NFL head coach Mike Martz, former PGA member and US Open champion Scott Simpson and political journalist Major Garrett.



9 ZELMAR VEDDER

CB | 6-3 | 193 | Jr. | Manteca, Calif. | East Union HS | Modesto JC

2023 SEASON

- Appeared in all 13 games, starting the two NCAA FCS Playoff contests.
- Finished the season with 14 total tackles, including nine solo, and a pass breakup.
- Credited with four stops against Northern Arizona for his season high.
- Posted two tackles in both NCAA FCS Playoff games.

2022 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season while recovering from a knee injury.
- Did not appear in a game.

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played the 2021 season at Modesto JC where he helped the Pirates go 8-3 overall and record a win in the Grizzly Bowl.
- Led the team with four interceptions and had 200 return yards during the year.
- Picked off two passes against Butte JC, including a 97-yard return for a score.
- Was credited with a season high three tackles at College of San Mateo.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of East Union HS in Manteca, Calif.
- Had 16 tackles and an interception as a junior and followed with seven stops and a pick as a senior.
- Also played wide receiver where he had 18 career receptions for 328 yards and three touchdowns.
- Earned all-Valley Oak League honors and was the team MVP.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in communications.
- Parents are Yolanda Dixon and David Vedder.

HOMETOWN

Manteca, Calif.

- Located in the Central Valley of California approximately 55 miles south of Sacramento.
- Name is the Spanish word for lard.

HIGH SCHOOL

East Union Lancers

- Opened in 1964.
- No notable alumni

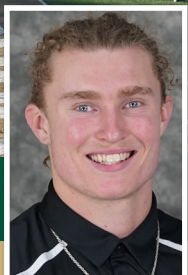
JUNIOR COLLEGE

Modesto Pirates

- Founded in 1921.
- Alumni include former NFL Hall of Famer Gino Marchetti, MLB player Ray Lankford, actor Jeremy Renner and Rick and Morty co-creator Justin Rolland.
- Fellow Hornet Paul Sogialofa also played at Modesto JC.

VEDDER'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2023	9-5	14	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



99 COLBY WARKENTIN

DL | 6-6 | 267 | Sr. | Bakersfield, Calif. | Centennial HS | Abilene Christian

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Played the three most recent seasons at Abilene Christian.
- Appeared in 20 career games and recorded 16 total tackles, including 2.5 for loss and 1.5 sacks.
- In 2023, he had 14 tackles with all of his career TFLs and sacks coming during the year.
- Credited with a season-high seven stops at Prairie View, including a 2-yard sack.
- Began his collegiate career at Fresno State (2019-20) but did not play in a game for the Bulldogs.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2019 graduate of Centennial HS in Bakersfield, Calif.
- Finished his senior season with 84 total tackles, including 27.0 for loss and 8.0 sacks.
- Named all-conference twice and was the school's Student-Athlete of the Year as a senior.
- Also played basketball where he was a team captain.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from ACU with a degree in business management.
- Pursuing a second bachelor's in economics at Sacramento State.
- Fother is Shane Warkentin.
- Brother, Connor, will play at Boise State as a freshman in 2024.

HOMETOWN

Bakersfield, Calif.

- Is the county seat and largest city in Kern County.
- Founded in 1861.
- Has strong country music history with Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and Dwight Yokum.

HIGH SCHOOL

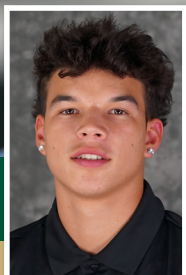
Centennial Golden Hawks

- A public high school which opened in 1993 — the 100th anniversary of the Kern High School District.
- Notable alumni include former USC quarterback Cody Kessler and MLB pitcher Corbin Burnes.

WARKENTIN'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021*	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2022*	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2023*	4-10	14	2.5-6	1.5-3	0	0-0	0	0-0
totals	4-12	16	2.5-6	1.5-3	0	0-0	0	0-0

* While played at Abilene Christian



19 JAYDEN WEBER

WR | 5-9 | 154 | Fr. | San Mateo, Calif. | Serra HS

2023 SEASON

- Redshirted during the year.
- Did not appear in a game.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2023 graduate of Serra HS in San Mateo, Calif.
- Caught 56 passes for 805 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior.
- Had five games with at least 100 receiving yards, including a season high 131 against Central Catholic HS.
- Recorded at least one reception in all 14 games and had five or more grabs in nine contests.
- Serra finished the year with a 13-1 overall record and a perfect 7-0 mark in the West Catholic League games.
- Team won the Central Coast Section Div. I title with a 41-14 win over Archbishop Mitty and played in the State Open Championship against St. John Bosco.
- As a junior, Serra was 11-2 overall and also played in the state open game.
- Team avenged its only regular season loss with a 16-12 win over Saint Francis HS to win the section championship.
- Played in just four games as a junior where he had 14 receptions for 221 yards.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in kinesiology.
- Parents are James Weber and Gee Picazo.

HOMETOWN

San Mateo, Calif.

- Located 20 miles south of San Francisco.
- Incorporated in 1894.
- Named after St. Matthew.
- Is the headquarters for Sony Interactive Entertainment, NetSuite, Fisher Investments, Roblox, SurveyMonkey and GoPro.

HIGH SCHOOL

Serra Padres

- A private Catholic high school located in San Mateo, Calif.
- Established in 1944.
- Notable alumni include NFL veterans Tom Brady, Lynn Swann, John Robinson and David Bakhtiari, MLB vets Barry Bonds, Jim Fregosi, Gregg Jeffries and Sacramento State alum James Outman.



7 JALEN WILLIAMS

S | 5-11 | 187 | Jr. | Lancaster, Calif. | Paraclete HS | Fresno State

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Attended Fresno State for three years.
- Appeared in all 13 games for the team during the 2023 season where he was credited with five tackles.
- Tallied a career-high three stops against Arizona State.
- Had a QB hurry in the Isleta New Mexico Bowl against New Mexico State.
- Saw action in nine games on special teams in 2022.
- Finished the season with three tackles, including two against Hawaii.
- Redshirted during the 2021 season after playing in three games.
- Did not record a tackle.
- Earned academic all-Mountain West in 2022 and 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2021 graduate of Paraclete HS in Lancaster, Calif.
- Was a three-star recruit by 247Sports.
- Earned first team all-Gold Coast League honors his final three seasons.
- Named the Gold Coast League Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.
- Ranked as the 55th best cornerback in the country by The Athletic.
- Credited with 54 total tackles in parts of three varsity seasons, including four sacks.
- Had three interceptions, 10 pass breakups and recovered a fumble.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in business.
- Parents are Dion Mabrie and Donnetta Williams.
- Has six siblings.

HOMETOWN

Lancaster, Calif.

- Located in northern Los Angeles County in the Antelope Valley, 74 miles from downtown LA.
- Part of twin cities with Palmdale.
- Incorporated in 1977.

HIGH SCHOOL

Paraclete Spirits

- A private Catholic high school in Lancaster, Calif.
- Established in 1963.
- Notable alumni include former Sacramento State FCS All-American and Super Bowl champion Todd Davis.

J. WILLIAMS' CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021*	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2022*	0-3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2023*	3-2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
totals	3-5	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0

* While playing at Fresno State



45 XAVIER WILLIAMS

DL | 6-2 | 266 | Jr. | Gustine, Calif. | Atwater HS

2023 SEASON

- Appeared in 12 of the team's 13 games on the defensive line.
- Finished the season with 14 total tackles, including seven solos.
- Set his season high with four tackles at UC Davis and had two tackles in three other games.
- Credited with a quarterback hurry against Texas A&M-Commerce.

2022 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games on the defensive line.
- Credited with five tackles during the season.
- Had assisted tackles in five different games.
- Recorded a quarterback hurry at Cal Poly.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season
- Did not appear in a game during the year.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Atwater HS in 2020.
- Named first team all-Central California Conference as a defensive lineman and tight end.
- Caught 17 passes for 285 yards and four touchdowns as a tight end.
- Had at least one reception in nine games and ended the year with a season-high four receptions for 74 yards and a pair of touchdowns against Kimball HS to set his career highs.
- Defensively, he had 35 total tackles with four tackles-for-loss and 2.5 sacks.
- Was credited with five tackles against Golden Valley HS and Kimball HS for his season bests.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in communications and is pursuing a second bachelor's in journalism.
- Parents are Jason and Sylvia Williams.
- Brother, Pierre, played wide receiver at Sacramento State and was a three-time all-Big Sky selection.

HOMETOWN

Gustine, Calif.

- Located in Merced County and is 90 miles northwest of Fresno.
- Was founded in the early 1900s as a station on the Southern Pacific Railroad.
- Was the first city in California with a 911 system (1970).

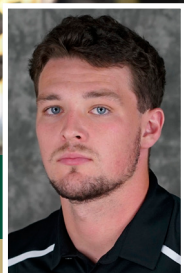
HIGH SCHOOL

Atwater Falcons

- Notable alumni include 2004 Olympic silver medalist wrestler Jamill Kelly and former NFL WR Bernard Berrian.

X. WILLIAMS' CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2022	0-5	5	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2023	7-7	14	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
totals	7-12	19	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0



30 MITCHELL WOLFE

LB | 6-3 | 235 | Jr. | Sumner, Wash. | Sumner HS

2023 SEASON

- Played in all 13 games as a reserve linebacker and on special teams.
- Amassed 10 total tackles, including one for loss.
- Intercepted a pass against Idaho State.
- Compiled a season-high four stops at South Dakota in the second round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs.
- Had three tackles against Texas A&M-Commerce.
- Posted a 4-yard tackle-for-loss at Montana.
- Credited with quarterback hurries against Northern Arizona and Cal Poly.

2022 SEASON

- Played in seven games at linebacker.
- Finished the season with three tackles.
- Had assisted tackles against Utah Tech and Northern Colorado and a solo stop against Montana.

2021 SEASON

- Redshirted during the season after appearing in three games.
- Saw action against Montana, Northern Arizona on Cal Poly and recorded tackles in each game.
- Had two stops against NAU and one each in the other two games.
- Finished the season with four total tackles.

2020 SEASON

- Season canceled due to COVID-19.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from Sumner HS in 2020.
- A three-star recruit by 247sports.com and Rivals.com.
- Named first team all-South Puget Sound League as a senior.
- Also plays baseball and basketball for the Spartans.

PERSONAL

- Majoring in history.
- Parents are George of Charlotte Wolfe.
- Uncle, Garrett Wolfe, was the Asst. AD for Football Administration at Sacramento State from 2019-22.

HOMETOWN

Sumner, Wash.

- Located in Northern Pierce County, 33 miles south of Seattle.
- Founded in 1853 as a railway stop.

HIGH SCHOOL

Sumner Spartans

- Opened in 1954.
- No notable alumni.

WOLFE'S CAREER STATS

year	un-ast	tot	tfl-yds	sack-yds	pbu	int-yds	ff	fr-yds
2021	4-0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2022	1-2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2023	3-6	9	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	1-3	0	0-0
totals	8-8	16	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	1-3	0	0-0



77 JOEY WRIGHT

OL | 6-5 | 312 | Jr. | Reno, Nev. | Bishop Manogue HS | San Diego State

PRIOR TO SAC STATE

- Spent three years at San Diego State.
- Appeared in the first four games of the 2023 season for the Aztecs before leaving the team.
- Played in 11 games, starting one in 2022.
- Redshirted during the 2020 season.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A 2019 graduate of Bishop Manogue HS in Reno, Nev.
- Helped the Miners to a pair of regional championships and a state runner-up finish in 2018 with an 11-4 record.
- Team went 20-8 over his final two seasons.
- Was a first-team all-state pick.
- Led an offensive line that had its running backs rush for 3,188 yards and 39 touchdowns, averaging 245.2 yards per game and 7.2 yards per carry.
- A consensus three-star recruit by Rivals, 247sports and ESPN.
- Rated as the fourth-best recruit in the state of Nevada by Rivals, and the fifth-best recruit by Rivals and 247sports.
- Received a scout grade of 85 by 247sports and a 77 by Rivals.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from San Diego State and is pursuing a second bachelor's in communications from Sacramento State.
- Parents are Joseph Wright and Magdalen Ramirez.

HOMETOWN

Reno, Nev.

- Located in northwest Nevada, 130 miles northeast of Sacramento.
- Known as "The Biggest Little City in the World".
- Founded in 1868 and incorporated in 1903.

HIGH SCHOOL

Bishop Manogue Miners

- A private catholic high school in Reno, Nev.
- Named after the first Bishop of Sacramento, Patrick Manogue.
- Opened in 1957 next to the University of Nevada and remained at that location until 2004.
- Notable alumni include Nevada governor Brian Sandoval.