



JOEY ALFIERI
LINEBACKER • 50



Height: 6-3 Weight: 239
DOB: March 6, 1996 (Age 23)
Hometown: Portland, OR (Jesuit)
College: Stanford

BIRDSEED: Prepped at Jesuit (OR), where he was a three-time varsity letterwinner at LB, FB and RB ... Totaled 1,712 rushing yards (9.7 avg.), 22 TDs and 60 tackles as a senior ... Is the son of Phil and Kelly Alfieri and has five siblings ... A two-time Pac-12 All-Academic honoree ... Majored in management science and engineering

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Played collegiately at Stanford, where he totaled 165 tackles (89 solo), 26.5 TFLs, 14.0 sacks, 2 INTs, 2 FFs, 2 FRs, 6 PDs and 1 TD in 50 career games ... Recorded 37 tackles (21 solo), 5.5 TFLs, 3.5 sacks, 1 FF, 1 FR, 3 PDs and 1 TD in 10 games (9 starts) as a fifth-year senior in 2018 ... As a senior in 2017, produced 37 tackles (15 solo) and 3.5 TFLs in 13 games ... Earned All-Pac-12 honorable mention accolades following his junior season in 2016, when he started all 13 games and finished with 51 tackles (30 solo), 10.5 TFLs and 5.0 sacks ... Posted 40 tackles, 7.0 TFLs and 3.5 sacks in 14 games (5 starts) in 2015

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RYAN BATES
OFFENSIVE TACKLE • 74



Height: 6-4 Weight: 302
DOB: Feb. 14, 1997 (Age 22)
Hometown: Warrington, PA (Archbishop Wood)
College: Penn State

BIRDSEED: A three-year letterman at Archbishop Wood (PA) High School ... Named the 2014 Pennsylvania Football News Lineman of the Year ... Won back-to-back PIAA Class AAA state titles in 2013 and 2014 ... Is the son of Norman Bates and Theresa Strocen-Bates ... Has one sister, Anna ... Majored in labor and employment relations

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Started 12 games (9 at LT, 3 at RT) during his junior season in 2018 ... Earned third-team All-Big Ten honors by the league's coaches and media and was among the candidates on the preseason watch list for the Outland Trophy, given to the nation's top interior lineman ... Voted third-team All-Big Ten by the league's coaches and media as a sophomore in 2017 ... Also garnered third-team All-Big Ten honors from *Phil Steele* ... Saw action in 10 games, including 8 starts (all at LT) ... Selected as a Freshman All-American by the Football Writers Association of America and *USA Today* in 2016 ... Also named to BTN.com's and ESPN.com's All-Big Ten Freshman Team ... Started all 14 games at LG and LT (one of two Penn State OL to start every game)

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T.J. EDWARDS
LINEBACKER • 57



Height: 6-1 Weight: 242
DOB: Aug. 12, 1996 (Age 22)
Hometown: Lake Villa, IL (Lakes Community)
College: Wisconsin

BIRDSEED: Attended Lakes Community (IL) High School, where he received all-state honors as a junior and senior ... Also lettered four years in basketball and two in baseball ... Is the son of Cathy and Vince Edwards ... His brother, Lee Chiakas, played rugby at Southern Illinois from 2006-08 ... Graduated with degree in life sciences communication

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Played in 53 games (52 starts) at inside LB during his four-year collegiate career at Wisconsin ... His 52 starts are the 2nd-most in school history and 5th-most by a Big Ten player ... Made 367 tackles, ranking No. 9 all-time at Wisconsin ... Led the Badgers in tackles in three separate seasons (2015, 2016, 2018) ... Logged 37.5 TFLs and 8.0 sacks ... Recorded 10 INTs, which are the most by a LB in Wisconsin history ... Part of a senior class that went 42-12 (.778), including a 27-8 (.771) mark in Big Ten play and a 4-0 record in bowl games ... In 2018, earned first-team All-Big Ten by the media and second-team All-Big Ten by the league's coaches ... Named first-team All-America and was a consensus All-Big Ten honoree in 2017 ... Also selected as a Butkus Award finalist ... In 2016, earned All-Big Ten honorable mention accolades and was voted Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic Defensive MVP ... In 2015, received Freshman All-America (FWAA) and Big Ten All-Freshman (ESPN) honors

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NATE HERBIG
OFFENSIVE GUARD • 67

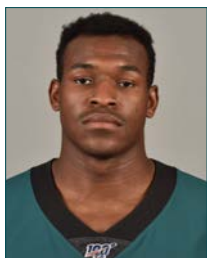


Height: 6-4 Weight: 334
DOB: Oct. 7, 1994 (Age 24)
Hometown: Kalaheo, HI (Saint Louis)
College: Stanford

BIRDSEED: Played at Saint Louis (HI) High School, where he earned first-team all-state and all-conference accolades ... Led team to a pair of conference titles ... Is the son of Bruce and Robyn Herbig and has two siblings, Jake and Nick ... Born in Lihue, HI, and moved from Kauai to Oahu when he was in high school ... Majored in communication

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Played in 7 games (all starts) at RG (6) and RT (1) and finished with All-Pac-12 honors as a junior in 2018 ... Protected QB **K.J. Costello**, who finished with the 2nd-most single-season passing yards in school history ... Entered final season on the Outland Trophy watch list and was named to the AP preseason All-America first team ... Garnered first-team All-Pac-12 honors as a sophomore in 2017, seeing action in 13 games ... As a freshman in 2016, played in 13 games, including 6 starts at LG ... Became the first true freshman to start on Stanford's offensive line since 2012 and second since 2000

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JAY LIGGINS
CORNERBACK • 46



Height: 6-2 Weight: 200
DOB: April 26, 1996 (Age 23)
Hometown: Bismarck, ND (Bismarck)
College: Dickinson State

BIRDSEED: Mother moved his family from Memphis, TN, to Bismarck, ND, for an opportunity at a better life ... Mother later relocated to Colorado, but Jay and three of his siblings wanted to stay in North Dakota ... Fostered by a family friend ... Track and field and football star ... Was interested in a military career before college football

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: A member of a senior class that went 35-11 (.761) overall and 21-3 (.875) in conference play from 2015-18 ... Saw action in 12 games in 2018, totaling 35 tackles (24 solo), 3.0 TFLs and a team-leading, career-high 8 INTs for 109 yards ... Played in 10 games as a junior in 2017 and produced 31 tackles (27 solo), 3.0 TFLs, 3 INTs and 1 FR ... In 2016, finished with 33 tackles (18 solo) and 1.0 TFL in 10 contests ... Posted 52 tackles (31 solo), 0.5 TFLs and 2 INTs in 11 games as a freshman in 2015

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SUA OPETA
OFFENSIVE GUARD • 78



Height: 6-4 Weight: 305
DOB: Aug. 15, 1996 (Age 22)
Hometown: Stansbury Park, UT (Stansbury)
College: Weber State

BIRDSEED: Attended Stansbury Park (UT) High School, where he received all-state and all-region honors ... Is the son of Amerika and Christy Opeta ... Has a twin brother, Isaia, and a sister, Malia ... Graduated from Weber State with a degree in human performance management ... Full name: Iosua Opeta (pronounced YO-sue-a O-pet-a)

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Finished his career at Weber State playing in 50 games over four seasons, including every contests in each of his final three seasons on the offensive line ... A two-time All-America and two-time first-team All-Big Sky honoree ... As a senior in 2018, was voted a consensus All-American as well as first-team All-Big Sky after starting all 13 games and serving as a team captain ... Part of a Wildcat team that won 10 games and a conference title and earned the No. 2 seed in the FCS playoffs ... Started all 14 games as a junior in 2017 as part of Weber State's historic season that included a Big Sky title, a school-record 11 wins and two wins in the FCS playoffs ... Earned All-America and All-Big Sky accolades ... As a sophomore in 2016, started all 12 games on the offensive line after moving from the defensive side of the ball in spring practice ... Named honorable mention all-conference and helped the Wildcats to the FCS playoffs

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KEEGAN RENDER
CENTER • 64



Height: 6-4 Weight: 307
DOB: Nov. 23, 1995 (Age 23)
Hometown: Indianola, IA (Indianola)
College: Iowa

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Named third-team All-Big Ten by league media and honorable mention by coaches after starting all 13 games at center as a senior in 2018 ... Played in 13 games as a junior in 2017 ... Saw action in all 13 games, including 8 starts (7 at LG, 1 at RG) as a sophomore in 2016 ... Participated in a career-high 14 games as a redshirt freshman in 2015

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BIRDSEED: Played football at Indianola (IA) High School ... Named to Elite All-State first team as a senior and junior ... Received all-conference honors three straight years after earning honorable mention as a freshman ... Earned three letters in track and one in basketball, while also competing in baseball ... Is the son of Karen and Terry Render



ANTHONY RUSH
DEFENSIVE TACKLE • 66



Height: 6-5 Weight: 350
DOB: Sept. 1, 1996 (Age 22)
Hometown: Cary, NC (Cary)
College: UAB

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: As a senior in 2018, recorded 43 tackles (26 solo), 11.0 TFLs, 2.0 sacks and 2 FFs ... Played in all 13 games (4 starts) as a junior in 2017, finishing the season with 34 tackles (17 solo) and 9.0 TFLs ... Returned an interception 27 yards for a TD against Alabama A&M (9/2/17) ... Prior to transferring to UAB, played at Northeast Mississippi Community College from 2015-16 ... Recorded 73 tackles and 4.0 sacks during two-year span

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BIRDSEED: Played for Cary (NC) High School ... Named to the All-Southwest Wake Athletic Conference first-team during his junior year ... Is the son of Kai Hill and Travis Rush ... Majored in communication studies



DEANDRE THOMPKINS
WIDE RECEIVER • 81



Height: 5-11 Weight: 188
DOB: Oct. 1, 1995 (Age 23)
Hometown: Swansboro, NC (Swansboro)
College: Penn State

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Tied for 4th all-time at Penn State with 2 career punt return TDs, matching 10 other Nittany Lions (most recently: **Larry Johnson**, 1998-2002) ... Became 31st Nittany Lion with more than 1,000 career receiving yards (finished his career ranked 21st in Penn State history - 1,245) ... Appeared in 13 games (6 starts) as a senior in 2018, registering 25 receptions for 329 yards (13.2 avg.) and 2 TDs while adding 18 punt returns for 176 yards (9.8 avg.) and 1 TD ... In 2017, earned second-team All-Big Ten honors from the coaches and third-team accolades from the media voters as a return specialist ... Played in all 13 games (8 starts) and caught 28 passes for 443 yards (15.8 avg.) and 3 TDs ... Logged a career-high 319 yards and 1 TD on 24 punt returns (13.3 avg.) ... Posted 27 receptions for 440 yards (16.3 avg.) and 1 TD

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BIRDSEED: Played RB and WR at Swansboro (NC) High School ... Is the son of Shawn and Jawanna Thompkins ... His mother, Jawanna, played softball at Florida A&M ... Born in Pensacola, FL ... Graduated with degrees in psychology and criminology ... Would like to pursue a career in neuropsychology ... Enjoys playing the guitar



CASEY TUCKER

OFFENSIVE TACKLE • 76



Height: 6-6 Weight: 315
DOB: Sept. 26, 1995 (Age 23)
Hometown: Gilbert, AZ (Hamilton)
College: Arizona State

BIRDSEED: Prepped at Hamilton (AZ) High School ... One of the elite high school recruits coming out of high school in 2013 ... Participated in the 2013 Under Armour All-American Game and was also invited to the 2014 U.S. Army All-American Game ... Graduated from Stanford with a degree in philosophy

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Played his final collegiate season at Arizona State after spending the previous three seasons at Stanford ... Selected to the Pac-12 All-Conference team (honorable mention) in 2018 ... Part of an offensive line that allowed just 15.0 sacks all season, good for the 3rd-fewest allowed by a Sun Devil offensive line in program history ... Appeared in 27 games over three years at Stanford, spending time at each tackle position ... Started 22 games, including all 14 during Stanford's 2015 Rose Bowl run his sophomore season ... Former Stanford RB **Christian McCaffrey** ran for 2,019 yards behind Tucker and company in 2015

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KEVIN WILKINS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE • 78



Height: 6-2 Weight: 304
DOB: April 10, 1995 (Age 24)
Hometown: Montvale, NJ (St. Joseph)
College: Rutgers

BIRDSEED: Played football at St. Joseph (NJ) High School ... Separated from his mother when he was 6 years old as she struggled with drug addiction ... Lived in several foster and group homes over the next few years ... Adopted by Kathleen Wilkins and eventually reunited with his biological mother ... Majored in labor and employment relations

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS: Started 11 games at DE as a senior in 2018, totaling 50 tackles to lead the defensive line (including 48 stops against the run) ... Recorded 6 TFLs and 3 PDs ... Presented the Bender Trophy, which is awarded to linemen to properly recognize merit ... As a junior in 2017, played in 12 games (8 starts) at DE and picked up 47 tackles with 5.5 TFLs ... Added 5 QB hurries and 2 PDs ... Finished his sophomore season in 2016 with 15 tackles, 1.5 sacks and 1 PD in 12 games (1 start at NT) ... As a redshirt freshman in 2015, appeared in all 12 games as the backup NT, totaling 14 tackles, 4.5 TFLs, 1 INT and 1 blocked FG

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