



# HOUSTON GAMBLERS



## GAME NOTES

### GAME ONE



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HOUSTON GAMBLERS  
vs.  
DALLAS RENEGADES  
**FOX**

SATURDAY • MARCH 28 • 3 PM CT  
TOYOTA STADIUM  
FRISCO, TEXAS



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HEAD COACH: KEVIN SUMLIN  
UFL Record: 0-0 (.000)

HEAD COACH: RICK NEUHEISEL  
UFL Record: 0-0 (.000)

### POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The Houston Gamblers Post-Game Press Conference will begin immediately following the conclusion of the game. Media members can access the press conference using the link below and are encouraged to join early to ensure they don't miss any part of it.

To ask a question, please use the "Raise Hand" feature.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://theufl.zoom.us/j/82107971417?pwd=9kwQil31AvQW55bgixdh0Rs6pa8fzm.1>

**Meeting ID:** 821 0797 1417

**Passcode:** 149131

### GAMBLERS AT HOME

**April 5 vs. Birmingham - All In on H-Town**

- The Gamblers will kick off the season by going All In On H-Town, celebrating the pride, culture, and swagger of a city that always bets big.

**April 16 vs. Louisville - United by Giving, Stronger Together**

- This community-focused game will rally fans, partners, and local organizations around a shared cause, reinforcing the power of football to unite and uplift the Houston community.

**April 26 vs. Columbus - Houston's School Pride Spotlight**

- The Gamblers will shine a light and celebrate students, educators, and school communities across the region.











**May 10 vs. Orlando - Hats Off to Heros**

- The Gamblers proudly present Hats Off to Heroes, honoring the service members, veterans, first responders, and community heroes who protect and serve Houston.

**May 24 vs. St. Louis - High Stakes Kids Days**

- Throughout the season, the Gamblers will recognize past and present impact-

### 2026 SCHEDULE

1		DALLAS RENEGADES AT TOYOTA STADIUM SATURDAY, MARCH 28 3:00 PM CT	FOX
2		BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS SHELL ENERGY STADIUM SUNDAY, APRIL 5 5:00 PM CT	NETWORK
3		DC DEFENDERS AT AUDI FIELD SATURDAY APRIL 11 11:00 AM CT	ESPN
4		LOUISVILLE KINGS SHELL ENERGY STADIUM THURSDAY, APRIL 16 7:00 PM CT	NETWORK
5		COLUMBUS AVIATORS SHELL ENERGY STADIUM SUNDAY, APRIL 26 11:00 AM CT	abc
6		COLUMBUS AVIATORS AT HISTORIC CREW STADIUM FRIDAY, MAY 1 7:00 PM CT	FOX
7		ORLANDO STORM SHELL ENERGY STADIUM SUNDAY, MAY 10 5:00 PM CT	FS1
8		ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS AT THE DOME AT AMERICA'S CENTER SATURDAY, MAY 16 2:00 PM CT	abc
9		ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS SHELL ENERGY STADIUM SUNDAY, MAY 24 6:00 PM CT	ESPN2
10		BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS AT PROTECTIVE STADIUM SATURDAY, MAY 30 2:00 PM CT	ESPN2

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### AROUND THE LEAGUE

FRIDAY, MARCH 27  
Birmingham Stallions at Louisville Kings - 7 PM CT (FOX)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28  
DC Defenders at St. Louis Battlehawks - 11 AM CT (ESPN)  
**Houston Gamblers at Dallas Renegades - 3 PM CT (FOX)**

SUNDAY, MARCH 29  
Columbus Aviators at Orlando Storm - 7 PM CT (ESPN)



## HOW THE HOUSES WERE BUILT

### ABOUT SHELL ENERGY STADIUM



Shell Energy Stadium is a state-of-the-art, open-air stadium designed to host Houston Dynamo FC matches, Houston Dash matches and Texas Southern University football games as well as additional professional, collegiate and community sporting events, concerts, exhibitions, conventions and special events. Opened on May 12, 2012, the 340,000-square foot, 20,656-seat stadium was the first soccer-specific stadium in Major League Soccer located in a city's downtown district. With its downtown location, the stadium is a part of a true 'Stadium District,' which includes Daikin Park and the Toyota Center, as well as the George R. Brown Convention Center, Discovery Green, and House of Blues.

Shell Energy Stadium will feature new marquee signage at the north end, along with Shell Energy signage and branding prominently displayed throughout the venue. In addition to the naming rights agreement, the Club and Shell Energy are pursuing a variety of integrated energy and decarbonization solutions at the stadium, while also collaborating on important community initiatives. This includes a near-term goal to reduce the Club's scope one and scope two greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2026 from a 2018 base year.

Beginning in early 2023, Shell Energy will institute a decarbonization program starting with energy efficiency improvements to venue-wide LED lighting, on-site renewable energy via a rooftop solar array, renewable electricity, energy monitoring and management with a sub-metering system and installation of electric vehicle charging stations.

Shell Energy's impact extends beyond the footprint of the downtown stadium through the Club's community programming like Futbolito in the City, which reached nearly 1,000 local children in 2022. The program offers local youth players free soccer coaching across two five-week periods throughout the city.

## SHELL ENERGY STADIUM

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 2011** – The Houston Dynamo and the City of Houston announce plans to build a new downtown soccer stadium.
- **February 5, 2012** – Construction begins on the new venue east of downtown Houston
- **May 12, 2012** – The first game is played at the stadium, as the Houston Dynamo host D.C. United in a Major League Soccer match.
- **October 6, 2013** – The stadium hosts its first international match featuring the United States Men's National Team.
- **December 13, 2014** – The venue hosts MLS Cup 2014.
- **January 19, 2023** – The stadium is officially renamed Shell Energy Stadium following a naming rights agreement with Shell USA.

### ABOUT THE UFL



The United Football League (UFL) is the premier professional spring football league, powered by the visionary leadership and investment of Mike Repole and Impact Capital, RedBird Capital Partners, FOX, Dany Garcia, Dwayne Johnson, and ESPN. Built on innovation, accessibility, and competitive excellence, the UFL delivers the most engaging professional football experience in the world—for both players and fans. The league features eight teams: the Birmingham Stallions, Columbus Aviators, Dallas Renegades, DC Defenders, Houston Gamblers, Louisville Kings, Orlando Storm, and St. Louis Battlehawks.

### UFL RULES - HIGHLIGHTS

The United Football League (UFL) has adopted a number of innovative rules from both previous leagues to deliver an exciting, fast-paced game with plenty of action.

#### Four-Point Field Goal

Field goals of 60 yards or longer are worth four points instead of three.

#### Points After Touchdown (PAT) Options

- 1 point: 33-yard field goal
- 2 points: Run/pass from the 2-yard line
- 3 points: Run/pass from the 8-yard line

#### One Foot In Bounds

Only one foot in bounds is required for a legal catch (NCAA-style rule).

#### Half-Distance Penalties

Red Zone penalties will be enforced as half the distance to the goal, consistent with NFL standards.

#### Elimination of the Tush Push

The "Tush Push" quarterback sneak — where teammates push the QB forward immediately after the snap — is not allowed.

#### No Punting Inside the 50

- Teams cannot punt once the ball is inside the opponent's 49-yard line or closer.
- If the ball is made ready inside the 50, a later penalty cannot restore punting eligibility.
- Teams may punt at exactly the 50-yard line.
- This restriction does not apply after the two-minute warning of either half.

#### Overtime Format

- Teams alternate plays from the 5-yard line.
- Each team gets three attempts.
- If still tied, alternating attempts continue until a winner is decided.
- A coin toss determines first choice (offense or defense).

#### Coin Toss Procedure

- Used at the start of the game and before overtime.
- The visiting team calls heads or tails.
- The winner chooses possession or direction.

#### New Kickoff Rules

- **Kickoff Line:** The ball will be kicked off from the 30-yard line.
- **Kickoff Team:** The 10 remaining players on the kickoff team will line up at the receiving team's 45-yard line (Previously, the kickoff team lined up at the 40-yard line).
- **Receiving Team Zone:** The receiving team's set up zone will stretch from its 40-yard line to the 35-yard line and must have at least nine players in that zone. (Previously, it was the 35-yard line to the 30-yard line.)
- **Landing 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.
- **Out of Bounds:** If the ball travels out of bounds, it will be spotted at the 40-yard line.
- **Touchback Spots:** There will be two touchback spots – the 40-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. (Previously, it was the 35-yard line for balls kicked into the end zone).



## ON AND OFF THE FIELD SUCCESS

### UFL-TO-NFL SUCCESS STORIES

Overall, 65 players from the past two United Football League seasons, along with alumni from the modern era of spring football (2020–present), earned spots on NFL 53-man rosters or were added to practice squads during the 2025 NFL season. The continued presence of spring football talent at the next level highlights the UFL’s growing role as a legitimate developmental pathway to the NFL.

Among those success stories, UFL kickers have been particularly impactful, translating their spring league opportunities into standout performances on NFL special teams units. Several have quickly established themselves as reliable options at the professional level, with a few even emerging as breakout contributors for their teams. Those standout kickers are highlighted below:

#### BRANDON AUBREY



Aubrey connected on 36-of-42 field goal attempts this past season and was 11-of-17 from 50+ yards, which was tied for the most in the league.

Aubrey made NFL history in Week Seven, connecting on a 61-yard field goal to become the first player with five made field goals of 60-plus-yards. In Week Two, he became the first kicker in NFL history to convert a game-tying field goal with no time remaining and a game-winning field goal with no time remaining in overtime in the same game.

#### JAKE BATES



Bates connected on 27-of-34 field goal attempts this past season and converted 54-of-56 extra point attempts, totaling 135 points in 17 games. His 59-yard field goal marked his longest of the season, and he finished the year.

Bates also showed his range throughout the season, converting 4-of-9 attempts from 50+ yards while remaining perfect on all kicks under 40 yards.

#### HARRISON MEVIS



Mevis was promoted from the Rams’ practice squad for Weeks 10 and 11 before earning a spot on the active roster in Week 12. He made an immediate impact, hitting field goals from 52 and 40 yards. Through nine NFL games, he has successfully converted all 39 of his extra-point attempts and has gone 12-for-13 on field goals.

#### ANDRE SZMYT

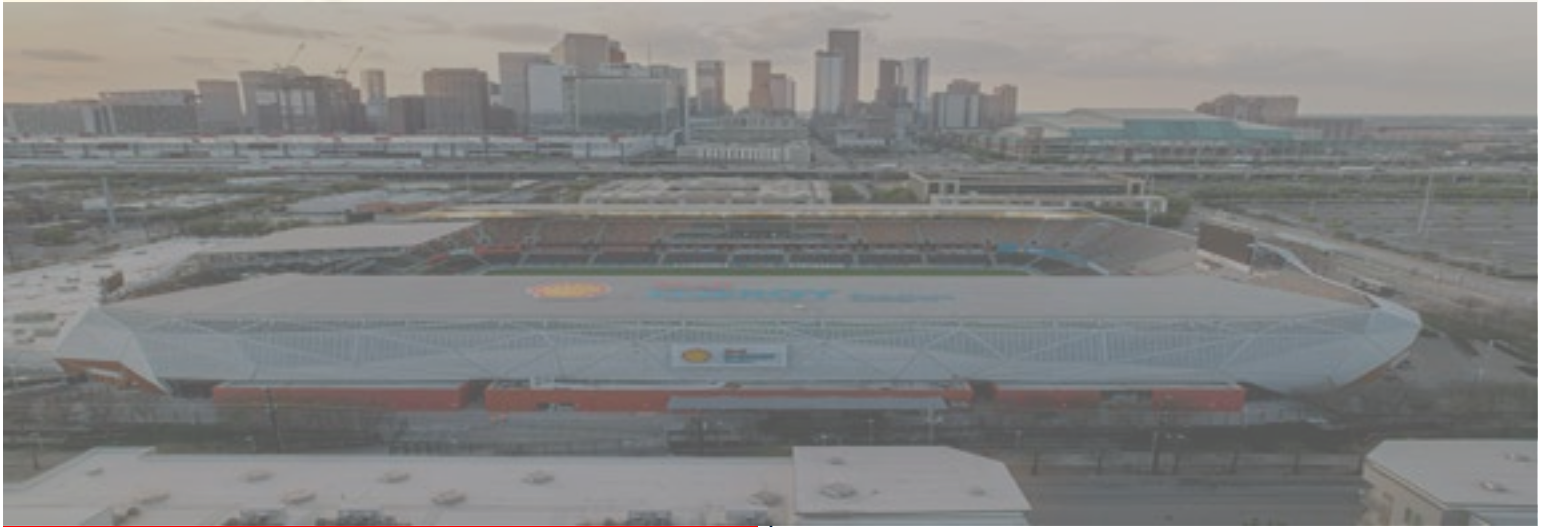


Szmyt converted on 24-of-27 field goal attempts (5-of-6 from 50-plus yards) this season. He earned AFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors in Week Three after hitting a 55-yard walk-off field goal, then closed the season by converting a game-winning 49-yard kick as time expired in the Browns win last week.

Szmyt still holds the Battlehawks record with a 61-yard field goal, which he booted in Week Seven against the Birmingham Stallions in 2024.



# OFFENSIVE NOTES



## HANDS OF GLUE

Justin Hall and Jontre Kirklin were unstoppable forces when the ball is the air. Hall led the UFL last season in receptions, with a large gap to separate himself from the rest of the league. Below is a breakdown of where Hall ranks amongst UFL receivers last season:

### Total Receptions - UFL 2025

Player, Team	Rec.	Player, Team	Rec.
<b>Justin Hall, Hou</b> .....	<b>62</b>	<b>Jontre Kirklin, SA</b> .....	<b>35</b>
Sal Cannella, Arl.....	44	Jonathan Adams, Mem.....	34
Chris Rowland, DC.....	42	Siaosi Mariner, Mich.....	31
Tyler Vaughns, Arl.....	41	Isaiah Winstead, Arl.....	31
Malik Turner, Mich.....	40	Keke Chism, Hou.....	31

## HALL PASS

Justin Hall holds all-time ownership to three of the five top most receptions in a game last season. Below is a breakdown of the best performances of 2025:

### Individual Game High in Receptions - UFL 2025

Name	Rec.	Matchup
<b>Justin Hall, Hou</b> .....	<b>11</b>	<b>vs. MICH (5/17)</b>
<b>Justin Hall, Hou</b> .....	<b>10</b>	<b>vs. DC (5/25)</b>
Johnathan Adams, Mem.....	9	at DC (5/17)
<b>Justin Hall, Hou</b> .....	<b>9</b>	<b>at SA (4/27)</b>
Chris Rowland, DC.....	9	at MICH (5/04)

## CATCH N' GO

Of the many top performances during the 2025 UFL season, Justin Hall added his name to that list recording 126 receiving yards against DC. Here is where he ranks amongst other top performances:

### Individual Game High in Receiving Yards - UFL 2025

Name	RYds.	Matchup
Chris Rowland, DC.....	144	at MICH (5/04)
Johnathan Adams, Mem.....	128	at DC (4/05)
Tyler Vaughns, Dal.....	127	vs. MICH (5/10)
<b>Justin Hall, Hou</b> .....	<b>126</b>	<b>vs. DC (5/25)</b>
Hakeem Butler, Stl.....	124	vs. MICH (5/04)

## BAG, SECURED

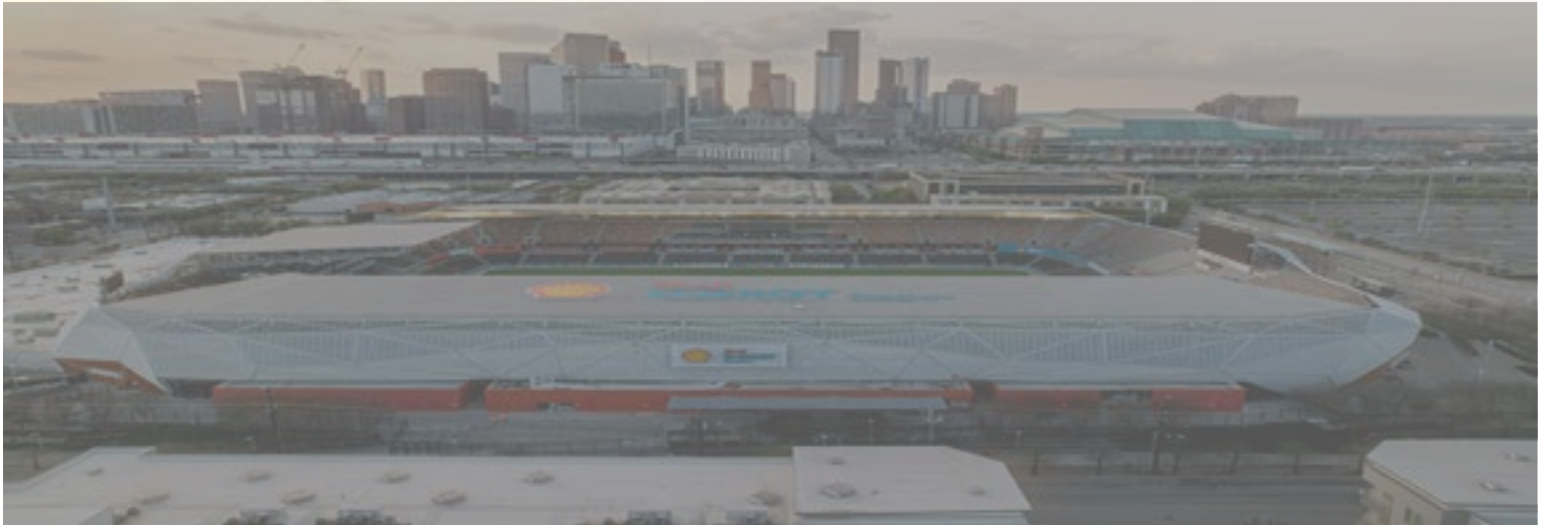
The Gamblers offense never had a problem getting the ball into the right hands. Houston ended the 2025 season ranked second in the league in completed passes:

### Pass Completions - UFL 2025

Team	Comp.	Team	Comp.
Dallas.....	225	Michigan.....	172
<b>Houston.....</b>	<b>194</b>	Memphis.....	159
DC.....	192	San Antonio.....	156
Birmingham.....	176	St. Louis.....	122



## DEFENSIVE NOTES



### LAY DOWN & STAY DOWN

The Gamblers defensive are stocked with headhunters that stop players in their tracks. Linebackers Marvin Moody Jr. and Anthony Hines III, and safety Eli Walker stacked themselves as one of the top leaders in total tackles last season, all finishing top 15 overall in 2025.

#### Total Tackles - UFL 2025

Player / Team	Total Tackles	Solo	Asst
Tavante Beckett / SA.....	89	47	42
Steele Chambers / Mem.....	81	46	35
Jordan Williams / SA.....	80	42	32
<b>Marvin Moody / Hou.....</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>26</b>
Jordan Mosley / SA.....	67	41	26
Donald Payne / Arl.....	67	35	32
Kedrick Whitehead Jr. / Mich.....	66	46	20
<b>Eli Walker/ Mem.....</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>16</b>
Frank Ginda / Mich.....	62	36	26
Kyahva Tezino / Bir.....	61	32	29
Arnold Tarpley III / Mich.....	60	41	19
Willie Harvey / Stl.....	60	41	19
<b>Anthony Hines III/ DC.....</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>
Leon O'Neal Jr./ Hou.....	53	35	18
Jalen Elliott/ SA.....	53	31	22

### SCOOP N' SCORE

Houston Gamblers Linebacker Anthony Hines III is no stranger to ball being in his hands. Last season, he ranked top five in fumble recoveries, being one of four to return it for a touchdown:

#### Fumble Returns - UFL 2025

Player	No.	Yds	TD
Micah Abraham.....	2	70	1
Adonis Alexander.....	1	54	0
<b>Anthony Hines III.....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1</b>
T.J. Franklin.....	2	40	1
Chris Odom.....	1	39	1
Corn Elder.....	1	33	0

### A GAMBLE WORTH TAKING

The Gamblers defense have been known for their takeaways from offenses throughout the 2025 season. Houston lead the league in when it came to total takeaways:

#### Takeaways in the UFL - 2025

Team	INT	FR	Takeaways
<b>Houston.....</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>
St. Louis.....	9	8	17
DC.....	7	9	16
Birmingham.....	7	9	16
Arlington.....	6	10	16
San Antonio.....	4	7	11
Michigan.....	6	4	10
Memphis.....	5	1	6

### BIG BANK TAKES LITTLE BANK

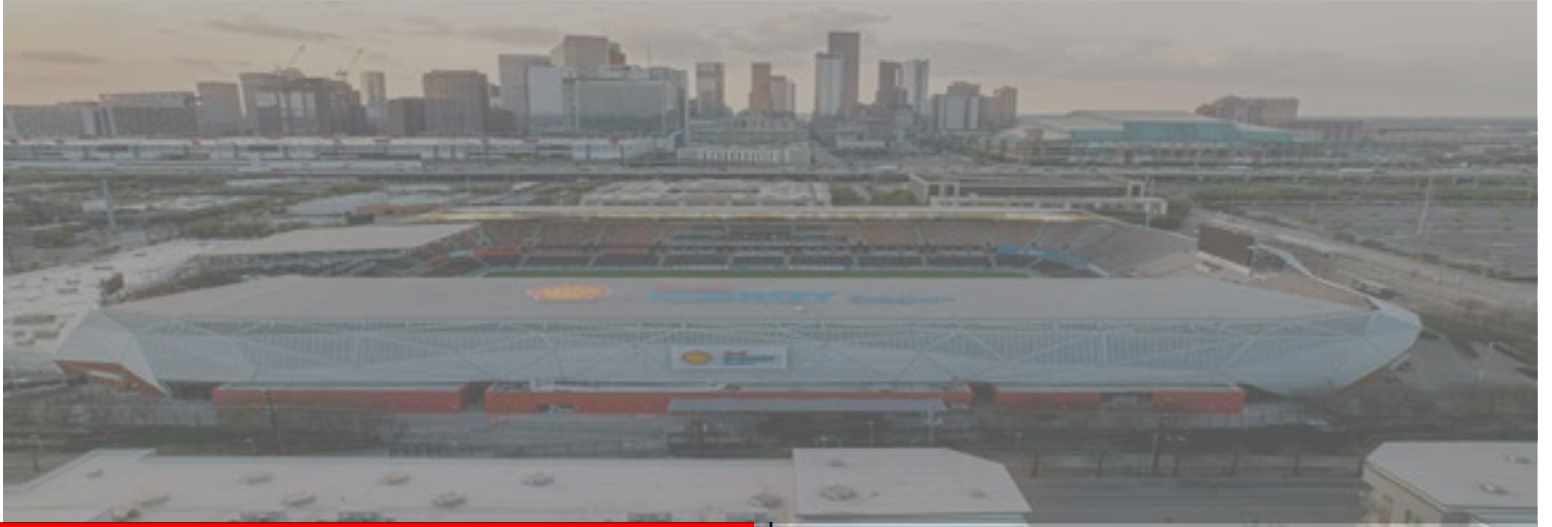
Houston's defense in the 2025 season often found themselves in the endzone. Besides leading the league in interceptions, they also lead in pick-sixes, racking up the most return yards.

#### Team INT. Scoring - UFL 2025

Team	TD	RYds.
<b>Houston.....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>224</b>
Birmingham.....	2	165
St. Louis.....	2	159
Michigan.....	2	141
Arlington.....	1	125
San Antonio.....	1	113
Memphis.....	1	104
DC.....	0	75



# SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES



## KICKING CLINIC

Houston punter, Mike Rivers, has recorded 42 punts for 2,019 yards for an average of 48.1 yards with eight touchbacks and 10 inside the 20. Below is a look at player punting ranked by average in 2025:

### Player Punting Stats - UFL Rank

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lng	TB	In20
Brad Wing / SA.....	36	1734	48.2	69	3	12
<b>Mike Rivers / Hou.....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
Sterling Hofrichter / STL.....	30	1432	47.7	63	2	10
Marquette King / Arl.....	36	1710	47.5	69	5	8
Seth Vernon / Mich.....	22	1044	47.5	58	4	8
Colby Wadman / Bir.....	29	1333	46.0	68	4	11

## RUN, FOREST, RUN!

Houston Gamblers return specialist Lawrence Keys III cemented himself as one of the top returners in the league, ranking third in 2025.

### Kick Return Statistics - UFL 2025

Player/Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
Xavier Malone / Mich.....	21	516	24.6	0	50
Devin Ross / Mich.....	18	496	27.6	0	49
<b>Lawrence Keys III / Hou.....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>
Deon Cain / Birm.....	16	421	26.3	0	42
Blake Jackson/ Stl.....	17	395	23.2	0	41



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	LAST COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
0	Kary Vincent Jr.	CB	5'10"	185	27	LSU	Port Arthur, TX
1	Damon Arnette	CB	5'11"	195	29	Ohio State	Dallas, TX
2	Christopher Allen	MLB	6'4"	249	27	Alabama	Baton Rouge, LA
3	Lawrence Keys III	WR	5'9"	175	26	Tulane	New Orleans, LA
4	Roman Parodie	CB	6'1"	192	23	Ohio	Sugar Land, TX
5	Charlie Thomas III	MLB	6'2"	220	26	Georgia Tech	Thomasville, GA
6	Quinton Newsome	CB	6'1"	185	24	Nebraska	Suwanee, GA
7	Taulia Tagovailoa	QB	5'11"	208	26	Maryland	Ewa Beach, HI
8	Hunter Dekkers	QB	6'1"	210	26	Iowa Western	Hawarden, IA
9	LuJuan Winningham	WR	6'3"	195	27	Central Arkansas	Humble, TX
10	Kai Locksley	WR	6'3"	207	29	UTEP	Baltimore, MD
11	Justin Hall	WR	5'8"	188	27	Ball State	Atlanta, GA
13	Jontre Kirklín	WR	5'11"	182	27	LSU	Lutcher, LA
14	B.J. Mayes	CB	6'0"	187	23	Texas A&M	Groesbeck, TX
15	Nolan Henderson	QB	5'11"	195	27	Delaware	Smyrna, DE
17	Jalen Moreno-Cropper	WR	5'11"	169	24	Fresno State	Stockton, CA
18	Major Burns	S	6'2"	200	27	LSU	Baton Rouge, LA
19	Eugene Asante	MLB	6'7"	218	26	Auburn	Alexandria, VA
21	Marcus Yarns	RB	5'10"	198	24	Delaware	Middletown, DE
22	Kirk Merritt	RB	6'0"	214	29	Arkansas State	Destrehan, LA
24	Nico Bolden	S	6'3"	212	24	Kent State	West Bloomfield, MI
25	Glendon Miller	S	6'2"	207	23	Maryland	Baltimore, MD
26	Eli Walker	SS	6'2"	195	28	Kansas State	Stone Mountain, GA
28	Marvin Moody Jr.	LB	6'2"	239	27	Tulane	Kenner, LA
31	Markel Roby	S	6'0"	208	26	Pittsburgh State	Memphis, TN
32	Jalen White	RB	6'0"	205	23	Georgia Southern	Leavenworth, KS
34	Marcus Major	RB	5'11"	213	25	Minnesota	Oklahoma City, OK
37	Carlton Johnson	CB	5'10"	178	25	Fresno State	Fresno, CA
44	Michael Rivers	P	6'0"	186	26	Troy	Atlanta, GA
45	Marco Ortiz	LS	6'4"	247	26	Nebraska	Omaha, NE
46	John Hoyland	K	5'10"	201	23	Wyoming	Broomfield, CO
54	Avery Jones	G	6'4"	305	26	Auburn	Suwanee, GA
55	Kenny Dyson	DE	6'3"	244	28	Bryant	Pittsfield, MA
57	Anthony Hines III	LB	6'3"	224	27	Texas A&M	Plano, TX
59	Jah Joyner	DE	6'4"	232	24	Minnesota	Danbury, CT
64	Victor Curne	G	6'4"	321	26	Ole Miss	Houston, TX
65	Jack Kramer	C	6'2"	310	29	Bowling Green	Hinsdale, IL
70	Jalen McKenzie	T	6'4"	310	26	USC	Antioch, CA
71	John Campbell Jr.	T	6'6"	330	25	Tennessee	Orlando, FL
72	Kylon Barrs	NT	6'1"	209	25	USC	Murrieta, CA
72	Gottlieb Ayedze	T	6'5"	320	26	Maryland	Germantown, MD
73	Tedi Kushi	T	6'5"	302	24	Western Michigan	Grand Rapids, MI
74	Kellen Diesch	T	6'7"	303	28	Arizona State	Waukesha, WI
77	Gareth Warren	G	6'5"	313	22	Lindenwood	Jacksonville, FL
85	Geor'Quarius Spivey	TE	6'4"	242	26	Mississippi State	Monroe, LA
88	Armani Rogers	TE	6'5"	233	28	Ohio	Los Angeles, CA
89	Cam Sutton	TE	6'6"	268	29	Fresno State	Jonesboro, GA
90	Rashard Lawrence	DE	6'2"	312	27	LSU	Monroe, LA
92	Malik Fisher	DE	6'3"	260	27	Villanova	Newark, NJ
95	Israel Antwine	DT	6'2"	327	25	Oklahoma State	Philadelphia, PA
99	Jerrod Clark	NT	6'3"	337	26	Coastal Carolina	Lexington, KY

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.
2	Christopher Allen	MLB
95	Israel Antwine	DT
1	Damon Arnette	CB
19	Eugene Asante	MLB
72	Gottlieb Ayedze	T
72	Kylon Barrs	NT
24	Nico Bolden	S
18	Major Burns	S
71	John Campbell Jr.	T
99	Jerrod Clark	NT
64	Victor Curne	G
8	Hunter Dekkers	QB
74	Kellen Diesch	T
55	Kenny Dyson	DE
92	Malik Fisher	DE
11	Justin Hall	WR
15	Nolan Henderson	QB
57	Anthony Hines III	LB
46	John Hoyland	K
37	Carlton Johnson	CB
54	Avery Jones	G
59	Jah Joyner	DE
3	Lawrence Keys III	WR
13	Jontre Kirklín	WR
65	Jack Kramer	C
73	Tedi Kushi	T
90	Rashard Lawrence	DE
10	Kai Locksley	WR
34	Marcus Major	RB
14	B.J. Mayes	CB
70	Jalen McKenzie	T
22	Kirk Merritt	RB
25	Glendon Miller	S
28	Marvin Moody Jr.	LB
17	Jalen Moreno-Cropper	WR
6	Quinton Newsome	CB
45	Marco Ortiz	LS
4	Roman Parodie	CB
44	Michael Rivers	P
31	Markel Roby	S
88	Armani Rogers	TE
85	Geor'Quarius Spivey	TE
89	Cam Sutton	TE
7	Taulia Tagovailoa	QB
5	Charlie Thomas III	MLB
0	Kary Vincent Jr.	CB
26	Eli Walker	SS
77	Gareth Warren	G
32	Jalen White	RB
9	LuJuan Winningham	WR
21	Marcus Yarns	RB

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Eugene Asante ..... ah-SAHN-tay  
 Jalen Moreno-Cropper..... mor-AY-no CROP-ur  
 Victor Curne..... KURN  
 Gottlieb Ayedze ..... GOT-leeb AH-yed-jay  
 Kai Locksley ..... kigh LOCKS-lee  
 Roman Parodie..... puh-ROAD-ee  
 Markel Roby ..... ROH-bee

Geor'Quarius Spivey ..... Jor-KWAR-ee-us SPY-vee  
 Taulia Tagovailoa ..... tah-oo-LEE-ah tung-oh-vye-LOA-ah  
 LuJuan Winningham..... loo-WAHN WIN-ing-ham

## Coaching Staff

KC Gundy ..... KAY-SEE



# WEEK 1 UNOFFICIAL DEPTH CHART

## GAMBLERS OFFENSE

<b>QB</b>	15	Nolan Henderson	8	Hunter Dekkers	7	Taulia Tagovailoa
<b>LT</b>	71	John Campbell	73	Tedi Kushi		
<b>LG</b>	65	Victor Curner				
<b>C</b>	65	Jack Kramer	54	Avery Jones		
<b>RG</b>	72	Gottlieb Ayedze				
<b>RT</b>	70	Jalen McKenzie	54	Kellen Diesch		
<b>RB</b>	32	Jalen White	34	Marcus Major	21	Marcus Yarns 22 Kirk Merritt
<b>TE</b>	88	Armani Rodgers	89	Cam Sutton	85	Geo'Quarius Spivey
<b>WR</b>	11	Justin Hall	3	Lawrence Keys III		
<b>WR</b>	13	Jontre Kirklin	21	Kai Locksley		
<b>WR</b>	17	Jalen Moreno-Cropper	11	LuJuan Winningham		



## 2026 STANDINGS

TEAM	OVERALL RECORD	HOME	ROAD	PF	PA
T-1 Birmingham Stallions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
T-1 Columbus Aviators	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
T-1 Dallas Renegades	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
T-1 DC Defenders	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
<b>T-1 Houston Gamblers</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>
T-1 Louisville Kings	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
T-1 Orlando Storm	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
T-1 St. Louis Battlehawks	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

## GAMBLERS DEFENSE

<b>NT</b>	90	Rashard Lawrence	99	Jerrold Clark		
<b>DE</b>	92	Malik Fisher	59	Jah Joyner		
<b>DT</b>	72	Kyon Barrs	95	Israel Antwine		
<b>DE</b>	2	Christopher Allen	55	Kenny Dyson		
<b>NICK</b>	37	Carlton Johnson	14	B.J Mayes		
<b>LC</b>	6	Quinton Newsome	37	Carlton Johnson		
<b>RC</b>	0	Kary Vincent Jr.	4	Roman Parodie		
<b>LB</b>	57	Anthony Hines III	14	B.J Mayes		
<b>LB</b>	28	Marvin Moody Jr.	19	Eugene Asante		
<b>DS</b>	26	Eli Walker	16	Major Burns	25	Glendon Miller
<b>DS</b>	31	Markel Roby	24	Nico Bolden		

## GAMBLERS SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	7	Michael Rivers		
<b>PK</b>	43	John Hoyland		
<b>H</b>	7	Michael Rivers		
<b>LS</b>	49	Marco Ortiz		
<b>KR</b>	17	Jalen Moreno-Cropper	3	Lawrence Keys III
<b>PR</b>	3	Lawrence Keys III		

***\*Official Week 1 Depth Chart will be released later in the week\****



## MEET THE STAFF

## KEVIN SUMLIN

### Head Coach

A former linebacker for the Purdue Boilermakers, Sumlin has compiled an overall head coaching record of 98-70, following stints with the Houston Cougars (2008-11), Texas A&M Aggies (2012-17), and the Arizona Wildcats (2018-20), as well as the Houston Gamblers during their USFL Legacy era in 2022.

At the University of Houston, he was named the Conference USA Coach of the Year in 2009 and 2011 after leading the team to Conference USA West Division championships during those seasons. In 2012, he received SEC Coach of the Year honors after leading Texas A&M to an 11-2 record and a 41-13 victory over the Oklahoma Sooners in the 2013 Cotton Bowl.

Prior to serving as a head coach, Sumlin served as assistant coach at Washington State (1989-90), Wyoming (1991-92), Minnesota (1993-97), Purdue (1998-2000), and Texas A&M (2001-02). From 2003-07, he was an assistant coach on Head Coach Bob Stoops staff at Oklahoma.

## ERIC PRICE

### Offensive Coordinator

A 34-year coaching veteran, Price has held roles in the UFL, NFL, and NCAA. Price returns as Offensive Coordinator for the Gamblers after serving as pass game coordinator for the team in 2023.

His career includes offensive coordinator positions at Alabama, UTEP, Memphis, and Tulane, coaching stints with the Jacksonville Jaguars—reaching the 2017 AFC Title Game—and the New York Jets, as well as an early role as a graduate assistant at Miami during their 1993 Sugar Bowl run.

## MARVIN SANDERS

### Defensive Coordinator

Sanders joins Kevin Sumlin's staff as defensive coordinator after serving as defensive coordinator and defensive back coaches for the Dallas Renegades for three seasons (2023-25) where he helped to lead the team to the XFL championship in 2023. He has served as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Claremont Mudd Scripps since 2021 after his first

stint with the Renegades in 2020.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sanders has been a collegiate and professional football coach since 1992 featuring stops at New Mexico State (2000), Colorado State (2001-02), Nebraska (2003, 2008-11), North Carolina (2004-06), and USC (2012).

## TYRON CARRIER

### Wide Receivers

Tyron Carrier is an elite wide receivers coach, whose career is defined by high-powered passing attacks and developmental success. A Houston native and legendary University of Houston wideout, he holds the NCAA record for most consecutive games with a reception (53) and ranks among the all-time leaders in kickoff return touchdowns.

After a professional stint in the CFL, he transitioned to coaching, earning the 2018 Football Scoop Wide Receivers Coach of the Year award at West Virginia for producing multiple 1,000-yard receivers. Across tenures at Houston, Temple, and Grambling State, Carrier has established himself as a premier mentor of collegiate talent, balancing his explosive athletic background with a reputation for technical refinement on the perimeter.

## TIM HOLT

### Offensive Line

Tim Holt is a seasoned offensive line coach currently leading the front five for the Houston Gamblers in the UFL. With a coaching career spanning over two decades, Holt has built a reputation for developing elite talent across the NFL, collegiate, and spring league levels, including stints with the Oakland Raiders, Chicago Bears, and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Before joining

Houston's staff under Kevin Sumlin in 2026, he spent three seasons with the Michigan Panthers, where he consistently produced All-UFL linemen and anchored one of the league's most reliable rushing attacks.



## MEET THE STAFF, CONT.

## KC GUNDY

### Running Backs



Served as the Assistant Quarterback Coach at Oklahoma State University, having previously worked in Quality Control for the Offensive Line. His coaching career began at the University of Oklahoma, from 2014 to 2020 where he progressed from Student Assistant to Graduate Assistant, supporting quarterbacks and offensive skill positions under Coach Lincoln Riley.

He contributed extensively to opponent scouting, game planning, and recruiting, while coaching both the Defensive Scout Team and special teams. As part of a coaching staff, he helped secure five consecutive Big 12 Championships and multiple College Football Playoff appearances. His tenure includes working with offenses that produced several NFL Draft picks and national award winners, including two Heisman Trophy recipients, while leading the nation in total and scoring offense.

## TED BOLIN

### Safeties



Ted Bolin's coaching career is rooted in high-level collegiate programs and the professional spring football circuit. He spent five seasons at the University of Arizona (2021–2025), rising from Graduate Assistant to Defensive Analyst and contributing to the Wildcats' 2023 Alamo Bowl victory.

Prior to his time in Arizona, Bolin developed his craft at the University of Michigan as a defensive intern and manager under Jim Harbaugh, where he worked closely with future NFL-caliber defensive backs. Before his current role with the Gamblers, he gained professional experience as an assistant for the Arlington Renegades and a brief stint at Lock Haven University.

## GRANT DICKERSON

### Linebackers/ Special Teams



A former offensive lineman at the Catholic University of America, Dickerson transitioned into coaching and personnel through key collegiate roles, including serving as an Assistant Director of Recruiting and Special Teams Analyst at the University at Buffalo.

His background combines a deep understanding of roster construction with on-field technical expertise, positioning him as a vital component of the UFL's football operations.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS

## KARY VINCENT JR

0 • Cornerback

5-10 • 185 • 2/27/1999  
College: LSU

2025

- Appeared in one game for the San Antonio Brahmas, recording three tackles.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Drafted by the Denver Broncos in the seventh round of the 2021 NFL Draft, would later be traded in November to the Philadelphia Eagles. He would be released during final roster cuts in 2022.
- Would be drafted by the San Antonio Brahmas in 2022, later being traded to the Houston Gamblers in 2023. After signing with the Toronto Argonauts in 2024, he would be released and eventually drafted by the Houston Gamblers in 2026
- Spent three seasons at LSU, appearing in 39 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 87 total tackles, six interceptions, 18 pass breakups, and one sack. He also ran track at LSU, contributing to the SEC Champion 4x100-meter relay team in 2018 and 2019.
- Named First-team All-USA out of high school.

## CHRISTOPHER ALLEN

2 • Middle Linebacker

6-4 • 249 • 8/12/1998  
College: Alabama

2025

- Appeared in eight games, recording 18 total tackles, including six solo tackles, and one sack.
- **2024**
- Appeared in six games, recording 12 total tackles, including five solo tackles.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Signed with the Denver Broncos as an undrafted free agent, later being placed on injured reserve before being waived in 2023.
- Played four years at Alabama, appearing in 34 total games. He finished his collegiate career with 61 total tackles, including 37 solo tackles, while tallying 7.5 sacks, four forced fumbles, and one fumble recovery.
- Appeared on the Butkus Award Watchlist to start the 2021 campaign.
- Four-star prospect out of High School, rated the No. 57 player nationally.

## CHARLIE THOMAS III

5 • Middle Linebacker

5-11 • 208 • 2/15/2000  
College: Maryland

2025

- Appeared in eight games for the Renegades, recording 33 total tackles, including 20 solo tackles, nine sacks, and five pass breakups.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Signed with the Cleveland Browns in 2023, later re-signing to the practice squad. He would sign a futures contract in 2024 after being placed on injury reserve, later being released in August.
- Spent five seasons at Georgia Tech, appearing in 57 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 313 total tackles, including 188 solo tackles, 10 sacks, seven forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries, and four interceptions.
- Awarded Second-team All-ACC in 2022 and All-ACC Honorable mention in 2021.
- Three-star prospect out of high school.

## DAMON ARNETTE

1 • Cornerback

5-11 • 195 • 9/2/1996  
College: Ohio State

2025

- Appeared in eight games, recording 17 total tackles, one sack, and one interception for a touchdown.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Drafted by the Las Vegas Raiders in the first round at 19th overall in the 2020 NFL Draft. Placed on injury reserve later in the year and the next season, but was released in the 2021 season.
- Signed to the Miami Dolphins practice squad and later to the Kansas City Chiefs, and later released in 2022. Signed a one year contract with the Houston Texans in 2025, later being waived.
- Played five years at Ohio State, appearing in 53 total games. He finished his collegiate career with 119 total tackles, including 93 solo tackles, while recording four interceptions with one pick-six, two forced fumbles and fumble recovery.
- Was awarded Second-team All-Big Ten in 2019
- Four-star prospect out of High School.

## LAWRENCE KEYS III

3 • Wide Receiver

5-9 • 175 • 12/9/1999  
College: Tulane

2025

- Appeared in eight games for the Gamblers, recording 17 receptions for 179 yards and four rushes for 26 yards, while tallying 20 kick returns for 424 yards.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Signed as an undrafted free agent with the Buffalo Bills in 2024, but sustained an injury during training camp, later being waived.
- Played three seasons at Notre Dame and two seasons at Tulane, appearing in 43 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 77 receptions for 1,043 yards and nine touchdowns, while tallying 15 rushes for 113 yards and one touchdown.
- Was named AAC's All-Academic Team in 2022.
- Four-star prospect out of high school, ranked No. 10 wide receiver prospect in the State of Louisiana.

## ROMAN PARODIE

4 • Cornerback

6-1 • 192 • 4/4/2002  
College: Ohio

Prior to the Gamblers

- Signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as an undrafted free agent in 2025, but would be placed on injury reserve but before being waived during final roster cuts.
- Played five seasons at Ohio, appearing in 51 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 124 total tackles, including 75 solo tackles, 28 pass breakups, three interceptions, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble, and one sack.
- Three-star prospect out of high school.

## QUINTON NEWSOME

6 • Cornerback

6-1 • 185 • 7/11/2001  
College: Nebraska

Prior to the Gamblers

- Signed with the Denver Broncos in 2024, later re-signing to the practice squad. Later waived in 2025.
- Played five seasons at Nebraska, appearing in 53 total games, recording 149 total tackles, including 94 solo tackles, three sacks, 17 pass breakups, two fumble recoveries, and two forced fumbles.
- Earned Honorable-Mention All-Big Ten in 2022 and 2023.
- Three-star prospect out of high school.

## TAULIA TAGOVAILOA

7 • Quarterback

5-11 • 220 • 2/15/2000  
College: Maryland

Prior to the Gamblers

- Invited to the Seattle Seahawks minicamp in 2025, but was not signed.
- Signed with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the CFL in 2024, playing one season.
- Would have stints with Hamburg Sea Devils (EFL) and the Massachusetts Pirates (IFL), before being signed to Houston.
- Spent one season at Alabama before transferring to Maryland for four seasons, appearing in 46 total games. He would finish his collegiate career throwing 964 completions for 11,356 yards and 77 touchdowns, while tallying 205 rushing yards for 13 touchdowns.
- Named Big Ten All-Time Passing Leader.
- Earned Second-team All-Big Ten in 2022 and 2023, and Honorable mention All-Big Ten in 2020 and 2021.
- Four-star prospect out of high school, No. 7 prospect in the State of Alabama.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

**HUNTER DEKKERS**

8 • Quarterback

6-1 • 210 • 7/4/2001  
College: Iowa Western**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the New Orleans Saints as an undrafted free agent in 2025. After being waived, re-signed, and moved to the practice squad, He would be placed on the practice squad injury reserve until signing a futures contract in the offseason.
- Started in 13 games for Iowa Western, finishing with a 11-2 record taling 3,806 passing yards with 32 passing touchdowns, 288 completions, and one rushing touchdown.
- Started his collegiate career at Iowa State, recording 3,355 total passing yards with 22 passing touchdowns on 327 completions, and four rushing touchdowns before transferring.
- Four-star prospect out of High School, rated the No.2 player in Iowa.
- Named Gatorade's Iowa Player of the Year in 2019.

**LUJUAN WINNINGHAM**

9 • Wide Receiver

6-3 • 195 • 1/14/1999  
College: Central Arkansas**2025**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Renegades, recording three receptions for 25 yards, and contributed to special teams.

**2024**

- Appeared in four games for the Renegades, mainly contributed to special teams.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2022, but was waived in August.
- Spent five seasons at Central Arkansas, appearing in 34 total games. He would finish his collegiate career recording 123 receptions for 1,879 yards and 23 touchdowns.
- Named first-team All-Southland Conference in 2019.

**KAI LOCKSLEY**

10 • Wide Receiver

6-3 • 207 • 11/17/1996  
College: UTEP**2025**

- Appeared in nine games for the former Memphis Showboats, recording 13 receptions for 180 yards.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Played for the CFL's Hamilton TigerCats in 2023, where he recorded 26 carries for 31 yards and two TDs, along with three receptions for 98 yards and one TD.
- Played for the CFL's Edmonton Elks in 2022 and 2023, finishing 5-of-8 passing for 50 yards with 55 rushing attempts for 122 yards and seven TDs
- Signed with the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent in 2021, but was waived in the team's final cuts before the season.
- Finished his collegiate career at UTEP, playing in 20 games over two seasons, going 186-of-350 passing for 2,266 yards, nine TDs and 14 interceptions; also rushed for 875 yards and 11 TDs on 237 attempts.
- Began his collegiate career at Texas, where he red-shirted as a quarterback and was moved to wide receiver as a red-shirt freshman.
- Accounted for 40 total touchdowns at IWCC, throwing for 2,238 yards (176-of-265) with 20 TDs and six INTs, while rushing for 705 yards on 112 attempts with 20 TDs
- Earned NJCAA Offensive Player of the Year and First Team All-America honors as a QB in 2017
- Three-star prospect out of high school, ranked No.5 quarterback prospect in the State of Maryland.

**JUSTIN HALL**

11 • Wide Receiver

5-8 • 188 • 1/29/1999  
College: Ball State**2025**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Gamblers, recording 62 receptions for 501 yards and three touchdowns, leading the UFL in receptions. He also notched eight punt returns for 68 yards.

**2024**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Gamblers, recording 56 receptions for 603 yards and three touchdowns. He also notched 19 punt returns for 148 yards.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Las Vegas Raiders as an undrafted free agent in 2022, later being released in August. After one season with the Gamblers, he would sign with the Minnesota Vikings in 2024, later being waived.
- Played five years at Ball State, appearing in 54 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 318 receptions for 3,385 yards and 18 touchdowns, including 122 rushes for 865 yards and 10 touchdowns. He also notched 36 kick returns for 939 yards and one touchdown.
- Was awarded First-team ALL-MAC in 2020 and 2021, Third-team All-MAC in 2018, and Second-team All-MAC in 2017.

**JONTRE KIRKIN**

13 • Wide Receiver

5-11 • 182 • 10/9/1998  
College: LSU**2025**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Brahmas, recording 35 receptions for 284 yards, while adding 14 returns for 327 yards.

**2024**

- Appeared in 12 games for the former San Antonio Brahmas, including post season, recording 66 receptions for 699 yards and three touchdowns, while also going 2-3-0 for 51 yards and one touchdown

**2023**

- Appeared in five games for the Gamblers, later missing the rest of the season due to injury, but recorded 15 receptions for 253 yards and four touchdowns.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed as an undrafted free agent with the Arizona Cardinals in 2022, later being released in September.
- Would be signed to the New Orleans Saints practice squad in 2023, later being released in 2024. Would sign with the San Francisco 49ers but would be waived.
- Played five seasons at LSU, appearing in 57 total games. He played multiple positions at LSU including WR, CB, RB, and QB. As a receiver, he finished his collegiate career recording 20 receptions for 313 yards and three touchdowns, contributing to the LSU 2019 National Championship.
- Three-star prospect out of high school, ranked No. 30 prospect in the State of Louisiana.

**B.J. MAYES**

14 • Cornerback

6-0 • 187 • 3/24/2003  
College: Texas A&M**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Indianapolis Colts in 2025, later being released.
- Played two seasons at UIW, one at UAB, and his senior season at Texas A&M, appearing in 11 total games at A&M. He finished his collegiate career recording 124 tackles, including 50 solo tackles, seven interceptions, and one fumble recovery.
- Was named NEC Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2022.
- Three-star prospect out of high school.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

**NOLAN HENDERSON**

15 • Quarterback

5-11 • 195 • 6/26/1998  
College: Delaware**2025**

- Appeared in four games for the Gamblers, going 20-36-0 for 183 yards and two touchdowns, and added nine rushes for 82 yards.

**2024**

- Appeared in five games for the Gamblers, going 43-74-1 for 531 yards and two touchdowns, and added 22 rushes for 143 yards.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Baltimore Ravens as an undrafted free agent in 2023, later being released. He would later sign to the Gamblers in 2024.
- Played five years at Delaware, appearing in 45 total games. He finished his collegiate career going 685-1050-18 for 7,911 yards and 66 touchdowns, including 344 rushes for 519 yards and 10 touchdowns.
- Was awarded Second-team All-CAA in 2022.
- Named Gatorade Player of the Year in 2016 in Delaware.

**JALEN MORENO-CROPPER**

17 • Wide Receiver

5-11 • 169 • 5/3/2001  
College: Fresno State**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent in 2023. He would rotate from the practice squad and active roster until being waived in 2025.
- Played four seasons at Fresno State, appearing in 47 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 165 receptions for 1,861 yards and 14 touchdowns, while tailing 45 rushes for 436 yards and five touchdowns.
- Was named First-team All-Mountain West in 2022 and Second-team in 2021.

**MAJOR BURNS**

18 • Safety

6-2 • 200 • 5/22/2002  
College: LSU**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Chicago Bears as an undrafted free agent in 2025, later being waived in August.
- Played four seasons at LSU, appearing in 39 total games. He finished his collegiate career with 213 total tackles, including 98 solo tackles, while recording 2.5 sacks, two interceptions with one for a touchdown, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries.
- Played one year at Georgia, appearing in five games, later transferring to LSU.
- Four-star prospect out of High School, rated the No. 11 safety prospect in the State of Louisiana.

**EUGENE ASANTE**

19 • Middle Linebacker

6-7 • 218 • 1/22/2001  
College: Auburn**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent, later being waived. He would later sign with the Cleveland Browns and Atlanta Falcons practice squads in 2025 before being drafted by the Houston Gamblers.
- Played three seasons at both Auburn and North Carolina, appearing in 65 total games. He finished his collegiate career with 196 total tackles, including 120 solo tackles, while tallying 7.5 sacks, one forced fumble, and two fumble recoveries.
- Appeared on the Butkus and Bednarik Award Watchlist to start the 2024 campaign, while also being named as Team Captain. Was awarded First Team All-SEC.
- Four-star prospect out of High School, rated the No. 5 player in Virginia.

**MARCUS YARNS**

21 • Running Back

5-10 • 198 • 10/30/2001  
College: Delaware**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the New Orleans Saints in 2025, but was waived in August as part of final roster cuts.
- Spent five seasons at Delaware, appearing in 44 total games. He would finish his collegiate career recording 365 rushes for 2,344 yards and 23 touchdowns, while tallying 64 receptions for 812 yards and 11 touchdowns.
- Earned All-CAA First-team in 2024, and All-CAA Second-team in 2023.

**KIRK MERRITT**

22 • Running Back

6-0 • 214 • 1/5/1997  
College: Arkansas State**2025**

- Appeared in seven games for the Gamblers, recording 13 receptions for 124 yards and nine rushes for 33 yards and one touchdown.

**2024**

- Appeared in three games for the Gamblers, recording 14 receptions for 190 yards and 32 rushes for 113 yards and one touchdown, while tailing five kick returns for 93 yards.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed to the Kansas City Chiefs in 2020, being placed on the practice squad. He would be with the Dolphins until being waived in 2021.
- Spent part of 2022 and 2023 on the New Orleans Saints practice squads.
- Played one season at Oregon, before transferring to EMCC for one year and finishing out his last two years at Arkansas State, appearing in 49 total games. He finished his collegiate career at Arkansas State, recording 153 receptions for 1,811 yards and 19 touchdowns, while tailing 26 kick returns for 654 yards and one touchdown.
- Was named All-Sun Belt in 2018 and 2019.
- Four-star prospect out of high school, ranked No. 7 prospect in the State of Louisiana.

**NICO BOLDEN**

24 • Safety

6-3 • 212 • 10/15/1998  
College: Kent State**2025**

- Appeared in eight games for the Renegades, contributing on special teams, recording one forced fumble, a fumble recovery, and solo tackle on special teams.

**2024**

- Joined the St. Louis BattleHawks as a rookie draft pick in 2024. Released by the BattleHawks in 2024 training camp but later brought back to the active roster. Primarily contributed on special teams, totaling four tackles on special teams.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Seattle Seahawks as an undrafted free agent in 2024, later waived.
- Played at New Mexico State then at Kent State, posting 236 tackles, one sack, and two interceptions.
- Three-star prospect out of High School, rated the No. 6 Safety prospect in Minnesota.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

**GLENDON MILLER**

25 • Safety

6-2 • 207 • 4/30/2002  
College: Maryland**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed to the Kansas City Chiefs in 2025, until being waived during final roster cuts.
- Played five seasons at Maryland, appearing in 47 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 100 total tackles, including 70 solo tackles, 14 pass deflections, seven interceptions with one touchdown, and two fumble recoveries.
- Was named All-Sun Belt in 2018 and 2019.
- Three-star prospect out of high school.

**MARVIN MOODY JR.**

28 • Linebacker

6-2 • 239 • 2/23/1999  
College: Tulane**2025**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Gamblers, recording 65 total tackles, including 42 solo tackles, and one pass breakup.

**2024**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Gamblers, recording 28 total tackles, including 14 solo tackles, one interception for a touchdown, and three pass breakups.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Cleveland Browns in August of 2024, after a great 2024 UFL season, but was later waived.
- Played five seasons at Tulane, appearing in 49 total games, recording 243 total tackles, including 143 solo tackles, four sacks, three pass breakups, and one fumble recovery.
- Rated the top outside linebacker prospect in Arkansas.

**MARKEL ROBY**

31 • Safety

6-0 • 208 • 7/7/1999  
College: Pittsburgh State**2025**

- Appeared in seven games for the Gamblers, recording 44 total tackles, including 26 solo tackles, and one sack.

**2024**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Gamblers, recording 52 total tackles, including 32 solo tackles, three interceptions, eight pass breakups, one sack, and one forced fumble.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Played three seasons at Briar Cliff University, later transferring for two at Pitt. State. He finished his collegiate career recording 211 total tackles, eight interceptions, 15 pass breakups, and one forced fumble.
- Earned All-GPAC honorable mention in 2017 and 2018
- Two-star prospect out of high school.

**JALEN WHITE**

32 • Running Back

6-0 • 205 • 6/5/2002  
College: Georgia Southern**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Green Bay Packers in 2025, but was waived in August while on injured reserve.
- Spent five seasons at Georgia Southern, appearing in 59 total games. He would finish his collegiate career recording 573 rushes for 3,016 yards and 36 touchdowns, while tallying 60 receptions for 365 yards and two touchdowns.
- Earned Third-team All-Sun Belt in 2022 and 2023.
- Three-star prospect out of high school in the State of Alabama.

**MARCUS MAJOR**

34 • Running Back

5-11 • 213 • 11/14/2000  
College: Minnesota**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Baltimore Ravens in 2025, later being waived.
- Played five seasons at Oklahoma, and two at Minnesota, appearing in 47 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 272 rushes for 1,204 yards and 11 touchdowns, while tallying 43 receptions for 321 yards and three touchdowns.
- Four-star prospect out of high school, ranked No.3 prospect in the State of Oklahoma.

**CARLTON JOHNSON**

37 • Cornerback

5-11 • 175 • 5/7/2000  
College: Fresno State**2025**

- Appeared in seven games for the Renegades, mainly contributing to special teams recording four solo tackles, and tallying three kick returns for 59 yards.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Seattle Seahawks as an undrafted free agent after the 2024 NFL draft where he went to training camp with the team where he recorded five tackles in three preseason games but was released at the cutdown date.
- Spent his final two collegiate seasons with Fresno State where he tallied 72 tackles, four tackles for loss, one sack, five interceptions and 14 pass breakups across 17 games with 12 starts.
- Prior to Fresno State, spent one season at Riverside City College where he recorded 45 tackles, one fumble recovery, two interceptions and 11 pass breakups in 13 games.
- Spent two seasons with Southern Utah where he recorded 36 tackles, three interceptions and one fumble recovery across 16 games.

**MICHAEL RIVERS**

44 • Punter/Special Teams

6-0 • 186 • 3/22/2000  
College: Troy**2025**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Gamblers, recording 42 punts for 2,019 yards, with 10 punts being inside the redzone.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed to the Kansas City Chiefs in 2020, being placed on the practice squad. He would be with the Dolphins until being waived in 2021.
- Played one season at NC A&T, before spending his final season at Troy, appearing in 38 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 108 punts for an average of 41 yards a punt, tallying 41 punts inside the 20 yard line.
- Was named second-team All-MEAC in 2019.
- Was named first-team all-area and was his team's MVP out of high school.

**MARCO ORTIZ**45 • Long Snapper/  
Special Teams6-4 • 247 • 1/25/2000  
College: Nebraska**2025**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Gamblers, mainly contributing to special teams.

**2024**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Gamblers, contributing to the success on special teams.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Worked out with the Arizona Cardinals in 2024 after a strong UFL season.
- Played five seasons at Florida, and one at Nebraska. He finished his collegiate career as a member of five bowl teams, including the 2020 team that won the SEC East Division.
- Was a Packrick Mannelly finalist in 2023.
- No. 6 overall snapper in Virginia out of high school

**JOHN HOYLAND**

46 • Kicker/Special Teams

5-10 • 201 • 2/11/2003  
College: Wyoming**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Baltimore Ravens as an undrafted free agent in 2025, later being waived.
- Played five seasons at Wyoming, appearing in 56 total games. He finished his collegiate career going 72 of 91 field goals made, with a 56 yard field goal as the longest.
- Was awarded First-team All-Mountain West in 2022 and Second-team All-Mountain West in 2020..
- Joined Wyoming's team as a Walk-on.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

## AVERY JONES

54 • Guard

6-4 • 305 • 10/20/1999  
College: Auburn

## 2025

- Appeared in nine games for the Gamblers, contributing to their offensive line.

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Signed as an undrafted free agent with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, later being released.
- Contributed to multiple schools playing at North Carolina, before transferring to East Carolina. He was a starter at East Carolina for three seasons, but decided to make the move to Auburn for his final season of eligibility.
- Four-star prospect out of high school, ranked No.9 offensive line prospect in the State of North Carolina.

## JAH JOYNER

59 • Defensive End

6-4 • 232 • 7/30/2001  
College: Minnesota

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Signed with the Las Vegas Raiders as an undrafted free agent in 2025, but was waived in August as part of final roster cuts.
- Spent four seasons at Minnesota, appearing in 42 total games. He would finish his collegiate career recording 66 total tackles, including 25 solo tackles, 14.5 sacks, nine pass breakups, four forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries.
- Earned All-Big Ten Honorable Mention in 2023 and 2024.
- Three-star prospect out of high school.

## JALEN MCKENZIE

70 • Tackle

6-4 • 310 • 7/1/1999  
College: USC

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Signed with the Tennessee Titans in 2022, later being released. He would spend time as a versatile journey-man with the Seahawks, Raiders, Patriots, Giants, and 49ers.
- Played five seasons at USC, appearing in 42 total games, finishing his collegiate career recording 19 starts.
- Was named All-Pac-12 honorable mention in 2020 and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 third team.
- Three-star prospect out of high school.

## KENNY DYSON

45 • Linebacker

6-3 • 244 • 8/27/2001  
College: Bryant

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Signed to the Carolina Panthers as an undrafted free agent, later being released in 2024. Signed to the practice squad, later making his NFL debut. In 2025, he was later waived.
- Played five years at Bryant University, appearing in 44 total games. He finished his collegiate career with 104 total tackles, including 69 solo tackles, while recording 24.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, and one interception.
- Was awarded First-team All-Big South in 2022 and 2023, and Second-team All-NEC in 2021.

## VICTOR CURNE

64 • Guard

6-4 • 321 • 12/5/1999  
College: Ole Miss

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Transferred to Ole Miss and started all 13 games at offensive tackle, with 12 of them on the blindside, allowing just one sack all year, in 385 pass blocks
- Spent his first four seasons of college football with the Washington Huskies, appearing in 26 career games
- Earned All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention in 2020.
- Three-star prospect out of High School, rated the No.24 guard by ESPN.

## JOHN CAMPBELL JR.

71 • Tackle

6-6 • 330 • 7/22/2000  
College: Tennessee

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Invited to the San Francisco 49ers' rookie minicamp in 2025.
- Played four seasons at Miami and two at Tennessee appearing in 56 total games. He finished his collegiate career seeing action on 2,390 offensive snaps.
- Named Offensive Lineman of the Week in 2023.
- Four-star prospect out of High School, rated the No.19 offensive lineman prospect in the nation.

## ANTHONY HINES III

57 • Linebacker

6-3 • 224 • 1/15/1999  
College: Texas A&M

## 2025

- Appeared in 10 games for the Defenders, recording 53 tackles, including 36 solo tackles, three sacks, and three forced fumbles, contributing to the DC Defenders Championship season.

## 2024

- Appeared in 10 games for the Defenders, recording 60 tackles, including 36 solo tackles.

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Signed as an undrafted free agent with the Cowboys in 2021, but spent time on the practice squads of the Washington Commanders and Los Angeles Rams in 2021 and 2022.
- Spent part of the 2024 NFL season on the practice squad of the New York Jets.
- Played three seasons at Texas A&M, appearing in 26 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 106 total tackles, including 58 solo tackles, three sacks, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery.
- Was awarded Second-team All-SEC in 2019.
- Four-star prospect out of high school, ranked No.19 linebacker prospect in the State of Texas.

## JACK KRAMER

65 • Center

6-2 • 310 • 1/4/1997  
College: Bowling Green

## 2025

- Appeared in 10 games for the Gamblers, contributing to their offensive line.

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Played four seasons at Bowling Green, appearing in 42 total games. He helped lead the way for 3,829 yards of total offense in senior season.
- Was named Third-team All-MAC in 2018 and All-MAC Academic in 2019.
- Two-star prospect out of high school.

## KYON BARRS

72 • Nose Tackle

6-1 • 301 • 11/9/2001  
College: USC

## 2025

- Appeared in 10 games for the Renegades, recording 24 total tackles, including seven solo tackles, and one sack.
- Signed with the Arizona Cardinals in 2025, staying with the team through the pre-season until later being waived during final roster cuts.

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Signed with the Seattle Seahawks as an undrafted free agent in 2024, later being waived.
- Registered 18 tackles in 13 games in his final season with USC, but before that appeared in 38 games for Arizona, recording 102 tackles, 12.5 tackles for loss and five sacks.
- Named All-Pac 12 Second Team in 2021.
- Three-star prospect out of High School, rated the No.177 player in California.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

**GOTTLIEB AYEDZE**

72 • Tackle

6-5 • 320 • 4/10/2000  
College: Maryland**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Philadelphia Eagles as an undrafted free agent in 2024, later being waived in August. He later signed to the Las Vegas Raiders practice squad before being waived in 2025.
- Played four seasons at Frostburg State, later transferring to Maryland in his final year. He finished his collegiate career appearing in xx games, being an unstoppable blocker for his team's rusher, including being in a fourth-ranked overall offense in the Big Ten.
- Named First-team All-MEC in 2020, 2021, and 2022.

**GARETH WARREN**

77 • Guard (IR)

6-5 • 313 • 8/5/2003  
College: Lindenwood**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2025, but was waived in October.
- Spent four seasons at Lindenwood, appearing in 35 total games. Part of an offensive line that produced 134.7 yards on the ground, the fourth-best mark in the conference.
- Named Second-team All-OVC in 2022, and Third-team All-GLVC in 2021.

**CAM SUTTON**

89 • Tight End

6-6 • 268 • 9/13/1996  
College: Fresno State**2025**

- Appeared in six games for the Gamblers, recording four receptions for 39 yards.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Signed with the Carolina Panthers in 2020, but would be waived during training camp. He later signed with the Seattle Seahawks in 2021 before being waived again.
- Played one season at Riverside City College before transferring to Fresno State, appearing in 34 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 23 receptions for 441 yards and seven touchdowns, while tailing two rushes for 34 yards.
- Originally played wide receiver in high school.

**TEDI KUSHI**

73 • Tackle

6-5 • 302 • 9/20/2001  
College: Western Michigan**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent, later being released.
- Played four seasons at Long Island University, and two seasons at Western Michigan, appearing in 47 total games. He helped Western Michigan to their program's 12th bowl berth.
- Was named NEC Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2022.
- Two-star prospect out of high school.

**GEOR'QUARIUS SPIVEY**

85 • Tight End

6-4 • 242 • 10/6/1999  
College: Mississippi State**2025**

- Appeared in nine games for the Gamblers, recording seven receptions for 65 yards.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Signed with the Kansas City Chiefs in 2024, would be waived in August, signed again in 2025, then was finally waived after final roster cuts.
- Transferred to TCU following the 2020 season and grad transferred back to MSU for the 2023 season, appearing in 52 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 28 receptions for 298 yards and one touchdown.
- Awarded SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll in 2019 and 2020.
- Three-star prospect out of high school, ranked the No. 10 overall prospect in Louisiana.

**RASHARD LAWRENCE**

90 • Defensive End

6-2 • 312 • 8/27/1998  
College: LSU**2025**

- Appeared in nine games for the former San Antonio Brahmas, recording 21 tackles, including 12 solo tackles and five tackles for loss.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the 2020 NFL Draft in the 4th round, spending two seasons before being released in 2023.
- Spent part of 2023 and 2024 on the practice squads of the Panthers, the Texans, and the Broncos.
- Played four seasons at LSU, appearing in 44 total games. He finished his collegiate career recording 120 total tackles, including 47 solo tackles, nine sacks, nine pass breakups, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery, contributing to the LSU 2019 National Championship.
- Was named Defensive MVP in the 2019 Fiesta Bowl and Second-team All-SEC in 2019
- Five-star prospect out of high school, ranked No.2 prospect in the State of Louisiana.

**KELLEN DIESCH**

74 • Tackle

6-7 • 303 • 8/23/1997  
College: Arizona State**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Renegades in January of 2025, later traded to the Memphis Showboats in April.
- Spent 2024 on the New England Patriots and Tennessee Titans practice squads.
- Waived by the Chicago Bears at the conclusion of 2023 training camp and signed with the Steelers' practice squad
- Signed with the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent in 2022, waived after training camp. Signed with the Bears and spent the 2022 season on the practice squad.
- Started all 15 games in his final season at Arizona State, where he was rated as the highest graded tackle in the Pac-12 according to Pro Football Focus
- Spent three seasons at Texas A&M playing in 22 games
- Three-star prospect out of High School, rated the No.18 prospect in New Jersey.

**ARMANI ROGERS**

88 • Tight End

6-5 • 233 12/4/1997  
College: Ohio**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Washington Commanders in 2022, later being placed on injury reserve until he was released in 2024.
- Spent 2024 with the Eagles and the Falcons before being waived by both. He would sign a future contract with the Buffalo Bills, but was later waived after an injury..
- Originally playing quarterback, He played three seasons at UNLV before transferring to Ohio for two seasons, appearing in 36 total games. He finished his collegiate career logging 197 completions on 394 passing attempts (50%), throwing for 2,513 yards, 19 touchdowns and 12 interceptions, while tailing 308 rushes for 1,663 yards and 20 touchdowns.
- Was named Mountain West Freshman of the Year in 2017.
- Three-star prospect out of high school.



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**MALIK FISHER**

92 • Defensive End

6-3 • 260 • 1/28/1999  
College: Villanova**2025**

- Appeared in 12 games for the Defenders, recording 23 tackles, including 14 solo tackles, four sacks, and three forced fumbles, contributing to the DC Defenders Championship season.

**2024**

- Appeared in 10 games for the Defenders, recording 33 tackles, including 17 solo tackles, seven sacks, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Went undrafted in the 2022 NFL Draft, later signing with the DC Defender. After one season, he signed to the Houston Texans, later re-signing to the practice squad before being released.
- Played five years at Villanova, appearing in 52 total games. He finished his collegiate career with 123 total tackles, including 64 solo tackles, while recording 22 sacks, nine forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, and two interceptions.
- Was awarded Second-team ALL-CAA in 2021, First-team All-CAA in 2020, and Third-team All-CAA in 2019.

**ISRAEL ANTWINE**

95 • Wide Receiver

6-2 • 327 • 3/27/2000  
College: Oklahoma State**2025**

- Appeared in 10 games, recording 16 total tackles, including 10 solo tackles, and one sack.

**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Jacksonville Jaguars as an undrafted free agent in 2022, later being placed on the practice squad before being waived in October of 2022. He later played football for the CFL and IFL in 2023 and 2024.
- Played three years at Oklahoma State, appearing in 34 total games. He finished his Oklahoma State career with 65 total tackles, including 29 solo tackles, while recording six sacks, one forced fumble and fumble recovery.
- 2020 and 2021, was awarded First and Second Team Academic All-Big 12
- Played one year at Colorado, appearing in 12 games. He finished the season with 15 total tackles, including five solo tackles.
- Three-star prospect out of High School, rated the No.3 defensive line prospect in the State of Oklahoma.

**JERROD CLARK**

99 • Nose Tackle

6-3 • 337 • 11/16/1999  
College: Coastal Carolina**Prior to the Gamblers**

- Signed with the Los Angeles Chargers as an undrafted free agent in 2023, later re-signed to the practice squad until being waived in 2024.
- Would go on to sign with the Renegades in 2024, but later would sign to a reserve/future contract with the Carolina Panthers. He would be waived in May 2025 and sign back to the Renegades the same month.
- Appeared in 38 games for Coastal Carolina, recording 105 tackles, including 32 solo tackles, 18 tackles for loss, and 7.5 sacks.
- Named All-Sun Belt Third Team in 2022, voted Team Captain his senior season, and played in the Reese's Senior Bowl in 2022.
- Three-star prospect out of High School, rated the No.9 player in Massachusetts.
- team All-CAA in 2020, and Third-team All-CAA in 2019.

