

# BATTLEHAWKS (UF





Head Coach: Anthony Becht

Head Coaching Exp: 3 years

Career Record: 16-7

UFL Record: 9-4 (.692), 2nd Season

XFL Record: 7-3 (.700), 2 Seasons

## **GAME FOUR**

ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS **ARLINGTON RENEGADES** 

SATURDAY • APRIL 19 • 11:30AM CT ABC/FOX SPORTS ON SIRIUS XM

> **CHOCTAW STADIUM** ARLINGTON, TEXAS



2-1 (1-0)

Head Coach: Bob Stoops UFL Record: 5-8 (.385), 2nd season XFL Record 8-9 (.470), 2 seasons Career Record: 204-65 Head Coaching Exp: 23nd season

Series Notes: The St. Louis Battlehawks will take on the Arlington Renegades at Choctaw Stadium for an 11:30 a.m. CT matchup on Saturday, April 19. The Battlehawks are 3-1 all-time against the Renegades, after St. Louis dropped their Week 9 match up against Arlington last season at Choctaw Stadium. The Battlehawks took the first three meetings of the teams, including a 27-24 win in the team's Week 2 matchup last season in front of a record crowd of 40,317 fans April 6 at The Dome at America's Center.

#### HIT THE ROAD, JACK

The St. Louis Battlehawks return to the road for the second time this season, looking to add to their 8-6 away record. Arlington hosted the last contest between the inter-conference opponents, falling to the Battlehawks 36-22.

The Battlehawks will travel for four away games throughout their 10-week schedule in 2025. This will be the team's second road game of the season after defeating Houston 31-6 in the season opener. St. Louis will return to the "Battledome" next for a Week 5 matchup against the Michigan Panthers on Saturday, April 26 at 6 p.m. CT on ESPN.

#### ARLINGTON-ST. LOUIS CONNECTIONS

SS Kameron Kelly played at nearby Wylie High School after being born in Round Rock, Texas. DE Pita Taumoepenu was born in the Dallas suburb of Euless, Texas, but moved to the Polynesian country of Tonga when he was 3 months old. QB Trae Self grew up in North Richland Hills, TX.

The Arlington Renegades have several members who were part of the 2020 St. Louis Battlehawks: Offensive Coordinator Chuck Long, Running Backs/Tight Ends Coach Reggie Davis, Run Game Coordinator/DLine Coach Jay Hayes, DL Davonte Lambert, S Joe Powell, P Marquette King, and LB Will Clarke. Safety Nico Bolden was with the Battlehawks in 2024.

#### AROUND THE UFL - WEEK 4

Friday, April 18: Memphis Showboats at Michigan Panthers (7 p.m. CT - FOX)

Saturday, April 19: St. Louis Battlehawks at Arlington Renegades (11:30 a.m. CT - ABC)

Birmingham Stallions at Houston Roughnecks(6 p.m. CT - FOX)

Sunday, April 20: San Antonio Brahmas at D.C. Defenders (4 p.m. CT - FOX)

#### ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS COMMUNICATIONS



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# **2025 SCHEDULE**



HOUSTON ROUGHNECKS 3/28 AT TDECU STADIUM

**FOX** 



SAN ANTONIO BRAHMAS 4/6 AT THE DOME AT AMERICA'S CENTER

W 26-9

F51



D.C. DEFENDERS 4/13 AT THE DOME AT AMERICA'S CENTER



ARLINGTON RENEGADES AT CHOCTAW STADIUM

Saturday, April 19, 2025 11:30 AM CT

MICHIGAN PANTHERS AT THE DOME AT AMERICA'S CENTER Saturday, April 26, 2025

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**ARLINGTON RENEGADES** AT THE DOME AT AMERICA'S CENTER

Friday, May 2, 2025 7 PM CT

MEMPHIS SHOWBOATS AT SIMMONS BANK LIBERTY STADIUM

Sunday, May 11, 2025

2 PM CT

6 PM CT



**BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS** AT THE DOME AT AMERICA'S CENTER

Saturday, May 17, 2025 12 PM CT

**FOX** 

SAN ANTONIO BRAHMAS 7 PM CT

AT THE DOME AT AMERICA'S CENTER Friday, May 23, 2025

**FOX** 

D.C. DEFENDERS AT AUDI FIELD Friday, May 30, 2025

7 PM CT

FOX



**BATTLEHAWKS AT RENEGADES** SAT. APRIL 19 AT 11:30 AM CT ON ABC

ROY PHILPOTT - Play-by-Play **RODDY JONES - Analyst** COLE CUBELIC/HARRY DOUGLAS - Sideline Reporters DEAN BLANDINO - Rules Analyst



#### ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS BY THE NUMBERS

171,825

19

193

91
Receiving yards by RB Jacob

yard field goal by K Rodrigo Blankenship in Week 3 vs D.C. to set a new career-high...

56

Total Offensive Yards by QB Manny Wilkins to lead the UFL through the first three weeks of play.

638

Total attendance for the Battleahawks' 5 regularseason home games in 2024, good for a UFL-high average attendance of 34,365 months between the opening of Choctaw Stadium and the Dome at America's Center. Choctaw opened April 1994 while The Dome opened Nov. 1995. Combined games of NFL experience on the Battlehawks active roster

Saylors during Week 3 vs D.C., the most by any Battlehawk this season.

#### GETTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER

The Battlehawks have 31 players on their roster who were with the organization a year ago, including five players who were All-UFL honorees: WR Hakeem Butler, RB Jacob Saylors, OT Jaryd Jones-Smith and C Mike Panasiuk on offense; ILB Willie Harvey on defense.

Head Coach Anthony Becht is also back for a third season, with six members of his coaching staff returning. Wide Receivers Coach Phil McGeoghan will also be taking up the mantle of Offensive Coordinator. Defensive Coordinator Donnie Abraham, Defensive Line Coach La'Roi Glover, Linebackers Coach Chris Claiborne, Special Teams Coordinator and Running Backs Coach Kyle Caskey and Secondary Martin Bayless all return in their same roles.

They are joined by Offensive Line Coach Marc Colombo and Quarterbacks Coach Seneca Wallace. Colombo signed on as Offensive Coach after serving in the same role for the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants. Colombo is also a former first round pick in 2002 by the Chicago Bears. Colombo played in nine NFL seasons with Chicago, Dallas, and the Miami Dolphins. Seneca Wallace will also join the staff, taking on the Quarterback Coach role. A fourth round selection by Seattle in the 2003 NFL Draft, Wallace spent ten seasons with the Seahawks, Cleveland Browns, and Green Bay Packers.

#### HIGH 5IVE

QB Manny Wilkins leads the UFL with 638 total offensive yards. Wilkins has picked up 140 rushing yards through the first three weeks of play, the most by any quarterback so far. He has also tallied 498 passing yards including a 35-yard pass to WR Frank Darby on 3rd and 10 for the first touchdown reception of the season during Week 3's showdown vs the D.C. Defenders.

Wilkins currently has the second most rushing touchdowns amongst UFL quarterbacks with two, trailing behind Michigan's Bryce Perkins who has run for three scores. His 12 points from those touchdowns are the second most points on the Battlehawks behind RB Jacob Saylors' 26 points.

Following Week 2's victory over the San Antonio Brahmas, QB Manny Wilkins was named UFL Offensive Player of the Week. Wilkins recorded 162 passing yards with a 75% completion rate (12-16) vs the Brahmas. Wilkins also completed a 58-yard pass play to WR Gary Jennings Jr. with 7:32 left in the second quarter, the longest pass play of the season for St. Louis.

#### POSTGAME PRESS CONFERENCE ZOOM LINK

Credentialed media wishing to participate in postgame press conferences may use the following link:

https://fox.zoom.us/j/98747367643?pwd=akeWULK3FOO5mMBGoJcd78Gp1vDbEp.1

Meeting ID: 987 4736 7643 Password: 379027

#### **OFFICIAL WATCH PARTIES**

The Battlehawks may be on the road, but St. Louis fans can still gather to celebrate on gamedays at our official watch party locations. Join the Official Watch Parties for each away game with food and drink specials, games and giveaways!

- Ballpark Village: 601 Clark Ave, St. Louis, MO 63102
- Horseshoe St. Louis: 999 N 2nd St, St. Louis, MO 63102
- Hotshots Edwardsville:: 2511 IL-157, Edwardsville, IL 62025
- Hotshots Bridgeton: 12154 St Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton, MO 63044
- Hotshots Webster Groves: 1239 S Laclede Station Rd, Webster Groves, MO 63119

#### THE MAIN ATTRACTION

Battlehawks fans topped their own record in their 2024 home opener April 6 with a crowd of 40,317 at The Dome at America's Center for a 27-24 victory against the Arlington Renegades. The mark set the record for a modern professional spring football game, topping the 38,310 fans St. Louis drew for its 2023 home opener on March 12, 2023, in a 24-11 Week 4 win over Arlington.

The Battlehawks welcomed 171,825 fans through the gates at The Dome through their five regular-season home games in 2024 for a league-high average attendance of 34,365.

St. Louis holds the top eight attendance marks in a modern professional spring football league:

- 40,317 April 6, 2024, Week 2 vs. Arlington
- 38,310 March 12, 2023, Week 4 vs. Arlington
- 35,868 March 18, 2023, Week 5 vs. D.C.
- 35,167 April 8, 2023, Week 8 vs. Vegas
- 33,142 April 16, 2023, Week 9 vs. Seattle
- 33,034 April 22, 2023, Week 10 vs. Orlando
- 32,115 April 6, 2025, Week 2 vs San Antonio
- 31,757 April 20, 2024, Week 4 vs. Memphis

#### **GATE GIVEAWAYS**

- April 26 SALUTE TO FOOTBALL 10,000 rally towels
- (presented by Verizon Business)
- May 2 CANCER AWARENESS 10,000 rally sticks, courtesy of Renewal by Andersen

(presented by Siteman Cancer Center)

- May 17 HATS OFF TO HEROES 10,000 Battlehawks Hero Flags (presented by Horseshoe St. Louis)
- May 23 MO IS HOME

(presented by Missouri Department of Tourism)



#### WEEK 1 RECAP

The Battlehawks began their 2025 campaign with a 31-6 win over the Houston Roughnecks Friday at TDECU Stadium in Houston, Texas. The 25 point margin ties the largest margin of victory in Battlehawks history, matching Orlando in Week 10 of 2023. St. Louis recorded 460 total yards, the second most for a single game in UFL history, trailing Birmingham's 466 total yards at Memphis in Week 6 of 2024. The team also logged 273 rushing yards, a new UFL record, surpassing Birmingham's 213 in Week 5 of 2024 at Houston.

FS Qwynnterrio Cole started the season off with an interception on the STL 44 from Houston's first pass attempt of the contest, spurring an explosive second possession by St. Louis. RB Jacob Saylors logged 37 of his 98 rushing yards over the possession, including a 21 yard rush on 2nd and 10 at the HOU 36. Saylors rushed for 4 yards to score the first Battlehawks touchdown of the 2025 season.

The Battlehawks entered halftime with an 18-0 lead on Houston, the second largest halftime lead in team history, behind only a 23-3 advantage over New York during Week 3 of the 2020 XFL season. St. Louis has held Houston scoreless in 6 of their last 8 quarters against them, including a scoreless first half in each of their last two meetings.

Head Coach Anthony Becht started off the 4th quarter by using his Super Challenge on QB Manny Wilkins' pass intended for WR Hakeem Butler which was called incomplete. St. Louis challenged for pass interference and the play was overturned, putting the ball on the 1-yard line for 1st and Goal. The Roughnecks lost their Super Challenge in the fourth quarter, challenging QB Nolan Henderson's incomplete pass intended for WR Emmanuel Butler. The call was upheld.

QB Max Duggan took over for Wilkins with 7:15 left in the fourth quarter. Duggan handed off the ball to RB Jarveon Howard on the second play of the possession, leading to a 74 yard rushing touchdown, the longest run in UFL history. Howard totaled 115 rushing yards on 13 attempts, a new Battlehawks single-game rushing record.

Houston scored its first and only touchdown of the contest with a 5-yard pass to WR Justin Hall in the fourth quarter. Following the touchdown, Houston elected to take the ball on 4th and 12 to retain possession. The four play drive resulted in a loss of 13 yards, turning the ball back over to St. Louis.

#### **WEEK 2 RECAP**

The St. Louis Battlehawks took down the San Antonio Brahmas, 26-9, at the Dome at America's Center in front of 32,115 fans for the team's home opener. The Battlehawks (2-0) allowed fewer than 10 points for two consecutive weeks for the first time in franchise history and lead the league in total points scored with 57 points over the first two weeks. RB Jacob Saylors set the single-game team record and tied the UFL record with three rushing touchdowns, rushing for 46 yards over 11 attempts.

The Battlehawks controlled the first half of play behind a pair of rushing touchdowns by Saylors while outgaining the Brahmas (0-2) in the first 30 minutes of play 192-135. Saylors delivered the Battlehawks' first touchdown of the game on a 20-yard rush with 11:04 to play before halftime to complete a seven-play drive that covered 61 yards. He also rumbled five yards into the end zone for the ensuing two-point conversion to give St. Louis an 11-0 lead.

WR Gary Jennings Jr. hauled in the longest pass play of the season for St. Louis on a 58-yard reception from QB Manny Wilkins in the second quarter. Saylors then found the end zone again on a 1-yard rush with 3:21 left in the second quarter to run the Battlehawks' advantage to 17-0. The Battlehawks entered halftime with a 17-3 lead, following a field goal by Brahmas K Donald De La Haye as time expired on the first half.

In the 3rd quarter, Saylors went on to record his 3rd rushing touchdown of the contest with a 5-yard run to give the Battlehawks a 23-3 lead with 7:41 left in the third quarter. Saylors has scored a touchdown in five of his last six regular-season games played dating back to 2024 Week 7 at Birmingham. Saylors has four touchdowns this season and led the UFL with eight total touchdowns in 2024.

The team recorded 4.0 sacks to tie the franchise single-game record. LB Travis Feeney tallied his first sack of the season. Feeney and LB Pita Taumoepenu tied for the team lead with 5.0 sacks in 2024 while Feeney led the team in 2023. DT Austin Faoliu and FS Nate Meadors each notched the first sacks of their Battlehawks careers, as well.

The Battlehawks extended their regular-season home winning streak to seven games dating back to 2023 XFL Week 9 vs. Seattle and are 11-2 all-time in regular-season play at the Dome.





#### WEEK 3 RECAP

The St. Louis Battlehawks fell to the D.C. Defenders, 27-15, at the Dome at America's Center in front of 30,014 fans for the team's first loss of the season. The Battlehawks (2-1) allowed 27 points, the most since Week 10 2023 vs Orlando.

Despite the loss, the Battlehawk's defense shined with a season-high 83 tackles (38 solo). St. Louis also produced seven pass breakups, three of which came from CB Chris Payton-Jones. WLB Olakunle Fatukasi and FS Nate Meadors each recorded a personal UFL game high. Fatukasi tallied nine tackles including three solo while Meadors tallied eight total tackles including five solo.

St. Louis started off the game by allowing 12 points in the first quarter, the most the team has allowed in the first quarter since 2023. D.C. accumulated a 62-yard touchdown reception and two field goals in the first quarter to make the score 12-0. The Defenders also picked up two turnovers with a fumble and interception from St. Louis QB Manny Wllkins in the first quarter.

The Battlehawks responded in the second quarter with a 32-yard touchdown reception Wilkins to WR Frank Darby on 3rd and 10 with 9:56 left on the clock in the first half, making the score 12-6. DB Kameron Kelly then picked up his first interception since Week 10 2024 vs San Antonio. K Rodrigo Blankenship went 2-2 on field goals to make the score 18-12 at the end of the first half.

CB Chris Payton-Jones picked up the second Battlehawks interception of the game for 9-yards, on D.C.'s first drive of the second half. That interception led to Blankenship's third field goal made. The 56-yarder set a new single-game career high for the kicker, beating out a 55–yard field goal from his time at The University of Georgia.

The Battlehawks snapped their regular-season home winning streak at seven games dating back to 2023 XFL Week 9 vs. Seattle and are 11-3 all-time in regular-season play at the Dome.

#### **TRANSACTIONS**

On April 11, the Battlehawks' signed QB Trae Self to the roster and re-signed WR Jerome Kapp who was cut earlier in the week.

Self is the former quartback for the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks. Self proved to be an asset to the Lumberjacks, throwing for 10,336 yards, and 74 touchdowns in 43 games. During his senior season in 2022, Self led the Lumberjacks to a Western Athletic Conference title, defeating Abilene Christian 24-21.

Kapp returned to the "Battledome" after opening the season on IR. He was released on April 8 and re-signed on April 11 when WR Sam Wigulsz was waived. Kapp originally joined St. Louis as a free agent in January 2024. He made at least one tackle in 7 of the final 8 games while primarily playing on the special teams unit last season. Kapp signed with the New York Jets in 2023 as an undrafted free agent and appeared in all four preseason games. Before that, he played college ball at Kutztown from 2019-22, racking up 2,190 receiving yards and 22 touchdowns across three seasons.

QB Chevan Cordeiro (hamstring) and CB Brandon Sebastian (hand) have been placed on Injured Reserve.

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#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Frank Darby #2 of the St. Louis Battlehawks catches a touchdown in front of Kiondre Thomas #24 of DC Defenders during the first half at The Dome at America's Center on April 13, 2025. (Photo by Dilip Vishwanat/UFL/Getty Images)

Darby's 35-yard reception from QB Manny Wilkins on 3rd and 10 with 9:56 left on the clock in the second quarter was the first touchdown reception of the Battlehawks' season.

# ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS 2025 TEAM LEADERS

Stat	Total	Player
Passing Yards	498	M. Wilkins
Rushing Yards	145	J. Saylors
Receiving Yards	163	J. Saylors
Touchdowns	4*	J. Saylors
Tackles	7	5 Tied
Sacks	3.0*	P. Taumoepenu
Tackles For Loss	3.0	P. Taumoepenu
Forced Fumbles	n/a	
Fumble Recoveries	n/a	
Interceptions	1	5 Tied
Made Field Goals	7	R. Blankenship
Kick Return Yards	111	B. Jackson
Punt Return Yards	120*	J. Pearson
All-Purpose Yards	308 * - Leads th	J. Saylors e UFL



#### FINDING THEIR RHYTHM

The Battlehawks lead the league in scoring (72 points/24 avg), total yards (952 yards/317.3 avg), rushing yards (482 yards/160.7 avg) and 3rd down conversion percentage (20-41, 48.8%). The team also has two of the top five rushers in the UFL as Jacob Saylors (145) ranks second and Manny Wilkins (140) is fifth.

St. Louis has ammased eight touchdowns, seven of which were rushing, to lead the league over the first three weeks of play. St. Louis picked up their first touchdown reception of the season during Week 3's contest against the D.C. Defenders, the longest the team has gone without a passing touchdown in franchise history. The Battlehawks have held the ball a staggering 95:29 as opposed to 84:31 for the opposition, both stats ranking second in the UFL behind the Arlington Renegades.

#### **EASY PEEZY**

WR Jahcour Pearson has returned a UFL-leading nine punts for 120 yards (13.3 avg) to help put St. Louis on top of that category this season (10-130). "Peezy" has led the league in punt return yards for two consecutive weeks.

Pearson recorded 20 punt return yards over three attempts during Week 3 vs D.C. The wide receiver recorded 100 punt return yards over the first two weeks, including a 26 yards return in Week 1 at Houston. He set the Battlehawks' individual game record during Week 2 vs San Antonio with 49 punt return yards.

#### SAYLORS SAILING THROUGH

RB Jacob Saylors recorded the single game high record this season with 91 receiving yards over seven attempts in the Week 3 matchup against the D.C. Defenders. Saylors has recorded 163 yards this season through the first three weeks, after recording 152 receiving yards with the Battlehawks over the complete 2024 season.

Saylors currently leads the UFL in touchdowns (4, all rushing) and points scored (26/8.7 p/g). He also leads the 2025 Battlehawks with 145 rushing yards, 163 receiving yards, four touchdowns and 308 all-purpose yards.

Week 2 vs SA, Saylors set a franchise record with three rushing touchdowns in a single game and tied the UFL record for total non-passing touchdowns in a game (Also: Saylors, Week 7 2024 at BHM; MICH's Wes Hills, Week 5 2024 at Memphis).

Saylors tied for the UFL record for total non-passing touchdowns in a game once before. During Week 7 2024 at Birmingham, he recorded 3 rushing touchdowns to match Michigan's Wes Hills from Week 5 2024 at Memphis.

#### RESPECT THE SPECS

K Rodrigo Blankenship has made himself a standout on the 2025 Battlehawks lineup for his consistancy and success through the first three weeks of the 2025 UFL season.

Blankenship has recorded a perfect 7/7 field goals made so far this season

including 3/3 field goals against the D.C. Defenders Week 3 at the Dome at America's Center. Blankenship's third quarter 56-yarder against the Defenders set a new personal single-game high and is the longest field goal by any kicker this season.

His record-setting field goal topped a 55-yard field goal from his time with the University of Georgia. Blankenship's field goal proved to be pivotal in shifting the momentum away from Oklahoma in the 2018 Rose Bowl, leading to Georgia's eventual 54–48 overtime victory.

#### **WEEK 3 DEPTH CHART**

#### ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS OFFENSE

QB	5 Manny Wilkins or 14 Max Duggan		13 Trae Self
LT	75 Jaryd Jones-Smith	70 Brad Ashmore	
LG	74 Steven Gonzalez		
C	61 Mike Panasiuk		
RG	54 Dohnovan West	76 Cole Spencer	
RT	73 Juwann Bushell-Beatty	69 Ryan Coll	
RB	15 Jacob Saylors	41 Jarveon Howard	25 Kevon Latulas
TE	84 Jake Sutherland	87 Chase Allen	
WR	11 Denzel Mims	85 Jerome Kapp	
WR	1 Jahcour Pearson	8 Blake Jackson	
WR	2 Frank Darby	12 Gary Jennings	

#### ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS DEFENSE

OLB	/ Pita iaumoepenu	26 Carson Wells
DE	99 Austin Faoliu	
NT	98 Freedom Akinmoladun	90 Kyler Baugh
DE	93 T.J. Pesefea	92 Phil Hoskins
OLB	56 Travis Feeney	
MLB	27 Mike Rose	59 Callahan O'Reilly
WLB	51 Willie Harvey	33 Olakunle Fatukas
CB	6 Myles Sims	24 Myles Jones
FS	32 Qwynnterrio Cole	22 Nate Meadors
SS	4 Kameron Kelly	23 Lukas Denis
CB	3 Chris Payton-Jones	10 Nick Whiteside

#### ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS SPECIAL TEAMS

P 16 Sterling Hofrichter
PK 28 Rodrigo Blankenship
H 16 Sterling Hofrichter
LS 47 Alex Matheson
KR 8 Blake Jackson 1 Jahcour Pearson
PR 1 Jahcour Pearson 8 Blake Jackson

#### A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

The Battlehawks defense continued their strong showings from Week 1 and Week 2 into their Week 3 match up against their conference rivals, the D.C. Defenders. After Week 3, the Battlehawks have allowed the second fewest total yards (739/246.3 avg.) and passing yards (430/143.3 avg.) this season. They trail only the D.C. Defenders in these two categories.

The Battlehawks' defense shined Week 3 vs D.C. with a season-high 83 tackles (38 solo). WLB Olakunle Fatukasi and FS Nate Meadors each recorded personal UFL game highs. Fatukasi tallied nine tackles including three solo while Meadors tallied eight total tackles including a team-leading five solo.

St. Louis also produced seven pass breakups, three of which came from CB Chris Payton-Jones. "CPJ" picked up the second Battlehawks interception of the game on D.C.'s first drive of the second half. Payton-Jones currently leads the UFL with seven passes defended. He has recorded six breakups and one interception this season, averaging 6.3 passes defended per game.



#### WHAT MAKES US RULE

The UFL is using innovative rules during the 2025 season to deliver an exciting, fast-paced game.

The UFL has adopted the XFL's points after-touchdown options. Kickoffs will resemble the USFL's more traditional-style play, with a modification moving the kickoff line back to the 20-yard line.

Slight modifications have been made to the rules that overlapped, including alternate possession options in the fourth quarter. Both leagues implemented opportunities in 2023 for teams that are trailing or if the scores are tied. In 2024, the UFL offered a 4th-and-12 from the 28-yard line.

 Points After Touchdown - Teams will have three scrimmage play (run/pass) options following a touchdown:

> 2-yard line = 1 point for a successful try 5-yard line = 2 points for a successful try 10-yard line = 3 points for a successful try

- **Kickoffs** Kickoffs will now start from the 30-yard line. The 10 remaining players on the kickoff team will line up at the receiving team's 40-yard line. The receiving team's set up zone will stretch from its 35-yard line to the 30-yard line and must have at least nine players in that zone. The landing zone will be from the receiving team's 20-yard line to the goal line. The ball must reach the landing zone or it will be spotted at the 40-yard line.
- Other Kicking/Touchback Rules There will be two touchback spots: the 35-yard-line for balls kicked into the end zone and the 20-yard line for balls that hit in the landing zone and then enter the endzone. Onside kicks have been eliminated. The kickoff team will be able to retain possession of the ball with a fourth down and 12-yard scrimmage play from its own 28-yard line.
- Alternate Possession Option While onside kicks are allowed at
  any time during the game, teams will have an alternate option to retain
  possession in the fourth quarter. If a team is tied or behind during the
  fourth quarter, it may elect to retain possession after a score with a 4thand-12 from its own 28-yard line.
- Two Forward Passes Teams will be allowed, as they were in both leagues last season, to throw two forward passes on one play. The ball cannot cross the line of scrimmage at any time prior to the second forward pass being thrown.
- Catch Definition A completed catch or interception is defined as a
  player securing control of the ball prior to the ball touching the ground;
  and touching the ground inbounds with both feet or with any part of his
  body other than his hands.
- Defensive Pass Interference Defensive pass interference will result in a 15-yard penalty or a spot foul if the foul occurred less than 15 yards downfield. Intentional defensive pass interference will result in a spot foul if it is beyond 15 yards downfield.
- Replay Reviews Designated members of the officiating department may stop a game at any time before the ball is next legally put in play to review a play if the play is reviewable, there is reasonable evidence to believe an error was made in the initial ruling and it would have a direct, competitive impact on the game. These reviews will be made from a secure location separate from the site of the game. Any call or non-call related to player safety is also subject to review at any point during the game, as well as any officiating ruling in the last five minutes of the

fourth quarter or overtime that is obviously incorrect and will have a significant impact on the outcome of the game.

- Coach Challenges Each coach may challenge any ruling, including
  fouls or potential fouls, provided the team has a timeout remaining.
  A successful challenge will not result in a loss of a timeout, while the
  timeout is lost if the challenge is unsuccessful. Each head coach will
  earn a second challenge if the first challenge is successful.
- Overtime Overtime will consist of alternating attempts to score from the opponent's 5-yard line with no kicks allowed. It will be a best-ofthree format or until a winner has been determined.

#### HOW WE GOT HERE

The UFL announced its arrival Dec. 31, 2023, as a new spring football league formed from the XFL and USFL. The eight UFL teams are divided into conferences that represent the two former leagues.

#### XFL Conference

- St. Louis Battlehawks
- Arlington Renegades
- · D.C. Defenders
- San Antonio Brahmas

#### USFL Conference

- Birmingham Stallions
- Houston Roughnecks
- Memphis Showboats
- Michigan Panthers





The UFL then held a Dispersal Draft from Jan. 5-15, 2024, for the teams to acquire players from teams in the former leagues.

The Battlehawks have embarked on their fourth season of spring football. They were a member of the 2020 edition of the XFL that ceased operations after five games because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and they returned in 2023 to go 7-3, tying for the second-best record in the league and lead the XFL in attendance with 175,121 fans across five home games.

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP DOME**

On April 13, 2025, the UFL announced the site as the host of the UFL Championship Game for a second consecutive year. The Championship Game presented by Underdog will be played at 7 p.m. CT on June 14, 2025. The game is scheduled to be broadcast on ABC and will feature the winners of the XFL and USFL conferences.

The Battlehawks will hold their six home games at The Dome at America's Center. The dome will feature new LED lighting and a new \$1 million turf system that is lighter and rolls up quicker.

The Dome was constructed in 1995 and hosted NFL games from 1995-2015. The Battlehawks are 10-3 franchise history at The Dome, including postseason games. They also hold the top 12 attendance marks in modern professional spring football history, highlighted by a record 40,317 fans at their 2024 home opener April 6 in a 27-24 win over the Arlington Renegades. St. Louis led the way in attendance in both the XFL in 2023 and UFL in 2024, averaging more than 34,000 fans per game each year.

A multi-purpose facility that has hosted a wide variety of events in its nearly three decades, The Dome also hosted the Battlehawks during the 2020 season. The team won both of its home games that season.



ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS GAME ONE AT MICHIGAN PANTHERS

#### **BUILDING THE BATTLEHAWKS**

The Battlehawks compiled their 2025 roster through various means. 29 players in the organization are players from the 2024 team that went 7-3.14 players will return for their third year with the Battlehawks. Two players, Nate Meadors and Lukas Denis, will rejoin the team after spending 2024 in the NFL. 18 players are new to the organization.

- The Battlehawks will enter the season with five players who earned All-UFL honors in 2024 as well as the 2024 UFL Offensive Player of the Year Hakeem Butler and Special Teams Player of the Year Chris Garrett.
- St. Louis kept five of its 12 selections from the 2024 UFL Dispersal Draft that was held Jan. 5-15, 2024. Four
  of those selections were former Seattle Sea Dragons (Cole, Jackson, Payton-Jones and Pearson), while C
  Dohnovan West played for the Vegas Vipers in 2023.
- Two of the Battlehawks' eight selections from the 2024 UFL Super Dispersal Draft on Jan. 15, 2024, made
  the final roster. OG Abdul Beecham played for the XFL's Orlando Guardians and S Kameron Kelly played
  for the XFL's San Antonio Brahmas.

#### FRANCHISE FIRSTS

STAT	FIRST
Team Win	15-9 d. Dallas Renegades 2/09/20
Home Win	29-9 d. New York Guardians 2/29/20
Road Win	15-9 d. Dallas Renegades 2/09/20
OFFENSE	
Play	Matt Jones, 5-yard run vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Completion	Jordan Ta'amu-Brandon Reilly 19 yards vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Rush	Matt Jones, 5-yard run vs. Renegades 2/09/20
1st Down	Matt Jones, 10-yard run vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Points	Taylor Russolino, 48-yard field goal vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Touchdown	Keith Ford, 16-yard run vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Rushing TD	Keith Ford, 16-yard run vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Passing TD	Jordan Ta'amu-Alonzo Russell, 9 yards vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Extra Point	Jordan Ta'amu to De'Mornay Pierson-El (double forward pass) to Alonzo Russell, 2pt conversion vs. Guardians 2/29/20
DEFENSE	
Tackle	Will Hill vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Sack	Dewayne Hendrix, 2-yard loss vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Interception	Will Hill, vs. Renegades 2/09/20
SPECIAL TEAMS	
Kickoff	Taylor Russolino, touchback vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Field Goal	Taylor Russolino, 48 yards vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Punt	Marquette King, vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Kick Return	Keith Mumphrey, 25 yards vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Kickoff Return-TD	Joe Powell, 84 yards vs. Guardians 2/23/20
Punt Return	De'Mornay Pierson-El, vs. Renegades 2/09/20
Tackle	Gimel President/Dewayne Hendrix, vs. Renegades 2/09/20

#### **BATTLEHAWKS ORIGINS**

#### 2025 UFL Free Agency (18)

WR Frank Darby FS Lukas Denis CB Nick Whiteside K Rodrigo Blankenship WR Denzel Mims LB Olakunle Fatukasi **WR Gary Jennings RB Jarveon Howard** QB Max Duggan LB Chris Garrett **CB Nate Meadors** OT Ryan Coll DT Kyler Baugh OG Cole Spencer DT Phil Hoskins WR Sam Wiglusz DT Isaiah Mack TE Chase Allen

#### 2025 UFL College Draft (4)

OT Brad Ashmore CB Myles Jones
QB Chevan Cordeiro CB Myles Sims

#### 2024 UFL Dispersal Draft (5)

WR Blake Jackson
WR Jahcour Pearson
C Dohnovan West

DB Qwynnterrio Cole
DB Chris Payton-Jones

#### 2024 UFL Super Dispersal Draft (2)

OG Abdul Beecham S Kameron Kelly

#### 2024 UFL Free Agency (6)

RB Jacob Saylors
DT Austin Faoliu
RB Kevon Latulas
LB Callahan O'Reilly
DT T.J. Pesefea
LB Pita Taumoepenu

#### 2022 XFL Draft (7)

OG Steven Gonzalez
P Sterling Hofrichter
OT Jaryd Jones-Smith
TE Jake Sutherland

LB Willie Harvey
LB Mike Rose
DB Brandon Sebastian

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2023 XFL Supplemental Draft (6)
OT Juwann Bushell-Beatty DE Freedom Akinmoladun
WR Hakeem Butler LB Travis Feeney

LS Alex Matheson LB Carson Wells

#### 2023 XFL Free Agency (2)

C Mike Panasiuk QB Manny Wilkins

#### **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

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Juwann BUSHELL-BEATTY	bush-ell-Bait-ee
QWYNNTERRIO Cole	Quin-tare-ee-oh
CHEVAN Cordeiro	Chev-von
Max DUGGAN	Dug-inn
Ryan COLL	Cole
Austin FAOLIU	Fah-loo
OLAKUNLE FATUKASI	
LA'ROI Glover	Lah-ROY
Sterling HOFRICHTER	
JARVEON Howard	Jar-vee-on
KEVON LATULAS	key-VON luh-TOO-liss
Phil McGEOGHAN	
Nate MEADORS	Meh-dors
Mike PANASIUK	pah-nah-shook
JAHCOUR Pearson	Juh-core
T.J. PESEFEA	peh-suh-FAY-uh
Pita TAUMOEPENU	Dow-muy-pay-nu



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	2025 S			IGS			
XFL CONFERENCE	OVERALL RECORD	VS. XFL	VS. USFL	HOME	ROAD	PF	PA
1. D.C. Defenders	3-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	62	38
2. St. Louis Battlehawks	2-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	72	42
3. Arlington Renegades	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	53	28
4. San Antonio Brahmas	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-3	41	85
USFL CONFERENCE	OVERALL RECORD	VS. XFL	VS. USFL	НОМЕ	ROAD	PF	PA
1. Birmingham Stallions	2-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	42	39
2. Michigan Panthers	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-0	64	56
3. Houston Roughnecks	1-2	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-1	33	59
4. Memphis Showboats	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	41	61

# **INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS**

STAT	ТОТ	PLAYER
PASSING YARDS	189	M. Wilkins (Wk. 1 at HOU)
RUSHING YARDS	115	J. Howard (Wk. 1 at HOU)
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	16	J. Saylors (Wk. 1 at HOU)
RECEIVING YARDS	91	J. Saylors (Wk. 3 vs D.C.)
RECEPTIONS	7	J. Saylors (Wk. 3 vs D.C.)
PASS TD	1	M. Wilkins (Wk. 3 vs D.C.)
RUSHTD	3	J. Saylors (Wk. 2 vs SA)
RECEIVING TD	1	F. Darby (Wk. 3 vs D.C.)
TACKLES	9	O. Fatukasi (Wk. 3 vs D.C.)
SOLO TACKLES	5	N. Meadors (Wk. 3 vs D.C.)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2	2 Tied
SACKS	2	P. Taumoepenu (Wk. 1 at HOU)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	5 Tied
FORCED FUMBLES	n/a	
FUMBLE RECOVERIES	n/a	
PUNT RETURN YDS	51	J. Pearson (Wk.1at HOU)
KICK RETURN YDS	85	G. Jennings (Wk. 3 vs D.C.)
FIELD GOALS	3	R. Blankenship (Wk. 3 vs D.C.)

# TEAM SINGLE-GAME HIGHS/LOWS

STAT	TEA	M HIGH	TEA	M LOW	STAT	OPPI	ENENT HIGH	OPI	PONENT LOW
Points Scored	31	Week1atHOU	15	Week 3 vs D.C.	Points Scored	27	Week 3 vs D.C.	6	Week 1 at HOU
Pass Completions	17	Week1atHOU	12	Week2atSA	Pass Completions	17	Week 3 vs D.C.	12	Week1atHOU
Passing Yards	189	Week1atHOU	147	Week 3 vs D.C.	Passing Yards	243	Week 3 vs D.C.	76	Week1atHOU
Rush Attempts	41	Week1atHOU	16	Week 3 vs D.C.	Rush Attempts	32	Week 3 vs D.C.	16	Week 1at HOU
Rushing Yards	273	Week1atHOU	61	Week 3 vs D.C.	Rushing Yards	126	Week 3 vs D.C.	77	Week2vsSA
Total Yards	460	Week1atHOU	173	Week 3 vs D.C.	Total Yards	346	Week 3 vs D.C.	170	Week 1at HOU
Total Plays	64	Week1atHOU	48	Week 3 vs D.C.	Total Plays	69	Week 3 vs D.C.	48	Week 1at HOU
Touchdowns	4	Week1atHOU	1	Week 3 vs D.C.	Touchdowns	3	Week 3 vs D.C.	1	2x last: Week 2 vs SA
Field Goals	3	Week 3 vs D.C.	2	2x last: Week 2 vs SA	Field Goals	3	Week 3 vs D.C.	0	Week1atHOU
First Downs	24	Week1atHOU	7	Week 3 vs D.C.	First Downs	22	Week 3 vs D.C.	11	2x last: Week 2 vs SA
3rd Down Conversions	8	2x last: Week 2 vs SA	4	Week 3 vs D.C.	3rd Down Conversions	7	Week 3 vs D.C.	5	Week2vsSA
4th Down Conversions	0	3x last: Week 3 vs D.C.	0	3x last: Week 3 vs D.C.	4th Down Conversions	1	Week 2 vs SA	0	2x last: Week 3 vs D.C.
Punts	4	Week 3 vs D.C.	0	Week 1 at HOU	Punts	4	3x last: Week 3 vs D.C.	4	3x last: Week 3 vs D.C.
Penalties	7	Week 3 vs D.C.	5	2x last: Week 2 vs SA	Penalties	10	Week 2 vs SA	3	Week1atHOU
Sacks	4.0	Week 2 at SA	0	Week 3 vs D.C.	Sacks	3.0	Week 3 vs D.C.	1.0	2x last: Week 2 vs SA
Tackles for Loss	5	Week 3 vs D.C.	3	Week 1 at HOU	Tackles for Loss	9	Week 3 vs D.C.	3	Week1atHOU
Fumble Recoveries	0	3x last: Week 3 vs D.C.	0	3x last: Week 3 vs D.C.	Fumble Recoveries	0	2x last: Week 2 vs SA	0	2x last: Week 2 vs SA
Interceptions	2	2x last: Week 3 vs D.C.	1	Week2atSA	Interceptions	3	Week 3 vs D.C.	0	2x last: Week 2 vs SA
Takeaways	2	2x last: Week 3 vs D.C.	1	Week2atSA	Takeaways	4	Week 3 vs D.C.	0	2x last: Week 2 vs SA
Time of Possession	35.53	Week2atSA	24:03	Week 3 vs D.C.	Time of Possession	35:57	Week 3 vs D.C.	24:07	Week2vsSA



#### INDIVIDUAL FRANCHISE RECORDS

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STAT	RECORD
SINGLE GAME	
Passing TDs	6 - A.J. McCarron vs. Orlando, 4/22/23
Rushing TDs	3 - Jacob Saylors vs. San Antonio, 4/6/25
Receiving TDs	2 - Five instances; last: Hakeem Butler at D.C., 4/28/24
Completions	35 - A.J. McCarron vs. Memphis, 4/20/24
Passing Yards	420 - A.J. McCarron vs. Orlando, 4/22/23
Rushes	21 - Matt Jones at Dallas, 2/9/20
Rushing Yards	115 - Jarveon Howard at Houston, 3/28/25
Receptions	10 - Jahcour Pearson vs. Memphis, 4/20/24
Receiving Yards	164 - Hakeem Butler vs. Orlando, 4/22/23
Tackles	16 - Terrance Garvin at D.C., 3/8/20
Solo Tackles	9 - Will Hill at D.C., 3/8/20
Tackles For Loss	3 - Lavert Hill vs. Orlando, 4/22/23
Sacks	2.0 - Four instances; last: Pita Taumoepenu at Houston, 3/28/25
Interceptions	2 - Two instances; last: Brandon Sebastian vs. Orlando, 4/22/23
Forced Fumbles	2 - LaCale London at Seattle, 2/23/23
Fumble Recoveries	2 - Two instances; last: Ben DeLuca at D.C., 3/5/23
Field Goals	4 - Andre Szmyt at D.C., 4/28/24
Longest Field Goal	61 yards - Andre Szmyt at Birmingham, 5/11/24
Kick Returns	5 - Six instances; last: Darrius Shepherd at San Antonio, 4/14/24
Kick Return Yards	190 - Darrius Shepherd at D.C., 3/5/23
Longest Kick Return	84 yards - Joe Powell vs. New York, 2/23/20
Punt Returns	5 - De'Mornay Pierson-El at Houston, 2/16/20
Punt Return Yards	49 - Jahcour Pearson vs. San Antonio, 4/6/25
Longest Punt Return	32 - Darrius Shepherd at San Antonio, 4/14/24
SEASON	
	24 - A.J. McCarron, 2023
Passing TDs Rushing TDs	5 - Jacob Saylors, 2024
Receiving TDs	8 - Hakeem Butler, 2023
Completions	203 - A.J. McCarron, 2023
Passing Yards	2,150 - A.J. McCarron, 2023
Rushes	94 - Jacob Saylors, 2024
Rushing Yards	461 - Jacob Saylors, 2024
Receptions	51 - Hakeem Butler, 2023
Receiving Yards	652 - Hakeem Butler, 2024
Tackles	78 - Willie Harvey, 2024
Solo Tackles	43 - Willie Harvey, 2024
Tackles For Loss	9 - Willie Harvey, 2024/Travis Feeney, 2023
Sacks	5.0 - Pita Taumoepenu, 2024/Travis Feeney, 2x; 2023, 2024
Interceptions	3 - Kameron Kelly, 2024/Brandon Sebastian, 2023
Forced Fumbles	3 - Travis Feeney, 2023
Fumble Recoveries	2 - Three players tied, 2023
Field Goals Made	19 - Andre Szmyt, 2024
Kick Returns	37 - Darrius Shepherd, 2023
Kick Return Yards	907 - Darrius Shepherd, 2023
Punt Returns	17 - Austin Proehl, 2023
Punt Return Yards	205 - Darrius Shepherd, 2024

#### **UFL/XFL TIMELINE**

April 10, 2020 XFL 2.0 ceases operations

August 3, 2020

Dany Garcia, Dwayne Johnson and RedBird Capital acquire the XFL

November 8, 2021

Russ Brandon is hired as XFL President

April 13, 2022

Anthony Becht is announced as one of the eight XFL head coaches for the 2023 season

July 24, 2022

The XFL announces St. Louis as one of the eight host cities for the 2023 season and that Anthony Becht will be the head coach

October 31, 2022

The new logo and graphics for the St. Louis

Battlehawks are unveiled

February 19, 2023

St. Louis Battlehawks kickoff at San Antonio to begin the 2023 XFL season, winning with a last minute score on 4th and 15.

December 31, 2023

The UFL announces the merger of the XFL and USFL to create an eight-team league in 2024

January 5-15, 2024

The UFL holds a three-phase Dispersal Draft for teams to acquire players who were on teams that did not join the UFL

March 30, 2024

St. Louis Battlehawks kickoff at Michigan to begin the 2024 UFL Season

April 6, 2024

St. Louis Battlehawks break the modern spring football attendance record at their home opener with 40,317 fans in attendance

March 28, 2025

St. Louis Battlehawks kickoff at Houston to begin the 2025 UFL Season





#### HEAD COACH ANTHONY BECHT

St. Louis Battlehawks Head Coach Anthony Becht returns for his third season after leading the team to a 7-3 record and the XFL Conference playoff game last year. In 2023, the Battlehawks also finished 7-3, which was tied for the second-best record in the XFL.

Selected in the first round (27th overall) by the New York Jets in the 2000 NFL Draft, Becht played 11 seasons at tight end in the NFL, also spending time with Tampa Bay, St. Louis, Arizona, and Kansas City. From 2000 to 2010, he played in 152 consecutive games - the third longest streak in the NFL over that time period behind only Brett Favre and Peyton Manning.

Following his playing career, Becht worked as a college football analyst for ESPN and hosted the New York Jets pregame show before being promoted to their radio color analyst in 2024. He also coached Tight Ends in the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl before accepting the same position with the San Diego Fleet of the Alliance of American Football in 2018.

A graduate of West Virginia, Becht was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2024. He received the John Russell Award and was named the Mountaineer's Most Valuable Player in 1999. Becht also served as a Trust Captain for the NFLPA Trust from 2015-20 and remains Legends Community Southeast Coordinator.

### GENERAL MANAGER DAVE BOLLER

Dave Boller, entering his third season with the St. Louis Battlehawks, brings 19 years of NFL front office and scouting experience to the role of General Manager. The former Assistant Pro Director for the Detroit Lions, Boller also worked as a scout for the St. Louis Rams, Philadelphia Eagles, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and New York Jets. In 2019, he served as General Manager for the San Diego Fleet in the AAF. In the collegiate ranks, Boller transitioned from Director of Recruiting Operations to Director of Player Personnel at Syracuse after previously working in recruiting at Louisville. A graduate of Arizona State, Boller began his athletics career as the Director of Operations for the Sun Devils in 1985.







#### ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS COACHING STAFF



# PHIL McGEOGHAN OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/WIDE RECEIVERS

- Returns to the Battlehawks after joinging the team as wide receivers coach in 2024.
- Coached wide receivers for the Dolphins (2012-15), Bills (2017) and Chargers (2018-2020).
- Most recently was the wide receivers coach for the University of Colorado Buffaloes in 2022.
- Played in four NFL seasons that included stints with the Jets, Broncos, Saints and Raiders.
- Was a two-time All-American track athlete at Maine, and also recorded the fourth-most receptions in the football program's history.



# DONNIE ABRAHAM DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

- Returns for a third season as the Defensive Coordinator for the Battlehawks.
- Drafted by Tampa Bay in the 3rd round of the 1996 NFL Draft, played defensive back for the Buccaneers and New York Jets.
- In nine NFL seasons, he had 442 tackles and 38 interceptions.
- Named to the Pro Bowl in 2000.
- Coached defensive backs at Illinois in 2017 and for the Orlando Apollos in 2019.



# KYLE CASKEY SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/RUNNING BACKS

- Joins the Battlehawks for this second season with the team after coaching in the NFL for more than a decade.
- Was a running backs coach with Cincinnati and Detroit, while also spending time with Jacksonville.
- Won the 1998 Big 12 Championship with Texas A&M as a player.
- Also a track and field athlete at Texas A&M, earned All-Big 12 honors in the discus in 2000.



# MARTIN BAYLESS SECONDARY

- Returns to the team for his second season.
- Played 13 seasons in the NFL with the Bills, Chargers, Chiefs and Redskins.
- Selected in the fourth round of the 1984 NFL Draft by the St. Louis Cardinals.
- Worked in the Bills front office after his playing career.
- Coached in the NFL with Carolina, Oakland, Houston, Minnesota, Denver, Arizona and Indianapolis.
- Was the Special Teams Coordinator for the XFL Los Angeles WilD.C.ats in 2020.



# MARC COLOMBO OFFENSIVE LINE

- Joining the Battlehawks for this first season as offensive line coach.
- Served in the same role with the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants.
- Former first round pick in 2002 by the Chicago Bears, Colombo played in nine NFL seasons with Chicago, Dallas, and the Miami Dolphins.



# CHRIS CLAIBORNE LINEBACKERS

- Returns to the Battlehawks for a third season after joining the team as linebackers coach in Week 3 of the 2023 season.
- An All-American at USC, won the Butkus Award in 1998 before being a first round draft pick of the Lions in 1999.
- Played in 8 NFL seasons.
- Spent two seasons as the Linebackers Coach at Arizona State.
- Offensive Quality Control Analyst for USC 2020-21.



# SENECA WALLACE OUARTERBACKS

- Joins the Battlehawks for his first season.
- A fourth round selection (110th overall) by Seattle in the 2003 NEL Draft
- Spent ten seasons with the Seahawks, Cleveland Browns, and Green Bay Packers.
- Member of the New Orleans Saints and San Francisco 49ers and spent 2020 as a coaching assistant with the Dallas Cowboys.



#### LA'ROI GLOVER DEFENSIVE LINE

- Returns to the Battlehawks for a third season.
- Previously was Assistant Defensive Line Coach for the Chargers and Jets.
- Inducted into the San Diego State Hall of Fame in 2010 and New Orleans Saints Hall of Fame in 2013.
- In 2023, Glover returned to NFL training camp as part of the Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship with the Saints.
- Has 14 years of high school and college coaching experi-
- Played 13 years in the NFL, including six straight Pro Bowls.
- Named to the 2000s NFL All-Decade Team.

#### **FOOTBALL OPS/STAFF**





Andrew Williams - Assistant Equipment Manager Miyah Walker - Asst Athletic Trainer Ryan Schwerzler - Asst Athletic Trainer Patrick Austin - Director of Team Operations Brendan Taylor - Video Manager Chris Pirolo - Assistant Video Manager Tom Swoboda - Video Assistant Sean Hayes - Strength Coach



#### JAHCOUR PEARSON

WR



26 • 5-7 • 178

Hometown: Fort Lauderdale, FL

College: Mississippi

- Leads the UFL in punt return yards with 120 yards follow-
- Set a single-game franchise record with 49 punt return vards during Week 2 vs SA.
- Led the team with 6 catches for 83 yards in Week 12025.
- Set a franchise record with 10 catches in his Battlehawks debut in Week 4 vs. Memphis in 2024 to go with 70 receiving yards and a touchdown.
- Activated from IR on April 15, 2024 (right knee injury).
- Acquired with the 2nd overall selection in the 2024 UFL Dispersal Draft.
- Named to the 2023 All-XFL Team.
- Led all XFL receivers in 2023 with 60 receptions, 670 receiving yards and 32 catches for first down to go with 4 TD catches while playing for the Seattle Sea Dragons.

#### FRANK DARBY

WR



27 • 5-1 • 200

Hometown: Jersey City, NJ

College: Arizona State

- Caught a 35-yard pass from QB Manny Wilkins for the first touchdown reception of the season.
- Had 2 receptions for 32 yards in Week 1. Signed with the Battlehawks on Feb. 12, 2025.
- Selected by the Atlanta Falcons in the sixth round of the 2021 NFL Draft.
- Appeared in 16 games over three seasons with two receptions for 29 yards.
- Signed with San Francisco 49ers in July of 2024.
- Caught 67 passes for 1317 yards and 13 touchdowns at Arizona State.

#### CHRIS PAYTON-JONES

CB



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28 • 6-0 • 230

Hometown: Jacksonville, FI

College: Nebraska

- Leads the UFL with 7 Passes Defended after Week 3 (6 breakups, 1 interception).
- Had 3 solo tackles in Week 1.
- Tallied three tackles (2 solo) in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Had five pass breakups last season, which ranked T-2nd on the team.
- Was T-3rd on the team with one forced fumble in 2024.
- Ranked T-2nd on the team with 31 solo tackles, 6th with
- $37\,total\,tackles\,and\,T-8th\,with\,2\,tackles\,for\,loss\,in\,2024.$ Had a season-high five solo tackles in Week 5 at D.C
- last season. Acquired by St. Louis in the 2024 UFL Dispersal Draft.
- Started all 11 games (including playoffs) for Seattle in the XFL in 2023.

#### KAMERON KELLY

DB



4

27 • 6-2 • 205

Hometown: Round Rock, TX

College: San Diego State

- Picked off his first interception of the 2025 season vs
- Caught an interception, his 3rd in the last 4 games, and had 3 tackles (1 solo) in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Made his third interception of the season in Week 10 2024 vs. San Antonio to tie CB Brandon Sebastian (3 in 2023) for the franchise single-season record and the most in the UFL in 2024.
- Ranked 4th on the team with 44 tackles and 27 solo tackles, and was T-2nd with 5 pass breakups last season.
- Recovered his 1st fumble of 2024 in Week 9 at Arlington.
- Led the Battlehawks with a team-high seven tackles (2 solo) in Week 4 vs. Memphis

#### MANNY WILKINS

QB



5

28 • 6-2 • 193

Hometown: Novato, CA

College: Arizona State

- Leads the UFL with 638 Total Offensive Yards following
- Threw a 35 yard pass for the first passing touchdown of the 2025 season in Week 3.
- Set a personal record with 189 passing yards Week
- Recorded two rushing touchdowns in Week 1 at HOU. Made two starts (3 games played), going a combined
- 27-for-50 with 305 passing yards, one touchdown and three interceptions last season.
- Also rushed for 141 yards and three touchdowns on 24 carries in 2024.
- Made his first professional career start in Week 8 2024 at D.C., going 9-for-18 with 126 passing yards along with 12 rushes for a game-high 80 yards.

#### PITA TAUMOEPENU

DE



30 • 6-2 • 250

Hometown: Euliss, TX

College: Utah

- Is tied for the UFL lead with 3.0 sacks following Week 3.
- Tallied 2.0 sacks in Week 1 at HOU.
- Recovered a fumble and scored a touchdown to go with one tackle in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. SA.
- Finished T-1st on the team with 5.0 sacks (T-6th in UFL) with LB Travis Feeney last season; also tied Feeney (5.0 in 2023) for the franchise single-season sacks
- Ranked 3rd on the team with 5.0 tackles for loss (T-11th in UFL) in 2024.
- Named the 2023 XFL Defensive Player of the Year.
- Played for Vegas in the XFL in 2023, ranking 2nd in the league with 7.5 sacks and T-6th with 8 tackles for loss. organizations

#### **BLAKE JACKSON**

WR



30 • 5-11 • 200

Hometown: Houston, TX

College: Mary Hardin-Baylor

- Leads the Battlehawks with 111 kick return yards after
- Led the UFL with 33.2 yards-per-kick return (min. 2 returns) with 199 yards in eight returns in 2024.
- Returned the opening kickoff a career-high 58 yards in Week 5 2024 at D.C., finishing the game with a 114 kick return yards on three returns (38.0 yards-per-return). Acquired by the Battlehawks in the 2024 UFL Disper-
- Had 45 catches in 11 games with SEA in 2023Appeared in five games with the Houston Roughnecks of the XFL in 2020, making five receptions for 50 yards
- Spent time in the Cleveland organization from 2018-19.

#### CHEVAN CORDEIRO

QB



25 • 6-1 • 200

Hometown: Honolulu, HI

College: San Jose State

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Dec. 19, 2024.
- Signed with the Seattle Seahawks as a UDFA prior to the 2023 season, saw action in 1 game and was later placed on the practice squad.
- Selected by St. Louis in 2024 UFL Draft in July.
- All-time Mountain West leader in touchdowns responsible for (113), total yardage (13,811), and completions
- Started 21 games at Hawaii before transferring to San Jose State before 2022 season

#### **NICK WHITESIDE**

CB



24 • 6-1 • 200

Hometown: Auburn Hills, MI

College: Saginaw Valley

- Recorded 3 solo tackles at HOU in Week 1.
- Signed with the Battlehawks on Dec. 3, 2024.
- Signed with the Washington Commanders as a UDFA prior to the 2023 season, was later placed on the practice squad. Elevated to active roster and played Week 17.
- Two-time All-American at Saginaw Valley, made 131 tackles with 26 pass breakups and 12 interceptions in 43 games for the Cardinals.



#### **DENZEL MIMS**

WR



27 • 6-3 • 207

Hometown: Daingerfield, TX

11

College: **Baylor** 

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Oct. 15, 2024.
- Selected by the New York Jets in the second round (59th overall) of the 2020 NFL Draft.
- Has 42 catches for 676 yards in 30 NFL games
- Traded to Detroit Lions before 2023 season; waived injured and later signed to Pittsburgh Steelers practice
- Also spent time in 2024 with Jacksonville Jaguars
- Caught 186 passes for 2925 yards and 28 touchdowns at Baylor.

#### **GARY JENNINGS**

WR



28 • 6-1 • 216

Hometown: Stafford, VA

12

College: West Virginia

- Hauled in the longest pass play of the season for St. Louis on a 58-yard reception from Wilkins during
- Signed with the Battlehawks on March 6, 2024.
- Played the 2024 season with the Birmingham Stallions. Signed with the Battlehawks for the 2023 season.
- Caught a 64-yeard touchdown pass from P Sterling Hofrichter on a fake punt in the 4th quarter of week 8 vs. Vegas, voted by the fans as the 2023 XFL Play of the year.
- Ranked 3rd on the team with 13.5 years/reception.
- Topped all XFL Players in 2023 with a 22.20 maximum speed as tracked by Catapult.
- Scored a touchdown in three consecutive games in week 6-8 of 2023.

#### TRAE SELF

QB



25 • 6-3 • 200

Hometown: North Richland Hills, TX

College: Stephen F. Austin

- Signed with the Battlehawks on April 11.
- Completed 801 passes for 10,336 yards and 74 touchdowns in 43 games in four seasons at Stephen
- Also rushed for 636 yards and 15 touchdowns
- Started in all 12 games in 2021 and led the Lumberjacks to the postseason for the first time since 2014.

#### **MAX DUGGAN**

OB



24 • 6-1 • 207

Hometown: Council Bluffs, Iowa

College: TCU

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Dec. 19, 2024.
- Selected by the Los Angeles Chargers in the seventh round of 2023 NFL Draft.
- Spent season on the Chargers practice squad, active for two games.
- Runner-up for the Heisman Trophy in 2022 after helping lead TCU to victory in the Fiesta Bowl and into the CFP National Championship.
- Threw for 9618 yards and 73 touchdowns and rushed for 1856 yards and 28 touchdowns in four seasons at TCU.

#### **JACOB SAYLORS**

**RB** 



24 • 5-10 • 199

Hometown: Jasper, TN

College:

East Tennessee State

- Leads the UFL with 4 touchdowns following Week 3 vs D.C.
- Recorded a team season high with 91 receiving yards Week 3 vs D.C.
- Set a franchise record with three rushing touchdowns in a single game and tied the UFL record for total non-passing touchdowns in a game during Week 2.
- Rushed for 98 yards over 16 attempts Week 1 at HOU.
- Had a 21 yard rush during the 1st quarter.
- Signed with the New York Giants and later Cleveland Browns after the 2024 season.

  Named to the All-UFL Team Offense on June 5.
- Had a team-high 14 rushes and 79 rushing yards along with one catch for 12 yards in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.

#### STERLING HOFRICHTER

P



27 • 5-10 • 196

Hometown: Tampa, FL

College:

16 Syracuse

- Averaged 46.0 yards on five punts, landing one inside the opponent's 20 yard line during the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Ranked 2nd in the UFL with 11 punts that pinned an opponent inside its own 20 yard line, surpassing his total of 8 such punts during the 2023 XFL season.
- Booted a season-long, 63-yard punt in Week 9 2024 at
- Arlington, the longest of his professional career. Registered his first touchback in his 16th game with the Battlehawks in Week 6 2024 vs. Houston.
- Led all UFL punters with 3 punts inside the 20 yard line and averaged 42.2 vards on 5 punts in Week 1 2024 at MICH.
- Threw a 64-yard TD pass to WR Gary Jennings on a fake punt in the 4th quarter of Week 8 during the 2023 season vs. Vegas.

#### **MYLES SIMS**

CB



24 • 6-3 • 188

Hometown: Atlanta, GA

College: Georgia Tech

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Aug. 23, 2024.
- Selected by St. Louis in 2024 UFL College Draft in July. Started 26 games for Georgia Tech with 136 tackles and 2 interceptions.
- Ran a 4.45 40-yard dash at Pro Day

#### **AVERY YOUNG**

FS



25 • 5-11 • 198

Hometown: Coatesville, PA

20

College: Rutgers

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Oct. 26. 2024
- Spent time 2023 training camps with San Francisco
- 49ers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Signed with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (CFL) in 2024 2x Honorable Mention All-Big 10 and 2022 team
- captain for Rutgers Recorded 326 tackles in 57 games with 3 sacks and 3 interceptions, and also returned 35 punts for 146 yards for Scarlet Knights

#### **NATE MEADORS**

CB



27 • 6-0 • 192

Hometown: San Bernardino, CA

College: UCLA

- Recorded a personal UFL game high with eight total
- tackles including five solo during Week 3 vs D.C. Notched the first sack of his Battlehawks career during Week 2 vs SA.
- Signed with the Battlehawks on Dec. 9, 2024.
- Signed with Cleveland Browns and then Pittsburgh Steelers after playing 2023 season with Battlehawks.
- Started 8 of 9 games with St. Louis, recording 37 tackles and 2 interceptions.
- Originally signed as UDFA with Minnesota Vikings in 2019 and spent time on active and practice squad for two seasons.
- Also spent time with Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Cleveland, New York Giants, and Tennessee Titans before a second tour with Browns.



#### **LUKAS DENIS**



27 • 5'11 • 191

Hometown: Everett, MA

College: **Boston College** 

- Had an interception in Week 1 at HOU.
- Signed with the Battlehawks on Dec. 6. 2024.
- Second stint with St. Louis after 37 tackles and 2 interceptions with Battlehawks in 2023.
- Signed to Atlanta Falcons practice squad after 2023 XFL season, Futures contract 2024.
- 2017 Walter Camp All-American at Boston College.

#### **MYLES JONES**

CB



26 • 6-3 • 190

Hometown: Magnolia, TX

24

College: Duke

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Dec. 5, 2024.
- Signed as UDFA with New York Jets in 2023.
- Played 208 snaps for Duke in 2023 with 7 tackles and a pair of interceptions.
- 124 tackles, 29 pass break ups, and 4 interceptions for Texas A&M before transferring.

#### **KEVON LATULAS**

RB



24 • 5-10 • 195

Hometown: Port Arthur, TX

25

College: Missouri State

- Carried the ball 5 times for 12 yards in Week 2.
- Made three tackles (all solo) in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Signed with the Battlehawks as a free agent on April 29 2024
- Was selected by St. Louis in the June 2023 XFL Rookie Draft and spent time with the team in training camp.

#### **CARSON WELLS**

**OLB** 



26

25 • 6-3 • 241

Hometown: Bushnell, FL

College: Colorado

- Registered a season-high six tackles (5 solo) in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Ranked 4th on the team with 2.0 sacks last season, and was T-4th on the team with 3.0 tackles for loss in 2024.
- Delivered his first sack 2024 season in Week 4 vs.
- Banked 2nd on the Battlehawks in 2023 with 45 total tackles and 7 tackles for loss., and was 3rd with 3.5 sacks
- Appeared in two preseason games with New England in 2023, making four tackles.
- Signed with the Cincinnati Bengals as a UDFA in 2022.
- Played in the 2022 East-West Shrine Bowl.
- Finished college career at Colorado with 38 tackles for loss, tying for eighth-most in program history.

#### **MIKE ROSE**

**MLB** 



27

23 • 6-4 • 243

Hometown: Brecksville, OH

College: Iowa State

Signed to New Orleans Saints for training camp following the 2024 UFL season.

- Made two tackles in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Finished 3rd on the team with 45 tackles, 4th with 20 assisted tackles and 5th with 25 solo tackles in 2024.
- Ranked 2nd on the team (T-5th in UFL) with two interceptions last season
- Missed weeks 2, 3 and 7 last season because of injury.
- Forced his only fumble of last season in Week 6 vs. HOU.
- Tallied a team-high 11 tackles (5 solo), including his 1st tackle for loss of the season in Week 5 2024 at D.C.
- Grabbed the first interception of the season for St. Louis in Week 12024 at Michigan to go with four tackles (2 solo) and a pass breakup.

#### RODRIGO BLANKENSHIP

K



28 • 6-1 • 190

Hometown: Marietta, GA

College: Georgia

- Kicked a 56-yarder to set a new single-game career high for the kicker during Week 3 vs D.C.
- Went 2-2 on his field goal attempts for the second straight week during Week 2 vs SA. Signed with the Battlehawks on Dec. 5, 2024.
- Signed as UDFA and spent first three NFL seasons with Indianapolis Colts.
- Also spent time with Arizona Cardinals and Tampa Bay
- Converted 47-56 field goal attempts with a career-long of 53 yards/54-58 extra points.
- Won the Lou Groza Award as nation's top place kicker after 2019 season at Georgia.
- Was perfect 200/200 in extra points for the Bulldogs.

#### **QWYNNTERRIO COLE**

FS



25 • 6-0 • 203

Hometown: Memphis, TN

College:

Louisville

- Made the first interception of the 2025 season.
- Had 4 total tackles Week 1 at HOU.
- Had seven tackles (5 solo) in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Did not play in Week 10 2024 vs. San Antonio because
- Finished 2nd on the team with 57 tackles (10th in UFL) and 26 assisted tackles (T-5th in UFL) in 2024.
- Ranked T-4th on the team with 31 solo tackles, T-4th with 3 tackles for loss and T-3rd with 4 pass breakups
- Made his 2nd interception last season (T-2nd on the team) and tied for the team lead with 7 tackles (5 solo) in Week 8 2024 vs. D.C.

#### **OLAKUNLE FATUKASI**

LB

College:

Rutgers



25 • 6-1 • 234

Hometown: Far Rockaway, NY

- Recorded a personal UFL game high nine tackles
- including three solo in Week 3 vs D.C.
- Signed with the Battlehawks on Dec. 4, 2024. Signed as UFA and played in 14 games with Tampa Bay in 2022 before being waived and being signed to the
- Denver Broncos practice squad. Also spent time with New England, Kansas City, before signing to Los Angeles Rams practice squad in 2023 and Futures contract in 2024.

#### **BRANDON SEBASTIAN**

CB



25 • 6-0 • 182

Hometown: West Haven, CT

College: **Boston College** 

- Made his first interception of the season during Week
- Made a season-high 5 solo tackles in Week 7 2024 at Birmingham, which also tied his career high while with
- Tallied his first tackle for loss of the year in Week 6 2024 vs. HOU
- Made his 1st interception of the season in Week 5 2024 at D.C.
- Was tied for the team lead last season with 4 pass breakups (T-6th in UFL) through the first seven weeks. Had a game-high 2 pass breakups in Week 4 2024 vs.
- . Re-signed with the Battlehawks for the 2024 season after leading the team with three interceptions in 2023.



#### **JARVEON HOWARD**

RB



25 • 5-10 • 219

Hometown: High Point, N.C.

41

College: Alcorn State

- Set the team record for most rushing yards with 115 in Week 1 at HOU.
- Recorded a 74 yard rush in Week 1 at HOU.
- Signed with the Battlehawks on Dec. 6, 2024
- Signed as UDFA in May 2024, spent time in training camp with Green Bay Packers.
- Scored 17 touchdowns and rushed for 1428 yards in two seasons at Alcorn State.
- Played two seasons at Syracuse before transferring to Alcorn State

# ALEX MATHESON LONGSNAPPER



47

29 • 6-5 • 252

Hometown: Sun Prairie, WI

College: Cal Lutheran

- Appeared in all 11 games combined in the 2024 regular season and the XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Returned to the Battlehawks for the 2024 season after joining the Los Angeles Rams practice squad in December 2023.
- Participated in 2022 rookie minicamp with the Baltimore Ravens.
- Spent three years at Minnesota State University, Mankato from 2013-15.
- Played in 11 games for Concordia University, St. Paul in 2019 and six games with Cal Lutheran in 2021.
- Was a member of the Sun Prairie (WI) High School swim team for three years, competed in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle.

#### **CHRIS GARRETT**

LB



48

25 • 6-4 • 245

Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

College: Concordia - St. Paul

- Named the 2024 UFL Special Teams Player of the Year
- Tied for UFL lead with two forced fumbles last season.
- Blocked punts in Week 5 2024 at D.C. and again in Week 7 2024 at BHM.
- Ranked 9th on the Battlehawks with 26 total tackles and 17 solo tackles last season.
- Signed with the Arizona Cardinals for 2024 training
- Selected by the Los Angeles Rams in the seventh round (252nd overall) of the 2021 NFL Draft and was part of the Super Bowl LVI championship.
- Spent time on the practice squad with both the Minnesota Vikings and Seattle Seahawks.
- Set the NCAA Division II record with 15 forced fumbles at Concordia-St. Paul.

#### **WILLIE HARVEY**

LB



28 • 5-11 • 229

Hometown: Hastings, FL

College: lowa State

51

- Tied for the most individual game tackles for loss on
- the Battlehawks with 2 during Week 3 vs D.C.
   Signed with the Dallas Cowboys for 2024 training
- Named to the All-UFL Team Defense on June 5, 2024.
- Registered seven tackles (3 solo) in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Tallied a team-high 10 tackles and tied for the team lead with 6 solo tackles in Week 10 2024 vs. San Antonio, his 4th game of the season with 10+ tackles.
- Finished the 2024 regular season with a UFL-best 78 total tackles, breaking the franchise single-season record of 59 he set in 2023.
- Led the UFL in 2024 with 35 assisted tackles, was T-1st with 2 forced fumbles and T-2nd with 9 tackles for loss.

#### **DOHNOVAN WEST**

C



San Antonio.

23 • 6-3 • 309

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

College: Arizona State

Played in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs.

- Appeared in nine games during the 2024 regular season.
- Selected by St. Louis in the 2024 UFL Dispersal Draft in January.
- Played in all 10 games (7 starts) for the Vegas Vipers of the XFL in 2023.
   Signed with San Francisco as an undrafted free agent
- Signed with San Francisco as an undrafted free agent in 2022 and appeared in three preseason games with the 49ers.
- Played at Arizona State from 2019-21 and started 23 games for the Sun Devils.
- Was named to the preseason watch list for the 2020 Outland Trophy, which recognizes the best college football interior lineman.

#### TRAVIS FEENEY

LB



31 • 6-4 • 240

Hometown: Richmond, CA

College: Washington

- Recorded his first sack of the season in Week 2 vs SA. Had 5 sacks in 2024, tied with LB Pita Taumoepenu for
- Had 5 sacks in 2024, tied with LB Pita Taumoepenu for the most on the team (T-6th in UFL) and match his team record of 5.0 sacks in 2023.
- Also had five tackles for loss last season (T-5th UFL).
- Tied for 5th on the team with 39 total tackles, was 6th with 22 solo tackles and T-5th with 17 assisted tackles in 2024.
- Selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the sixth round of the 2016 NFL Draft and later signed to the team's practice squad.
- Signed to the New Orleans Saints practice squad in December of 2016.
- Played for the Tampa Bay Bandits of the USFL in 2022.
- Spent two seasons ('20-'21) with the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL.

#### **CALLAHAN O'REILLY**

ILB



25 • 6-2 • 230

Hometown: Bozeman, MT

50

College: Montana State

- Had 4 tackles in Week 2 vs SA.
- Was placed on Injured Reserve on April 25, 2024.
- Was T-3rd on the team with 20 total tackles and 11 solo tackles through the first four weeks of the 2024 season before his injury.
- Had a career-high 12 tackles and tied for the team lead with 6 solo tackles in Week 3 2024 at San Antonio
- with 6 solo tackles in Week 3 2024 at San Antonio.

  Accounted for seven tackles (5 solo), 10 sack and 2.0 tackles for loss in his first game played for the Battlehawks in Week 2 2024 vs. Arlington.
- Signed with the Battlehawks as a free agent after attending minicamp with Chicago Bears in 2023.
- Played at Montana State from 2017-21.
- Named 2022 First Team All-Big Sky and Third Team All-American (FCS Stats Perform)

#### MIKE PANASIUK

C



26 • 6-4 • 300

Hometown: Roselle, IL

61

College: Michigan State

- Signed with the Indianapolis Colts after the 2024 UFL
- season.

  Named to last season's All-UFL Team Offense on June 5,2004
- Started all 10 games for St. Louis during the 2024 regular season and started the XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Rated as the top center in the UFL for Week 8 2024 by Pro Football Focus.
- Earned 2023 All-XFL Team Offense honors with St. Louis.
   Signed with the Las Vegas Raiders as a UDFA in 2020.
- Spent time on the practice squad for Carolina in 2020.
   Played at Michigan State from 2016-19, totalling 100 tackles. 18 tackles for loss, four sacks and two interceptions.

#### **ABDUL BEECHAM**

OG



27 • 6-2 • 321

Hometown: West Point, NY

College: Kansas State

- Appeared in two games, both starts, in 2024 (Week 6 vs. Houston and Week 9 at Arlington).
- Selected by the Battlehawks in the 2024 UFL Super Dispersal Draft in January.
- Played for the Orlando Guardians of the XFL in 2023 and started all 10 games.
- Played for the Pittsburgh Maulers in the USFL in 2022.
- Appeared in one 2019 preseason game each with the Kansas City Chiefs and Los Angeles Rams after signed with Kansas City as a UFDA earlier that year.
- Played college ball at Kansas State from 2016-18 and played in 33 games (29 starts).
- Voted Honorable Mention All-Southwest Junior College Football Conference offensive lineman as a freshman at Blinn (TX) College in 2015.



#### **RYAN COLL**

ОТ



24 • 6-5 • 324

Hometown: Gainesville, VA

59

College: Richmond

- Signed with the Battlehawks on March 6, 2025.
- August 2024, Signed with the Indianapolis Colts.
- Signed with the Atlanta Falcons on April 2024 as an UDFA
- Named to the third-team FCS All-American team, as well as another first-team All-CAA nomination in 2023.
- In 2022 named second-team FCS All-American and first-team All-CAA honors.

#### **BRAD ASHMORE**

OT



22 • 6-6 • 304

Hometown: Neptune Beach, FL

70

College: Vanderbilt

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Oct. 3, 2024.
- Attended mini-camp with Miami Dolphins.
- Team captain and started 37 of 40 games for the Commodores.
- Played 1506 snaps at right tackle and 518 at right guard over last three seasons.

#### JUWANN BUSHELL-BEATTY

ОТ



27 • 6-5 • 318

Hometown: Paramus, NJ

73

College: Michigan

- Was the starting RT in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Started nine of the 10 games in 2024; did not play in

  Week Constitution because of injury.
- Week 6 vs. Houston because of injury.

  Returned for his second season with the Battlehawks after starting all 10 games in 2023.
- after starting all 10 games in 2023.
   Played for the Tampa Bay Bandits of the USFL in 2022 and Ottawa of the CFL in 2021.
- Signed with Washington as a UDFA in 2019; also spent time with Carolina and Dallas, playing in all four presea-
- son games (1 start) for the Cowboys.

   Drafted by the Battlehawks in 2019 XFL Draft before being traded to the Houston Roughnecks.
- Appeared in 33 games for Michigan from 2015-18, including 18 starts his final two years.

#### STEVEN GONZALEZ

OG



27 • 6-4 • 341

Hometown: Union City, NJ

College: Penn State

74

- Started all 10 games in 2024 and the XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Was the top-rated LG in the 2024 UFL by Pro Football
   Forum for Month 2, World 2, and World 2.
- Focus for Week 2, Week 8 and Week 10.

  Re-signed with the Battlehawks after starting all 10 games and earning All-XFL Team Offense honors in 2023.
- Spent time in NFL camp with Arizona, Buffalo and the New York Jets.
- Was an All-Big 10 selection from 2017-19 at Penn State.
- Was a history major, but nearly finished with a second degree in rehabilitation and human services.
- Has worked at his high school, Union City (NJ), trying to inspire kids and was a Lift for Life Co-Captain.
- Hails from the same hometown as former Tennessee Titan Josue Matias, who also serves as his mentor.

#### **JARYD JONES-SMITH**

OT



28 • 6-7 • 295

Hometown: Camden, NJ

College: Pittsburgh

- Rejoined the Battlehawks for a second season in 2024 after starting eight games and being named to the All-XFL Team Offense in 2023.
- Signed to the Washington Commanders practice squad in 2023 and played in three preseason games.
- Played with the Las Vegas Raiders in 2020 and Baltimore Ravens in 2021, appearing in three games both seasons.
- Also spent time on the practice squad with Las Vegas, San Francisco and Baltimore from 2019-22.
- Grew up rooting for the Philadelphia Eagles and Brian
- Acted in the short film "Kidnapped," which was based in Philadelphia.

#### **COLE SPENCER**

OG



25 • 6-4 • 305

Hometown: Louisville, KY

College: Texas Tech

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Jan. 17, 2025.
- Signed as UDFA with the Tennessee Titans and was later placed on the practice squad.
- Played one season at Texas Tech after 44 starts over five seasons at Western Kentucky
- Ran 4.89 40-yard dash and posted a 30.5" vertical at his pro day.

## JAKE SUTHERLAND

ΤE



28 • 6-4 • 247

Hometown: Ortonville, MI

84

College: Morehead State

- Has a catch in each of the first two games this season.
- Was the only UFL player with multiple 1- and 2-point conversions for the season (two of each) and was T-1st in the league with a team-high four total extra-point conversions in 2024.
- Had 10 catches for 97 yards in 2024; his 9.7 yards-percatch ranked 5th on the team.
- Made his 2nd touchdown catch of the season in Week 4 2024 vs. Memphis; ranked T-4th on the team with 2 TD catches.
- Had three catches, including a touchdown, for 45 yards, the most in his Battlehawks career, in Week 1 at Michigan in 2024
- Converted St. Louis' first extra point of the season with a 1-yard catch in the 4th quarter of Week 1 at Michigan.

#### **JEROME KAPP**

WR



24 • 6-1 • 191

Hometown: Scranton, PA

85

College: Kutztown

- Ressigned with the Battlehawks on April 11.
- Did not play in Week 10 or the XFL Conference Cham-
- pionship vs. San Antonio because of injury in 2024.

   Made at least one tackle in 7 of the final 8 games while primarily playing on the special teams unit last season.
- Had nine total tackles (4 solo) last year.
   Recovered his first fumble of the season on a muffed
- punt in Week 7 2024 at Birmingham.

  Joined St. Louis as a free agent in January 2024.
- Signed with the New York Jets in 2023 as an undrafted free agent and appeared in all four preseason games.
- Played college ball at Kutztown from 2019-22, racking up 2,190 receiving yards and 22 touchdowns across three seasons.

### **CHASE ALLEN**

ΤE



27 • 6-6 • 247

Hometown: Nixa, MO

College: lowa State

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Nov. 6, 2024.
- Signed with Chicago as a UDFA prior to the 2022 season. Waived during final roster cuts, then signed to the Bears practice squad.
- 4X Second Team All-Big 12.



#### HAKEEM BUTLER

WR



88

28 • 6-6 • 220

Hometown: Baltimore, MD

College: Iowa State

- Signed with the Cincinnati Bengals following the 2024
- Named to the All-UFL Team Offense on June 5, 2024 and named the UFL Offensive Player of the Year on
- Made a team-high six catches for a team-high 59 yards in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.
- Led all UFL receivers with 652 receiving yards to set the franchise single-season record, and led the team with five touchdown catches (T-2nd in UFL) last season.
- Ranked T-4th in the UFL with a team-high 45 receptions and 5th with a team-best 14.5 yards-per-catch ratio (min. 20 catches) in 2024.

#### **KYLER BAUGH**

DT



90

23 • 6-2 • 302

Hometown: Talihina, OK

College: Minnesota

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Jan. 31, 2025.
- Signed with the New Orleans Saints as a UDFA after the 2024 NFL Draft.
- Also spent time in New York Giants training camp.
- Signed to the Atlanta Falcons practice squad in December of 2024.
- Played in 26 games at Minnesota and made 77 tackles with 4 sacks for the Gophers

#### **PHIL HOSKINS**

DT



92

28 • 6-4 • 313

Hometown: Toledo, OH

College: Kentucky

- Signed with the Battlehawks on Jan. 14, 2025.
- Selected by the Carolina Panthers in the seventh round of the 2021 NFL Draft.
- Appeared in 13 NFL games combined for Carolina and Arizona Cardinals.
- Has spent time on practice squads of Kansas City, Arizona, and Dallas

#### T.J. PESEFEA

NT



93

23 • 6-3 • 314

Hometown: Sacramento, CA

College: Arizona State

Made one tackle in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.

Ranked T-4th on the team with 3.0 tackles for loss last

Finished the 2024 regular season with nine tackles (3 solo) in nine games played (1 start).

Matched his season high with three tackles (Also: Week 5 at D.C.) in Week 8 2024 vs. D.C. Registered his only sack and fumble recovery of the

2024 season in Week 6 vs. Houston. Made his first tackle with St. Louis in Week 3 2024 at SA.

Signed with the Battlehawks as a free agent in December 2023.

Signed with the Cincinnati Bengals in 2023 as a UFDA and appeared in three preseason games.

#### **ISAIAH MACK**

DT



28 • 6-3 • 299

Hometown: Tunnel Hill, GA

College: Tenn-Chatt

Signed with the Battlehawks on Dec. 4, 2024.

Signed as UDFA with Tennessee Titans in 2019 and made team out of training camp.

Waived after rookie season with eight tackles, 1.5 sacks, and a fumble recovery.

Has appeared in 23 NFL games with 11 tackles and

Signed to practice squad with New England, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore.

Also spent time with Denver, Seattle, New York Jets, Washington, and Miami.

#### FREEDOM AKINMOLADUN

DE



28 • 6-3 • 278

Hometown: Grandview, MO

College: Nebraska

Registered two tackles in the 2024 XFL Conference Championship vs. San Antonio.

Made 14 tackles (5 solo) across nine games played (7

starts) during the 2024 regular season. Notched his only TFL of the 2024 season in Week 5 at D.C.

Began 2024 with a season-high three tackles in each of the first two games (Wk1at MICH & Wk2vs. ARL).

Had three tackles for the second straight game in Week 2 2024 vs. Arlington.

Re-signed with the Battlehawks for a second season in January 2024 after playing in all 10 games (1 start) with 14 tackles and one sack in 2023.

Played for the Philadelphia Stars of the USFL in 2022.

Appeared in five games combined with the Cincinnati Bengals (four) and New York Jets (one) from 2019-21.

#### **AUSTIN FAOLIU**

DT



25 • 6-3 • 287

Hometown: Santa Ana, CA

College:

99

Oregon

- Notched the first sack of his Battlehawks career Week 2 Started and made one tackle in the 2024 XFL Conference
- Championship vs. San Antonio. Forced his first fumble of the season in Week 10 2024 vs. SA. Totaled 12 tackles (4 solo) across six games played (all starts)
- Matched a season high with three tackles in Week 9 2024 at
- Arlington (Also: Week 2 2024 vs. ARL). Missed weeks 4-7 last season because of injury.
- Made two tackles (1 solo) during his Battlehawks debut in Week 12024 at Michigan.
- Signed with St. Louis in January 2024 as a free agent. Named to the 2023 All-XFL Team Defense after starting all 10 regular-season games, making 24 tackles (11 solo) and one sack for the Seattle Sea Dragons



ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS GAME ONE AT MICHIGAN PANTHERS

## ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS NUMERICAL ROSTER

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	LAST COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.
1	Pearson, Jahcour	WR	5-7	178	26	Mississippi	Fort Lauderdale, FL	98	Akinmoladun, Freedom	DE
2	Darby, Frank	WR	6-0		27	Arizona State	Jersey City, NJ	87	Allen, Chase	TE
3	Payton-Jones, Chris	СВ		230	28	Nebraska	Jacksonville, FL	70	Ashmore, Brad	OT
4	Kelly, Kameron	DB		205		San Diego St.	Round Rock, TX	90	Baugh, Tyler	DT
5	Wilkins, Manny	QB		193		Arizona St.	Novato, CA	62	Beechum, Abdul	OG
7	Taumoepenu, Pita	DE		250		Utah	Euless, TX	28	Blankenship, Rodrigo	K
8	Jackson, Blake	WR		200		Mary Hardin-Baylor	Houston, TX	73	Bushell-Beatty, Juwann	OT
9	Cordeiro, Chevan*	QB		200		San Jose St.	Honolulu, HI	88	Butler, Hakeem	WR
10	Whiteside, Nick	CB		200		Saginaw Valley	Auburn Hills, MI	32	Cole, Qwynnterrio	FS
11	Mims, Denzel	WR		207		Baylor	Daingerfield, TX	69	Coll, Ryan	OT
12	Jennings, Gary	WR		216		West Virgina	Stafford, VA	9	Cordeiro, Chevan*	QB
13	Self, Trae	QB		200		Stephen F. Austin	N. Richland Hills, TX	2	Darby, Frank	WR
14	Duggan, Max	QB		207		TCU	Council Bluffs, IA	23	Denis, Lukas	FS
15	Saylors, Jacob	RB		199		East Tennessee St.	Jasper, TN	14	Duggan, Max	QB
16	Hofrichter, Sterling	P		196		Syracuse	Tampa, FL	99	Faoliu, Austin	DT
19	Sims, Myles	CB		188		Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	33	Fatukasi, Olakunle	LB
20	Young, Avery	FS		198		Rutgers	Coatesville, PA	56	Feeney, Travis	DE
22	Meadors, Nate	CB		192		UCLA	San Bernadino, CA	48	Garrett, Chris	LB
23	Denis, Lukas	FS		191	27	Boston College	Everett, MA	74	Gonzalez, Steven	OG
24	Jones, Myles	CB		190		Duke	Magnolia, TX	51	Harvey, Willie	LB
25	Latulas, Kevon	RB		195		MO State	Port Arthur, TX	16	Hofrichter, Sterling	Р
26	Wells, Carson	OLB	6-3		25	Colorado	Bushnell, FL	92	Hoskins, Phil	DT
27	Rose, Mike	MLB		243		lowa St.	Brecksville, OH	41		RB
28	Blankenship, Rodrigo	K		190		Georgia	Marietta, GA	8	Howard, Jarveon	WR
32	Cole, Qwynnterrio	FS		203		Louisville	Memphis, TN	1	Jackson, Blake	WR
33	Fatukasi, Olakunle	LB		234		Rutgers	Far Rockaway, NY	12	Jennings, Gary	
38	Sebastian, Brandon*	CB		182		Boston College	West Haven, CT	24 75	Jones, Myles	WR OT
41	Howard, Jarveon	RB		219		Alcorn St.	High Point, NC	85	Jones-Smith, Jaryd	WR
47	Matheson, Alex	LS		252		Cal Lutheran	Sun Prairie, WI	l	Kapp, Jerome	
48	Garrett, Chris	LB		245		Concordia	Milwaukee, WI	23	Kelly, Kameron	DB
51	Harvey, Willie	LB		229		lowa St.	Hastings, FL	25	Latulas, Kevon	RB
	**	C		309		Arizona St.	•	97	Mack, Isaiah	DT
54	West, Dohnovan	DE		240			Los Angeles, CA	47	Matheson, Alex	LS
56 59	Feeney, Travis	ILB		230		Washington Montana St.	Richmond, CA	22	Meadors, Nate	CB
	O'Reilly, Callahan			300			Bozeman, MT Roselle, IL	11	Mims, Denzel	WR
61	Panasiuk, Mike Beecham, Abdul	C OG	6-2			Michigan St. Kansas State	West Point, NY	59	O'Reilly, Callahan	ILB
62				324	27			61	Panasiuk, Mike	C
69 70	Coll, Ryan	OT		304		Richmond Vanderbilt	Gainesville, VA	9	Payton-Jones, Chris	CB
70 73	Ashmore, Brad	OT					Neptune Beach, FL	1	Pearson, Jahcour	WR
73 74	Bushell-Beatty, Juwann			318 341		Michigan Penn St.	Paramus, NJ	93	Pesefea, T.J.	NT
7 <del>4</del> 75	Gonzalez, Steven	OG				Pittsburgh	Union City, NJ Camden, NJ	27	Rose, Mike	MLB
	Jones-Smith, Jaryd	OT		295		3		15	Saylors, Jacob	RB
76	Spencer, Cole	OG		305		Texas Tech	Louisville, KY Ortonville, MI	38	Sebastian, Brandon*	CB
84	Sutherland, Jake	TE		247		Morehead St.	•	13	Self, Trae	QB
85	Kapp, Jerome	WR		191		Kutztown	Barto, PA	19	Sims, Myles	CB
87	Allen, Chase	TE		247		lowa St.	Nixa, MO	76	Spencer, Cole	OG
88	Butler, Hakeem	WR		220		lowa St.	Baltimore, MD	84	Sutherland, Jake	TE
90	Baugh, Kyler	DT		302		Minnesota	Talihina, OK	7	Taumoepenu, Pita	DE
92	Hoskins, Phil	DT		313		Kentucky	Toledo, OH	54	West, Dohnovan	C
93	Pesefea, T.J.	NT		314		Arizona St.	Sacramento, CA	26	Wells, Carson	LB
97	Mack, Isaiah	DT		299		Tenn-Chatt	Tunnel Hill, GA	10	Whiteside, Nick	CB
98	Akinmoladun, Freedom			278		Nebraska	Grandview, MO	5	Wilkins, Manny	QB
99	Faoliu, Austin	DT	6-3	287	25	Oregon	Santa Ana, CA	20	Young, Avery	FS
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