



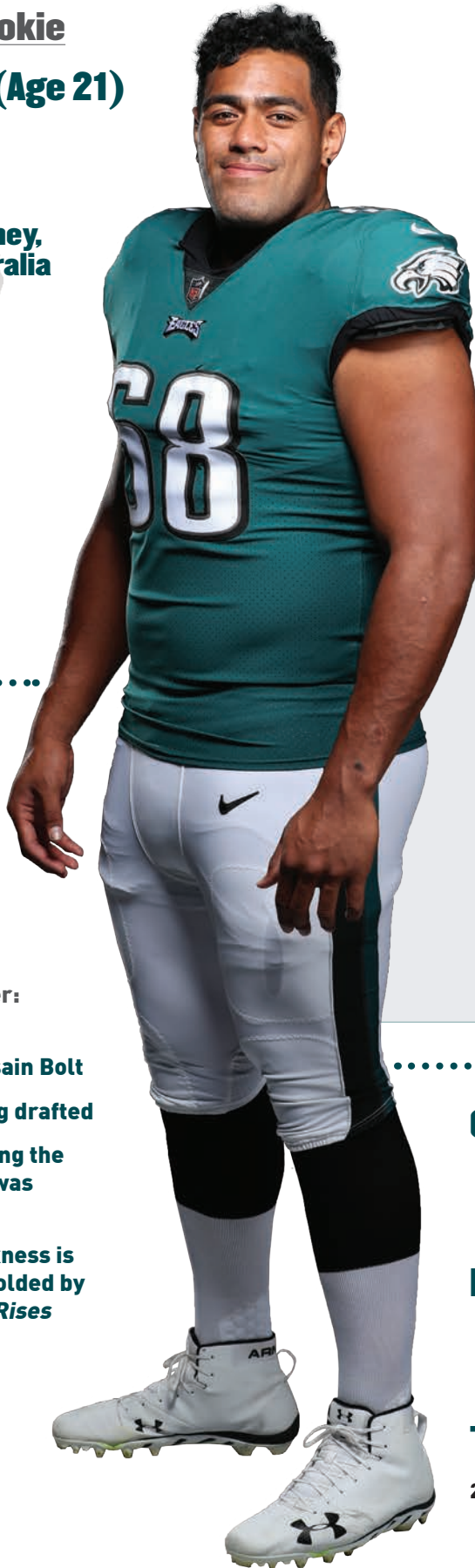
6-8 | 346  **Rookie**
DOB: March 31, 1997 (Age 21)



**Sydney,
Australia**



**D7-18 (233rd overall)
by Philadelphia**



A former professional rugby player and an Australian native of Samoan heritage, **Jordan Mailata** (pronounced my-LOT-uh) was originally selected by Philadelphia in the 7th round (233rd overall) of the 2018 NFL Draft, despite having no prior football experience. In 2017, Mailata, who was a front rower for the National Rugby League's South Sydney Rabbitohs, entered the NFL's International Pathway program and also trained at IMG Academy in Florida. The 6-8, 346 pound offensive tackle is currently the youngest player on the Eagles roster.

THREE STEP DROP

First job: McDonald's

Hobbies: Playing guitar

Desired talent: Swimming

**If he could play another sport:
Horse jockey**

**Player he models his game after:
Jason Peters**

Favorite athlete growing up: Usain Bolt

Moment left star struck: Getting drafted

**Favorite sports moment: Winning the
Rugby Grand Final when he was
14 years old**

**Favorite quote: "You think darkness is
your ally? I was born in it, molded by
it." - Bane, *The Dark Knight Rises***

**Favorite movies: *The Lord of
the Rings* trilogy and
Star Wars movies**

**Favorite TV show:
*The Walking Dead***

Favorite music: Everything

BIRDSEED

Mailata's size was no longer compatible for playing rugby, as he was asked to drop 50 pounds from his 310-pound playing weight. That goal quickly became unrealistic given his 10-percent body fat.

Mailata played rugby for the South Sydney Rabbitohs, a club owned by actor Russell Crowe.

Mailata, who was born Lafoga Jordan Mailata, is named after NBA legend Michael Jordan. His parents allowed his older sister to choose his middle name.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Originally selected by the Eagles as an offensive tackle in the 7th round (233rd overall) of the 2018 NFL Draft

BEFORE THE NFL

- Played professional rugby as a front rower for the South Sydney Rabbitohs of Australia's National Rugby League

TRANSACTIONS

- 2018** Drafted by PHI in 7th round (233rd overall)
Signed 4-year contract