



# HOUSTON GAMBLERS

## GAME NOTES



### GAME SIX



1-4

HEAD COACH: TED GINN JR.  
UFL Record: 1-4 (.200)

HOUSTON GAMBLERS  
vs.  
COLUMBUS AVIATORS  
**FOX**

FRIDAY • MAY 1 • 7 PM CT  
HISTORIC CREW STADIUM  
COLUMBUS, OH



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HEAD COACH: KEVIN SUMLIN  
UFL Record: 2-3 (.400)

### ROUND TWO

The Houston Gamblers hit the road for a matchup against the Columbus Aviators on May 1 at 7:00 p.m. CT at Historic Crew Stadium. The contest marks a quick turnaround between the two squads, as Houston looks to carry momentum forward following last week's result.

With confidence building, the Gamblers enter the matchup focused on delivering another complete performance, this time in a road environment.

### 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 Heroes

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-makers. On this special day, the focus turns to the future of Houston.

### WEEKLY MEDIA AVAILABILITY INFORMATION

Media availability for the Houston Gamblers 2026 season with head coach Kevin Sumlin and players will be held throughout the 2026 season.

The press conference will begin immediately after practice (11:15 a.m.) via zoom. Those who seek to attend can click on the link below.

[Join Media Availability](#)

Meeting ID: 896 7998 2930 Passcode: 713317

### 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.

[Join Post-Game Press Conference](#)

Meeting ID: 821 0797 1417 Passcode: 149131

### 2026 SCHEDULE

1		DALLAS RENEGADES AT TOYOTA STADIUM SATURDAY, MARCH 28 3:00 PM CT	L, 17-36 <b>FOX</b>
2		BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS SHELL ENERGY STADIUM SUNDAY, APRIL 5 5:00 PM CT	W, 22-20 <b>NETWORK</b>
3		DC DEFENDERS AT AUDI FIELD SATURDAY APRIL 11 11:00 AM CT	L, 7-45 <b>ESPN</b>
4		LOUISVILLE KINGS SHELL ENERGY STADIUM THURSDAY, APRIL 16 7:00 PM CT	L, 22-24 (OT) <b>NETWORK</b>
5		COLUMBUS AVIATORS SHELL ENERGY STADIUM SUNDAY, APRIL 26 11:00 AM CT	W, 17-13 <b>abc</b>
6		COLUMBUS AVIATORS AT HISTORIC CREW STADIUM FRIDAY, MAY 1 7:00 PM CT	<b>FOX</b>
7		ORLANDO STORM SHELL ENERGY STADIUM SUNDAY, MAY 10 5:00 PM CT	<b>FS1</b>
8		ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS AT THE DOME AT AMERICA'S CENTER SATURDAY, MAY 16 2:00 PM CT	<b>abc</b>
9		ST. LOUIS BATTLEHAWKS SHELL ENERGY STADIUM SUNDAY, MAY 24 6:00 PM CT	<b>ESPN 2</b>
10		BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS AT PROTECTIVE STADIUM SATURDAY, MAY 30 2:00 PM CT	<b>ESPN 2</b>

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### AROUND THE LEAGUE

THURSDAY, APRIL 30  
Louisville Kings at St. Louis Battlehawks - 7 PM CT (FS1)

FRIDAY, MAY 1  
Houston Gamblers at Columbus Aviators - 7 PM CT (FOX)

SATURDAY, MAY 2  
Dallas Renegades at DC Defenders - 11 AM CT (ABC)

SUNDAY, MAY 3  
Birmingham Stallions at Orlando Storm - 3 PM CT (FOX)



## 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 setup 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).



**THE UNITED BOWL****ABOUT THE  
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The United Football League has announced that Audi Field, home of the league's defending champion DC Defenders, will host The 2026 United Bowl airing on ABC on Saturday, June 13, at 3:00 p.m. ET. This season marks the debut of the "United Bowl" as the league's championship game, a name that embodies the UFL's identity and mission to bring fans, players, and communities together through a shared love of football. Representing the game's power to unite people, the United Bowl will invite everyone into the huddle, celebrating a year defined by connection, innovation, and unity. United Bowl performers, giveaways, and events surrounding the championship game will be announced in the near future.

Tickets to The 2026 United Bowl will be available through Ticketmaster and will go on sale to the general public starting Friday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m. ET.

**HOUSTON  
GAMBLERS**

## TEAM NOTES

TEAM STAT  
COMPARISON

VS



	<u>Columbus Aviators</u>	<u>Houston Gamblers</u>
<b>Record</b>	1-4	<b>2-3</b>
<b>Scoring Avg. (UFL Rank)</b>	21.2 (5th)	<b>17.0 (8th)</b>
<b>Opp. Scoring Avg. (UFL Rank)</b>	25.2 (5th)	<b>27.4 (8th)</b>
<b>Total Off. (UFL Rank)</b>	1457 (3rd)	<b>1441 (5th)</b>
<b>Rushing Off. Yd/Gm. (UFL Rank)</b>	134.6 (2nd)	<b>123.6 (3rd)</b>
<b>Passing Off Yd. (UFL Rank)</b>	784 (7th)	<b>823 (6th)</b>
<b>Tackles (UFL Rank)</b>	296 (8th)	<b>328 (4th)</b>
<b>Passes Defended (UFL Rank)</b>	14 (8th)	<b>31 (2nd)</b>
<b>Sacks (UFL Rank)</b>	10 (7th)	<b>12 (T-2nd)</b>
<b>Kickoff Return Avg.(UFL Rank)</b>	25.6 (6th)	<b>27.0 (1st)</b>
<b>Punt Return Avg.</b>	15.8	<b>13.0</b>
<b>Turnover Margin (UFL Rank)</b>	-8 (8th)	<b>1 (3rd)</b>

## PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS VS. CLB

**Nolan Henderson – QB**

Finished going 13-of-25 for 146 yards in the air. Additionally, he also recorded six rushes for 37 yards and one rushing touchdown. He would lead the team in rushing yards and earn 'Player of the Game' for his efforts.

**Jalen White – RB**

Finished the game recording nine carries for 33 yards, scoring the opening touchdown.

**Lawrence Keys III – WR**

Led the team in receiving yards and tied in receptions, recording three catches for 43 yards.

**Marvin Moody Jr. – LB**

Led the team in tackles, recording 11 total tackles, including seven solo tackles and one tackle for loss.

**Malik Fisher – DE**

Recorded one sack for the day along with six total tackles and one forced fumble

## MIDWEST MUSCLE

Several Houston Gamblers players bring Ohio ties to the roster, whether they're hometown products or developed their game at in-state programs, including those who played in Columbus at Ohio State University.

CB **Victor Curne** (Ohio State)  
 CB **Roman Parodie** (Ohio University)  
 TE **Armani Rodges** (Ohio University)  
 DE **Lonnie Phelps** (Cincinnati, OH)  
 T **Jackson Carman** (Fairfield, OH)

## HOLDING DOWN H-TOWN

The Houston Gamblers have four players that rep the Space City and call Houston, Home.

G **Victor Curne** (Houston, TX)  
 CB **Roman Parodie** (Sugar Land, TX)  
 CB **Kary Vincent Jr.** (Port Arthur, TX)

## REPEAT ROUND

The Houston Gamblers and Columbus Aviators meet again following Houston's Week Five win at home, as the Gamblers now travel to Columbus for a head-to-head round two.

With momentum on their side, Houston aims to back up last week's result and establish an early edge in the season series, while the Aviators look to respond on their home turf.



## OFFENSIVE NOTES



## HALL IT IN

Wide receiver **Justin Hall** continued to be a reliable offensive weapon for Houston in their matchup against the DC Defenders.

Hall tied his UFL career season-high with nine receptions, consistently creating separation and serving as a key target in the passing game.

## RUN TO DAYLIGHT

The Gamblers backfield has been exceptional this season, with Houston's rushers totaling 618 rushing yards (123.6 yd/gm) so far this season. For that, the team ranks third amongst the league.

## Team Rushing - UFL 2026

Team	Att.	Yds.	TDs
DC	149	707	10
Columbus	141	673	8
<b>Houston</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>6</b>
Orlando	132	510	3
St. Louis	126	465	3
Dallas	112	443	3
Birmingham	104	355	5
Louisville	95	327	5

## RUNNING WITH PURPOSE

Wide receiver **Lawrence Keys III** has been showcasing his abilities when the ball is in his hands. With a 116 total-yard day against Louisville in Week Four, he ranks second in the league in all-purpose yards..

## All-Purpose Yards - UFL 2026

Name	Yards
Chris Rowland, Orl	525
<b>Lawrence Keys III, Hou</b>	<b>499</b>
Jashaun Corbin, Orl	482
Zaquandre White, Clb	461
Tyler Vaughns, Dal	404

## SLOT MACHINES

**Justin Hall** and **Jontre Kirklin** are unstoppable forces when the ball is in the air. This duo currently ranks amongst the best in the UFL, with Hall tied for fourth in receptions, and Kirklin tied for eighth.

## Total Receptions - UFL 2026

Player, Team	Rec.	Player, Team	Rec.
Tyler Vaughns, Dal	29	Lucky Jackson, Lou	18
Jaydon Mickens, Birm	28	Deon Cain, Birm	18
Chris Rowland, Orl	27	Elijah Badger, Orl	17
Tay Martin, Clb	22	<b>Jontre Kirklin, Hou</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Justin Hall, Hou</b>	<b>22</b>	Cornell Powell, DC	16

## RAISING THE STAKES

Running back **Marcus Yarns** has set himself as one of the top rushers in the league. He currently ranks third in total rushing yards, recording the highest rushing yards in a game this season with 111 yards against Louisville.

## Season-High Rushing Yards - UFL 2026

Name	Yards
<b>Marcus Yarns, Hou</b>	<b>111</b>
Deon Jackson, DC	97
Jarveon Howard, Stl	85
<b>Jalen White, Hou</b>	<b>82</b>
John Lovett, Clb	80

Where he ranks amongst other top rushing leaders:

## Total Rushing - UFL 2026

Name	Yards
Deon Jackson, DC	267
Jarveon Howard, Stl	241
Jashaun Corbin, Orl	239
Dae Dae Hunter, Dal	210
<b>Marcus Yarns, Hou</b>	<b>209</b>

## TEN AT A TIME

The Gamblers have been producing an offense that can march to the redzone. Amongst the rest of the league, Houston ranks top three in first downs.

## First Downs - UFL 2026

Team	Total	Team	Total
Columbus	104	DC	86
Dallas	95	Birmingham	84
<b>Houston</b>	<b>92</b>	St. Louis	76
Orlando	89	Louisville	75



## DEFENSIVE NOTES



### SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS

Houston's defense ranks second in all of the UFL in tackles for loss, seeming to always find a lane to the opponents backfield.

Defensive ends **Malik Fisher** and **Kenny Dyson** aid in that attack, with both being league leaders in tackles for loss.

#### Team Tackles for Loss - UFL 2026

Team	TFL	Avg.
Louisville.....	31	6.2
<b>Houston.....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6.0</b>
DC.....	29	5.8
Orlando.....	26	5.2
St. Louis.....	22	4.4
Columbus.....	21	4.2
Birmingham.....	17	3.4
Dallas.....	14	2.8

### DEFENDING DUO

The Gamblers' secondary is loaded with ballhawks, as cornerbacks **Kary Vincent Jr.** and **Major Burns** have emerged as premier playmakers and leaders in pass defense across the league.

#### Passes Defended - UFL 2026

Player / Team	Tot.	Brkups	Int.
Shaun Wade / Dal.....	9	6	3
Brandon Sebastian / Orl.....	6	6	0
<b>Kary Vincent Jr. / Hou.....</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
Corey Mayfield Jr. / Lou.....	6	4	2
<b>Major Burns / Hou.....</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

### HOUSE ALWAYS WINS

The Gamblers defense have been consistently forcing three-and-outs turnovers, and loss-of-yards against their opponents.

In Week Five, Houston's defense finished the day recording three sacks from four different players, six tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, including a game-ending forced fumble by **Eugene Asante** resulting in recoveries, and two pass breakups.

The defense would also hold Columbus from scoring the entire second-half of the game, a remarkable stat line that adds to the Gamblers' identity.

Key players such as **Marvin Moody Jr.**, **Major Burns**, and **Anthony Hines III** also contributed to this teams' defensive success.

### FISHING FOR A SACK

Defensive end **Malik Fisher** is no stranger to causing havoc to offenses. So far this season, he ranks second in sacks.

#### Sacks - UFL 2026

Player	Sacks	Team
Cam Gill.....	5.5	Louisville
<b>Malik Fisher.....</b>	<b>4.5</b>	Houston
Keshawn Banks.....	4	Orlando
Derick Roberson.....	4	DC
Devonnsha Maxwell.....	4	DC

### COLLECTING THEIR CHIPS

The Houston Gamblers defense has shown a knack for creating takeaways in recent weeks, recording four interceptions across five games.

Cornerback **Major Burns** would snatch interceptions in Week Three and Week Four, marking consecutive games with a pick.

In Week Two, Cornerback **Kary Vincent Jr.** and another Houston defender would each walk away with interceptions against Matt Corral and the Stallions, coming up big during high-stake situations.

The opportunistic unit has capitalized on key moments, disrupting opposing passing attacks and flipping field position.



## SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES



## RIVER RUNS DEEP

Houston punter **Mike Rivers** is the definition of consistency, being one of the top leaders in the league in average yardage per punt. Below is a look at player punting ranked by average.

## Player Punting Stats - UFL Rank

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lng	TB	In20
Brad Robbins.....	9	455	50.6	63	2	3
Brendan Hall.....	5	234	46.8	53	0	1
<b>Mike Rivers.....</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Jack Browning.....	13	600	46.2	56	1	3
Paxton Brooks.....	11	503	45.7	62	1	2

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Return specialist **Lawrence Keys III** has emerged as one of the league's most dangerous playmakers in the return game. Keys ranks among the top three in the league in kick return yards and holds the second-longest return of the season, trailing only to **Jalen Cropper's** 93-yard return in Week One.

## Total Kick Return Yards - UFL 2026

Name,	Yds.	Avg.
Laviska Shenault Jr., Birm.....	375	25.0
Jaden Shirden, Lou.....	327	25.2
<b>Lawrence Keys III, Hou.....</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>26.3</b>
Zaquandre White, Clb.....	237	26.3
Ajene Harris, Dal.....	232	23.2

## STOP, DROP, &amp; KICK

Houston Gamblers place kicker **John Hoyland** has taken the special teams world by storm.

With a historic showing in Week Three against Birmingham, going 5-for-5 and a game-winning field goal, and recording the second-longest field goal in the UFL this season in Week Four, Hoyland currently sits as one of the top in the leader board.

## FGs Based on PCT - UFL 2026

Player/Team	FGM.	FGA.	Pct.	Pts.	Lng
Tanner Brown / Lou.....	14	15	93.3	42	59
Matt McCrane / DC.....	12	15	80.0	38	60
Tucker McCann / Stl.....	10	11	90.9	30	58
<b>John Hoyland / Hou.....</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>59</b>
Michael Lantz / Orl.....	9	11	81.9	27	57

## ACE UP THEIR SLEEVE

The Houston Gamblers are loaded with talent who can zip through alleys, and get the offense in prime field position.

**Lawrence Keys**, **Jalen Cropper**, and **Justin Hall** have been given the reigns of kick return duties, consistently putting the offense in prime field position.

Here is how Houston ranks amongst the rest of the league in kick returns.

## Team Kick Return Statistics - UFL 2026

Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.
<b>Houston Gamblers.....</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>27.0</b>
St. Louis Battlehawks.....	23	636	27.7
Louisville Kings.....	21	559	26.6
Dallas Renegades.....	23	550	23.9
Birmingham Stallions.....	24	537	22.4
Columbus Aviators.....	18	461	25.6
Orlando Storm.....	16	409	25.6
DC Defenders.....	16	406	25.4



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS NUMERICAL ROSTER

## ALPHABETICAL 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
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 Kirklin	WR	5'11"	182	27	LSU	Lutcher, LA
15	Nolan Henderson	QB	5'11"	195	27	Delaware	Smyrna, DE
17	Jalen 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	6'1"	218	26	Auburn	Alexandria, VA
20	Ameer Speed	CB	6'3"	215	26	Michigan State	Jacksonville, FL
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
32	Jalen White	RB	6'0"	205	23	Georgia Southern	Leavenworth, KS
33	Ra'Mello Dotson	CB	6'0"	183	24	Kansas	Daytona Beach, FL
34	Marcus Major	RB	5'11"	213	25	Minnesota	Oklahoma City, OK
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
47	Lonnie Phelps	DE	6'2"	241	25	Kansas	Cincinnati, OH
54	Avery Jones	G	6'4"	305	26	Auburn	Havelock, NC
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	Jackson Carman	T	6'4"	317	26	Clemson	Fairfield, OH
72	Kylon Barrs	NT	6'1"	209	25	USC	Murrieta, CA
73	Tedi Kushi	T	6'5"	302	24	Western Michigan	Grand Rapids, MI
77	Gareth Warren	G	6'5"	313	22	Lindenwood	Jacksonville, FL
79	Gottlieb Ayedze	T	6'5"	320	26	Maryland	Germantown, MD
85	Geor'Quarius Spivey	TE	6'4"	242	26	Mississippi State	Monroe, LA
87	Kaden Davis	WR	5'11"	181	27	NW Missouri State	Ellsworth, KS
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

NO.	NAME	POS.
2	Allen, Christopher	MLB
95	Antwine, Israel	DT
1	Arnette, Damon	CB
19	Asante, Eugene	MLB
79	Ayedze, Gottlieb	T
72	Barrs, Kylon	NT
24	Bolden, Nico	S
18	Burns, Major	S
71	Carman, Jackson	T
99	Clark, Jerrod	NT
64	Curne, Victor	G
87	Davis, Kaden	WR
8	Dekkers, Hunter	QB
33	Dotson, Ra'Mello	CB
55	Dyson, Kenny	DE
92	Fisher, Malik	DE
11	Hall, Justin	WR
15	Henderson, Nolan	QB
57	Hines III, Anthony	LB
46	Hoyland, John	K
54	Jones, Avery	G
59	Joyner, Jah	DE
3	Keys III, Lawrence	WR
13	Kirklin, Jontre	WR
65	Kramer, Jack	C
73	Kushi, Tedi	T
90	Lawrence, Rashard	DE
10	Locksley, Kai	WR
34	Major, Marcus	RB
70	McKenzie, Jalen	T
22	Merritt, Kirk	RB
25	Miller, Glendon	S
28	Moody Jr., Marvin	LB
17	Cropper, Jalen	WR
6	Newsome, Quinton	CB
45	Ortiz, Marco	LS
4	Parodie, Roman	CB
47	Phelps, Lonnie	DE
44	Rivers, Michael	P
88	Rogers, Armani	TE
20	Speed, Ameer	CB
85	Spivey, Geor'Quarius	TE
89	Sutton, Cam	TE
7	Tagovailoa, Taulia	QB
5	Thomas III, Charlie	MLB
0	Vincent Jr., Kary	CB
26	Walker, Eli	S
77	Warren, Gareth	G
32	White, Jalen	RB
21	Yarns, Marcus	RB

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Eugene **Asante** ..... ah-SAHN-tay  
 Jalen **Cropper** ..... CROP-ur  
 Victor **Curne** ..... KURN  
 Gottlieb **Ayedze** ..... GOT-leeb AH-yed-jay  
 Kai **Locksley** ..... kigh LOCKS-lee  
 Roman **Parodie** ..... puh-ROAD-ee

Geor'Quarius **Spivey** ..... Jor-KWAR-ee-us SPY-vee  
 Taulia **Tagovailoa** ..... tah-oo-LEE-ah tung-oh-vye-LOA-ah

## Coaching Staff

KC **Gundy** ..... KAY-SEE



## WEEK 6 UNOFFICIAL DEPTH CHART

## GAMBLERS OFFENSE

<b>QB</b>	15 Nolan Henderson	7 Taulia Tagovailoa	8 Hunter Dekkers
<b>LT</b>	79 Gottlieb Ayedze	73 Tedi Kushi	
<b>LG</b>	64 Victor Curne	54 Avery Jones	
<b>C</b>	65 Jack Kramer	54 Avery Jones	
<b>RG</b>	77 Gareth Warren	71 Jack Carman	
<b>RT</b>	70 Jalen McKenzie	71 Jack Carman	
<b>RB</b>	32 Jalen White	21 Marcus Yarns	34 Marcus Major
<b>TE</b>	88 Armani Rogers	89 Cam Sutton	85 Geo'Quarius Spivey
<b>WR</b>	11 Justin Hall	3 Lawrence Keys III	
<b>WR</b>	13 Jontre Kirklin	10 Kai Locksley	
<b>WR</b>	17 Jalen Cropper	87 Kaden Davis	

## GAMBLERS DEFENSE

<b>DT</b>	90 Rashard Lawrence	99 Jerrod Clark	
<b>DE</b>	92 Malik Fisher	55 Kenny Dyson	
<b>DT</b>	72 Kylon Barrs	95 Israel Antwine	
<b>DE</b>	59 Jah Joyner	2 Christopher Allen	47 Lonnie Phelps
<b>NICK</b>	1 Damon Arnette	33 Ra'Mello Dotson	
<b>LC</b>	0 Kary Vincent Jr.	4 Roman Parodie	
<b>RC</b>	6 Quinton Newsome	20 Ameer Speed	
<b>LB</b>	57 Anthony Hines III	5 Charlie Thomas III	
<b>LB</b>	28 Marvin Moody Jr.	19 Eugene Asante	
<b>DS</b>	26 Eli Walker	24 Nico Bolden	
<b>DS</b>	18 Major Burns	25 Glendon Miller	

## GAMBLERS SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	44 Michael Rivers	
<b>PK</b>	46 John Hoyland	
<b>H</b>	44 Michael Rivers	
<b>LS</b>	45 Marco Ortiz	
<b>KR</b>	3 Lawrence Keys III	87 Kaden Davis
<b>PR</b>	3 Lawrence Keys III	17 Jalen Cropper


 UNITED FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
 2026 STANDINGS

TEAM	OVERALL RECORD	HOME	ROAD	PF	PA
DC Defenders	4-1	2-0	2-1	172	99
Orlando Storm	3-1	2-1	2-0	104	77
Dallas Renegades	3-2	3-1	0-1	134	130
St. Louis Battlehawks	3-2	2-0	1-2	112	116
Louisville Kings	2-3	0-2	2-1	120	110
Houston Gamblers	2-3	2-1	0-2	85	138
Columbus Aviators	1-4	1-1	0-3	106	126
Birmingham Stallions	1-4	0-2	1-2	93	130

*\*Official Week 6 Depth Chart will be released later in the week\**



# THE HOUSTON GAMBLERS STAFF



## KEVIN SUMLIN

### Head Coach



A former college head coach with nearly 100 career wins, Kevin Sumlin has been announced as the new head coach of the Houston Gamblers. Sumlin brings extensive experience from stops at the University of Houston, Texas A&M, the University of Arizona, and the University of Maryland, and now returns to Houston to lead the Gamblers on the spring football stage once again.

A standout multi-sport athlete in high school, Sumlin ultimately chose football and took his talents to West Lafayette, Indiana, where he attended Purdue University. A productive linebacker for the Boilermakers, Sumlin finished his career with 375 total tackles, establishing himself as a tough, dependable presence on the defensive side of the ball.

Following the conclusion of his playing career, Sumlin immediately transitioned into coaching. He served as an assistant at several programs, including Washington State, Wyoming, Minnesota, and Purdue, steadily building his resume and gaining critical experience. Along the way, Sumlin worked with some of the sport's most respected minds, including Bob Stoops at Oklahoma, as he developed into one of college football's most respected offensive coaches.

During his time at Purdue, Sumlin helped guide the offense to a Rose Bowl appearance following the 2000 season with Drew Brees at quarterback. He later continued his offensive success at Oklahoma, where his unit averaged 44 points per game in his final season with the program.

In 2008, Sumlin earned his first head coaching opportunity at the University of Houston. His tenure with the Cougars peaked in 2011, when the team opened the season 12-0. After four seasons and 35 victories, Sumlin moved on, leaving a lasting impact on the Houston program.

Sumlin took over at Texas A&M in 2012 and immediately made national headlines by naming Johnny Manziel his starting quarterback. Manziel went on to win the Heisman Trophy as the Aggies finished 11-2 in their first season in the SEC, highlighted by a win over top-ranked Alabama in Tuscaloosa and a Cotton Bowl victory over 11th ranked Oklahoma. The season marked Texas A&M's first top-five finish in more than six decades.

Over six seasons in College Station, Sumlin posted six consecutive winning seasons and earned three bowl victories, cementing his place as one of the most successful coaches in program history.

After a three-year stint at Arizona, Sumlin turned to spring football as head coach and general manager of the Houston Gamblers during the USFL's 2022 season before spending two more years back in college football at Maryland.

Now, Sumlin returns to Houston with renewed excitement and perspective, eager for another opportunity on the spring football stage.



## THE HOUSTON GAMBLERS STAFF Cont.



### 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.



## THE HOUSTON GAMBLERS 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.



### 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.



### 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.

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## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS

## KARY VINCENT JR

0 • Cornerback

5-10 • 185 • 2/27/1999  
College: LSU

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Finished the game with two tackles and one pass breakup.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded three solo tackles, one interception, and a pass breakup.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Inactive.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded three pass breakups.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Finished the game with two solo tackles.

## 2025

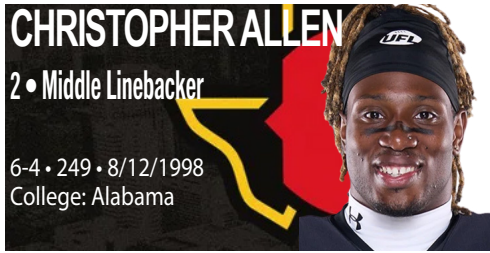
- Appeared in one game for the San Antonio Brahmas, recording three tackles.

## 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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Starter for the defense, but recorded no statistics.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded no statistics.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Inactive.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Finished the game recording four solo tackles and two sacks.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded one tackle.

## 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.

## ROMAN PARODIE

4 • Cornerback

6-1 • 192 • 4/4/2002  
College: Ohio

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas, 4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded no statistics.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded one tackle and one pass breakup.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded no statistics.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded four tackles and one fumble recovery for 10 yards.

## 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.

## DAMON ARNETTE

1 • Cornerback

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Finished the game with two tackles.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded four solo tackles, including one tackle for loss.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded two tackles and one pass breakup.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Finished the game with two solo tackles.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded two total tackles.

## 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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded one reception for 21 yards, while also tallying a punt return for 14 yards and a kickoff return for 55 yards.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded two receptions for seven yards, and two kickoff returns for 36 yards.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Finished with two receptions for 33 yards, while also recording four kick returns 137 yards. He would also tally one solo tackle.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded two receptions for 14 yards. He also recorded four kick returns for 65 yards, and three punt returns for 37 yards.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Led the team in receiving yards and tied in receptions, recording three catches for 43 yards. He also added one kick return for 22 yards.

## 2025

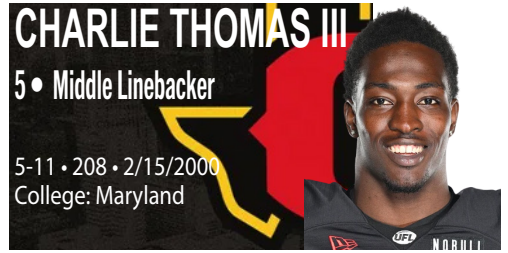
- Appeared in eight games for the Gamblers, recording 17 receptions for 179 yards and four rushes for 26 yards, while tallying 20 kick returns for 424 yards.

## 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.

## CHARLIE THOMAS III

5 • Middle Linebacker

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded seven tackles, include four solo tackles, and tallied one sack and one forced fumble.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded two solo tackles.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Finished with six tackles, including five solo tackles, and half a sack.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded four tackles, including two solo tackles.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded two solo tackles.

## 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.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS CONT.

## QUINTON NEWSOME

6 • Cornerback

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Finished the game with four tackles and one pass breakup.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded three solo tackles and one pass breakup.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded five total tackles, including one tackle for loss.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded five tackles, including four solo tackles.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded three tackles, half a sack, one fumble recovery, and one pass breakup.
- **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.

## HUNTER DEKKERS

8 • Quarterback

6-1 • 210 • 7/4/2001  
College: Iowa Western

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Finished the game going 19-of-22 for 227 yards, while tallying three rushes for 28 yards and a touchdown.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Went 7-of-12 for 47 yards, while tallying two rushes for 14 yards.
- **4/11 vs. DC, 4/16 vs. Louisville:** Inactive.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Inactive.
- **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 tallying 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.

## JUSTIN HALL

11 • Wide Receiver

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded three receptions for 26 yards.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Finished with four receptions for 59 yards.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Led the team in catches and receiving yards, recording nine receptions for 69 yards and a touchdown, tying a career-high in receptions.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Led team in receptions and receiving yards, recording four catches for 44 yards.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded two receptions for 19 yards, while also adding one kick return for 21 yards.
- **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.
- Three-star prospect out of high school.

## TAULIA TAGOVALLOA

7 • Quarterback

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas, 4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Did not see action.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** In his first start of the year, he would finish the game going 21-of-40 with a touchdown and a interception. He would also add four rushes for 23 yards.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Finished going 7-of-14 for 64 yards, while adding four rushes for 20 yards.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Did not play.
- **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 the EFL and the 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.

## KAI LOCKSLEY

10 • Wide Receiver

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Saw action, but recorded no statistics.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Inactive.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Saw action, but recorded no statistics.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville, 4/26 vs. Columbus:** Saw action, but recorded no statistics.
- **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.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

## JONTRE KIRKLIN

13 • Wide Receiver

5-11 • 182 • 10/9/1998  
College: LSU

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Led the team in receiving yards, finishing with four receptions for 60 yards.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Led the team in receiving yards, recording five catches for 85 yards, while tallying one kick return for 27 yards.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded three receptions for 19 yards, while also tallying two kick returns for 49 yards.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded two receptions for 33 yards, while tallying two kick returns for 42 yards.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Tied in leading the team in receptions, recording three catches for 32 yards.

## 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.

## NOLAN HENDERSON

15 • Quarterback

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Finished the game going 3-of-9 for 34 yards and two interceptions, while tallying two rushes for eight yards.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Finished going 15-of-23 for 186 yards. He would also add on three rushes for 24 yards.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Inactive.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Went 4-of-7 for 43 yards, and added three rushes for one yard, before exiting the game.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Finished going 13-of-25 for 146 yards in the air. Additionally, he also recorded six rushes for 37 yards and one rushing touchdown, leading the team in rushing yards

## 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.

## JALEN CROPPER

17 • Wide Receiver

5-11 • 169 • 5/3/2001  
College: Fresno State

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Led the team in receptions, finishing with five catches for 59 yards. He would also record three kick returns for 144 yards and a touchdown.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham, 4/11 vs. DC:** Appeared in the game, but didn't haul in a reception.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville, 4/26 vs. Columbus:** Did not play.

## 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 tallying 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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded six tackles, including five solo tackles, and one pass breakup.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Finished with five tackles, including two solo tackles.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded five tackles, one interception, and one pass breakup.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded four solo tackles, including one tackle for loss, two pass breakups, and one interception.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded five tackles, including four solo tackles and one tackle for loss.

## 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

6-1 • 218 • 1/22/2001  
College: Auburn

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Appeared in game, but recorded no statistics.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded one tackle.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded three total tackles, including one tackle for loss.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded four total tackles, including two solo tackles, and one pass breakup.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded five solo tackles and one forced fumble.

## 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

## AMEER SPEED

20 • Cornerback

6-3 • 215 • 10/13/1999  
College: Michigan State

## 2026 Season

- \*Signed to the Houston Gamblers during Week 6 of the Season

## MARCUS YARNS

21 • Running Back

5-10 • 198 • 10/30/2001  
College: Delaware

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded two rushes for three yards, while tallying two receptions for 13 yards.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Finished with 10 rushes for 55 yards, while tallying two receptions for four yards.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded four rushes for 23 yards.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Led the team in rushing yards, finishing with eight rushes for a UFL season-high of 111 yards, and a touchdown. He would also tally one reception for four yards.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded 10 rushes for 28 yards, while tallying one reception for 12 yards.

## 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.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

## KIRK MERRITT

22 • Running Back (IA)

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded two rushes for three yards, while also tallying four kickoff returns for 86 yards.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded no statistics.
- **4/11 vs. DC, 4/16 vs. Louisville, 4/26 vs. Columbus:** Inactive.

## 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 tallying 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, EMCC and 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 tallying 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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded one tackle.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded no statistics.
- **4/11 vs. DC, 4/16 vs. Louisville:** Inactive.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded one tackle.

## 2025

- Appeared in eight games for the Renegades, 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. 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.

## GLENDON MILLER

25 • Safety

6-2 • 207 • 4/30/2002  
College: Maryland

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded three tackles, including two solo tackles.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded one tackle.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Finished the game with four total tackles.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded two total tackles.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded four tackles, including three solo tackles.

## 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.

## ELI WALKER

26 • Safety

6-2 • 195 • 11/23/1997  
College: Kansas State

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded three tackles, including two solo tackles
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Finished the game with four total tackles.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded four total tackles.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded four solo tackles and one pass breakup.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded two solo tackles.

## 2025

- Appeared in 10 games for the San Antonio Brahmas, recording 57 total tackles, including 42 solo tackles, two pass breakups, and one interception.

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Last played with the USFL's Pittsburgh Maulers in 2022 and 2023, where he totaled 48 tackles, one sack, one interception and two pass breakups.
- Finished his collegiate career at Kansas State, playing two seasons for the Wildcats, compiling 89 career tackles.
- Began his college career at Cerritos JC (Calif.), tallying four interceptions and 117 tackles in 20 career games in 2015 and 2016.

## MARVIN MOODY JR.

28 • Linebacker

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Tied in leading the team in tackles, finishing with eight tackles, including four solo tackles and one tackle for loss.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded three solo tackles.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded two total tackles.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded three total tackles, including two solo tackles.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Led the team in tackles, finishing with 11 total tackles, including seven solo tackles and one tackle for loss.

## 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.

## JALEN WHITE

32 • Running Back

6-0 • 205 • 6/5/2002  
College: Georgia Southern

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded two rushes for one yard.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Led the team in rushing yards, finishing with 26 rushes for 89 yards and a touchdown.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded 10 rushes for 30 yards, while adding three receptions for 26 yards.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded 11 carries for 30 yards.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded nine rushes for 33 yards and one touchdown, while tallying two receptions 29 yards.

## 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.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

## RA'MELLO DOTSON

33 • Cornerback

6-0 • 183 • 2/19/2002

College: Kansas

## 2026 Season

- **\*Joined the Houston Gamblers Week 5 of the Season\***
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Inactive.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Signed with the Las Vegas Raiders as an undrafted free agent in 2025, later being waived.
- He would sign with the Carolina Panthers in July of 2025, but was waived during final roster cuts.
- Played five seasons at Clemson, appearing in 53 total games. He recorded 177 total tackles, including 139 solo tackles, 37 pass breakups, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, one sack, and 12 interceptions with four returned for a touchdown.
- Named first-team All-Big 12 in 2024, and Honorable Mention in 2023.
- Rated a two-star recruit out of high school,.

## MICHAEL RIVERS

44 • Punter/  
Special Teams

6-0 • 186 • 3/22/2000

College: Troy

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded two punts for 98 yards (49.0 avg.).
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Punted once for 52 yards.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded three punts for 137 yards (45.7 avg.).
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded four punts for 175 yards (43.8 avg.).
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded three punts for 142 yards (47.3 avg.), with one inside the 20-yard line.
- **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, tailing 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

## JOHN HOYLAND

46 • Kicker/  
Special Teams

5-10 • 201 • 2/11/2003

College: Wyoming

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Finished going 1-for-1, recording a 44-yard field goal.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Finished the game with a perfect 5-for-5, including a 50-yard game-winning field goal. He would also make from the 24, 26, 32, and 37 yard line.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded no kicking attempts.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Finished going 3-for-4, making a pair from 50 yards, and the other from 59 yards.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Went 1-for-2, making a 23 yarder.
- **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.

## MARCUS MAJOR

34 • Running Back

5-11 • 213 • 11/14/2000

College: Minnesota

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Appeared in game, but recorded no statistics.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded no statistics.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded three rushes for nine yards, while adding one reception for six yards.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Finished with six rushes for 49 yards, while tallying one reception for nine yards.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded nine rushes for 33 yards, while tallying one reception for 12 yards.
- **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

## MARCO ORTIZ

45 • Long Snapper/  
Special Teams

6-4 • 247 • 1/25/2000

College: Nebraska

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Appeared in game for special teams.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Contributed to special teams, adding in 16 of the 22 points scored by Houston.
- **4/11 vs. DC 4/16 vs. Louisville:** Contributed to special teams.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Contributed to the long snapper role for special teams.
- **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.

## LONNIE PHELPS

47 • Defensive End

6-2 • 241 • 8/24/2000

College: Kansas

## 2026 Season

- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded two total tackles, including one tackle for loss.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Did not play.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded two tackles.
- **2025**
- Appeared in seven games for the Brahmas, recording 13 total tackles, two sacks, and one forced fumble.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Signed as an undrafted free agent with the Cleveland Browns in 2023, later being signed to the practice squad.
- Signed to the San Antonio Brahmas in 2025, before later being waived.
- Spent three seasons at Miami (OH) and one season at Kansas, finishing his college career with 114 tackles, including 83 solo tackles, 23 sacks, three forced fumbles, and one fumble recovery.
- Awarded Second-team All-Big 12 in 2022.
- Earned Second and Third-team All-MAC in 2021 and 2020.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

## AVERY JONES

54 • Guard

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

## 2026 Season

- **4/11 vs. DC:** Did not appear in-game.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Contributed to the offensive line.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Inactive.

## 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.

## KENNY DYSON

55 • Linebacker

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded solo two tackles.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Finished with one tackle.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Led the defense in tackles, recording nine total tackles, including four solo tackles, two tackles for loss, and half a sack.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded one solo tackle.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded two solo tackles, including one sack and two tackles for loss.

## 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.

## ANTHONY HINES III

57 • Linebacker

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Tied leading the team in tackles, finishing with eight tackles, including six solo tackles and two tackles for loss.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded five tackles, including three solo tackles.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded solo tackles, including one tackle for loss.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Tied in leading the team in tackles, finishing with seven, including six solo tackles.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded four tackles, including three solo tackles.

## 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.

## JAH JOYNER

59 • Defensive End

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded two total tackles.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Finished with five tackles, including four solo tackles and a tackle for loss.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded three total tackles, including two solo tackles.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Finished with four tackles, including one tackle for loss, and half a sack.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded two tackles and one pass breakup.

## 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.

## VICTOR CURNE

64 • Guard

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Appeared in game, mainly contributing to the offensive line.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham, 4/11 vs. DC:** Starter on the offensive line, contributed heavily to the offense.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Starting guard, contributed to the offensive line.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Appeared in game, contributing to the offensive line.

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Transferred to Ole Miss and started all 13 games as 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.

## JACK KRAMER

65 • Center

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Appeared in game, mainly contributing to the offensive line.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham, 4/11 vs. DC:** Starter on the offensive line, contributed heavily to the offense.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville, 4/26 vs. Columbus:** Starting center, contributed to the offensive line.

## 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.

## JALEN MCKENZIE

70 • Tackle

6-4 • 310 • 7/1/1999  
College: USC

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Appeared in game, mainly contributing to the offensive line.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham, 4/11 vs. DC:** Starter on the offensive line, contributed heavily to the offense.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville, 4/26 vs. Columbus:** Starting tackle, contributed to the offensive line.

## Prior to the Gamblers

- Signed with the Tennessee Titans in 2022, later being released. He would spend time as a versatile journeyman 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.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

## JACKSON CARMAN

71 • Tackle

6-4 • 317 • 1/20/2000  
College: Clemson

## 2026 Season

- **\*Joined the Houston Gamblers Week 5 of the Season\***
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Starting Tackle, contributing to the offensive line.
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Selected by the Cincinnati Bengals in the second round (46th overall) of the 2021 NFL Draft. Would play all 17 games his rookie season.
- Played with the Bengals until being waived in 2024.
- Signed with the Miami Dolphins practice squad, later being promoted to active roster. Would be waived later in 2025.
- Selected by the Birmingham Stallions in the 2026 UFL Draft before being released in April.
- Played three seasons at Clemson, appearing in 40 total games, starting at Tackle for 27 games.
- Named first-team All-ACC in 2020, and second-team All-ACC in 2019.

## KYON BARRS

72 • Nose Tackle

6-1 • 301 • 11/9/2001  
College: USC

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded four tackles and one pass breakup.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded one tackle for loss.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded one solo tackle.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded two total tackles and two pass breakups.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded three tackles, including half a sack and one tackle for loss.
- **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

## TEDI KUSHI

73 • Tackle

6-5 • 302 • 9/20/2001  
College: Western Michigan

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Appeared in game, mainly contributing to the offensive line.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham, 4/11 vs. DC:** Contributed heavily to the offensive line.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville, 4/26 vs. Columbus:** Contributed to the offensive line.
- **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.

## GARETH WARREN

77 • Guard

6-5 • 313 • 8/5/2003  
College: Lindenwood

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Did not see action.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Contributed heavily to the offensive line.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Starter on the offensive line, contributed heavily to the offense.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville, 4/26 vs. Columbus:** Starting guard, contributed to the offensive line.
- **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.

## GOTTLIEB AYEDZE

79 • Tackle

6-5 • 320 • 4/10/2000  
College: Maryland

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Appeared in game, mainly contributing to the offensive line.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Starter on the offensive line, contributed heavily to the offense.
- **4/11 vs. DC, 4/16 vs. Louisville:** Appeared in game, mainly contributing to the offensive line.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Starting tackle, contributing to the offensive line.
- **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 being an unstoppable blocker for his team's rusher, including being in a fourth-ranked overall offense in the Big Ten.

## GEOR'QUARIUS SPIVEY

85 • Tight End

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Appeared in game, but did not record any statistics.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded one tackle.
- **4/11 vs. DC, 4/16 vs. Louisville:** Appeared in game, but did not record any statistics.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Appeared in game on offense and special teams.
- **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.

## KADEN DAVIS

87 • Wide Receiver

5-11 • 181 • 9/25/1998  
College: NW Missouri State

## 2026 Season

- **\*Joined the Houston Gamblers Week 6 of the Season\***
- **Prior to the Gamblers**
- Signed with the Denver Broncos as an undrafted free agent in 2022, later being released in 2023.
- He would sign with the Michigan Panthers in May of 2023, totaling 83 receiving yards, 333 return yards and two touchdowns in five games.
- He would later have stints with the Arizona Cardinals and Detroit Lions through 2023 and 2024, being waived by both teams.
- After a stint with the Broncos, he would be signed by the Cleveland Browns, promoted to the active roster in 2025 as a return specialist. He would later be waived by the team by November of 2025.
- Played one season at Butler CC before transferring to Northwest Missouri State for two seasons, appearing in 27 total games. He recorded 55 receptions for 971 yards and 11 touchdowns, while tallying one kick return for a touchdown.
- Honorable Mention All-MIAA selection in 2021.



## HOUSTON GAMBLERS 2026 PLAYER BIOS, CONT.

## ARMANI ROGERS

88 • Tight End

6-5 • 233 12/4/1997  
College: Ohio

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Appeared in game getting two targets , but did haul in any receptions.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded one reception for 29 yards.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Hauled in two receptions for 15 yards, while adding two total tackles.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded one reception for three yards.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded one reception for a loss of one yard.

## 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.

## RASHARD LAWRENCE

90 • Defensive End

6-2 • 312 • 8/27/1998  
College: LSU

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Finished with three tackles, including two solo tackles.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded one tackle.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Finished with one pass breakup.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded one tackle and two pass breakups.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Inactive

## 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.

## ISRAEL ANTWINE

95 • Defensive Tackle

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded four tackles, including two solo tackles and one tackle for loss.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Appeared in the game, but recorded no statistics.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded two total tackles.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Finished the game with two total tackles.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Recorded four tackles.

## 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.

## CAM SUTTON

89 • Tight End

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Recorded three receptions for 43 yards.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Tied in leading the team in receptions, recording five catches for 44 yards.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded one reception for three yards.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Appeared in game, but recorded no statistics.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Inactive.

## 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.

## MALIK FISHER

92 • Defensive End

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

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas:** Finished the game with five tackles, including three solo tackles, one sack, and two tackles for loss, while tallying one pass breakup.
- **4/5 vs. Birmingham:** Recorded two tackles, including one sack and a tackle for loss.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded five tackles, including four solo tackles, two tackles for loss, and one sack.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Recorded two total tackles, including half a sack.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Finished the game recording six tackles, including three solo tackles, one sack, one tackle for loss, and one forced fumble.

## 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.

## JERROD CLARK

99 • Nose Tackle

6-3 • 337 • 11/16/1999  
College: Coastal Carolina

## 2026 Season

- **3/28 vs. Dallas;** **4/5 vs. Birmingham** Appeared in game, but recorded no statistics.
- **4/11 vs. DC:** Recorded two total tackles.
- **4/16 vs. Louisville:** Appeared in game as a starter, but recorded no statistics.
- **4/26 vs. Columbus:** Appeared in game, but recorded no statistics.

## 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.

