

UAB Football National Signing Day 2023

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BIRMINGHAM – Head Coach [Trent Dilfer](#) and his staff have added 10 players on Wednesday's National Signing Day. Along with December's early signing period in which UAB added 16 players, Dilfer's first signing class comes to 26 players who signed NLIs.

The 10 signees below are listed in order of how their NLIs were received on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023.

Guerlens Milfort – NT – 6-1 – 275 – Lakeland, Fla. – Lakeland..3-star recruit according to On3..Helped Lakeland win the 5A Florida State Championship..Ranked the No. 172 player in the state of Florida..Chose UAB over NC State, Pitt, Iowa State, UCF and USF.

Mason Chorak – OL – 6-5 – 265 – Scottsdale, Ariz. – Saguaro HS..Helped Saguaro to a 9-4 overall record as a senior..Extremely high upside tackle who chose UAB over Arizona State.

Jonathan Allen – DL – 6-1 – 270 – Birmingham, Ala. – Jackson-Olin..Local product who had offers from Georgia Tech and Western Kentucky..Looks to contribute on the interior defensive line for the Blazers.

Tyler Thomas – DE – 6-4 – 230 – Mobile, Ala. – Cottage Hill Christian..Dual sport athlete who excelled in football and basketball..Had 109 total tackles and 18 sacks as a senior..Currently averages 16.4 ppg in basketball..Chose UAB over Georgia Southern and Vanderbilt.

Corri Milliner – WR – 6-2 – 170 – Alexander City, Ala. – Benjamin Russell..3-star recruit according to On3..No. 58 ranked player in the state of Alabama..Helped Benjamin Russell to an 8-3 overall record..Had 37 catches for 813 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior..Chose UAB over Jacksonville State.

Miquon Merriweather – DL – 6-1 – 295 – Columbus, Ga. – Carver Columbus HS..Helped Carver to a 9-3 overall record..Had 42 tackles, 7.0 sacks and 14 TFL as a senior.

Delano Townsend – OL – 6-4 – 300 – Flint, Mich. – Hamady Community HS..3-star recruit according to On3..Helped Hamady to a 10-2 overall record..Chose UAB over Western Michigan and Miami (OH).

Logan Moore – OL – 6-7 – 255 – San Diego, Calif. – Lincoln..Helped Lincoln to 13-1 overall record and the program's first state title with a win over powerhouse De La Salle..Massive upside prospect who will add immediate depth to the offensive line.

Jordan Hall – OL – 6-8 – 335 – Columbus, Ohio – KIPP Columbus..3-star recruit according to On3..Chose UAB over Penn State, Colorado, Marshall, Toledo, Ball State and Hawaii.

Isaiah Jacobs – RB – 5-10 – 220 – Tulsa, Okla. – Owassa – Maryland/Independence CC... Nation's No. 35 ranked running back in 2019...Sixth-ranked player out of Oklahoma...Spent 2020 and 2021 at Maryland...In 2022 at Independence CC, rushed 115 times for 514 yards and two touchdowns...Averaged 57.1 yards per game and 4.5 yards per carry.

The 16 players that UAB added on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022:

Everett Roussaw Jr. – LB – 6-2, 215 – Ellenwood, Ga – Cedar Grove..3-star recruit..Ranked as the 103rd linebacker in the country..Led Cedar Grove to state championship game..Chose UAB over Arkansas, Louisville, Duke, Charlotte, Mississippi State, Missouri, UCF and Virginia Tech.

Ricky Lee – CB – 5-11, 170 – Ellenwood, Ga. – Cedar Grove..Helped lead Cedar Grove to Georgia state championship game..Chose UAB over Colorado, UConn, Duke, Bowling Green and Arkansas State.

Connor Knight – DL – 6-3, 285 – Trussville, AL – Hewitt-Trussville..3-star recruit by 247 Sports..Decommitted from USF and chose UAB over Arkansas, Florida State, Houston, Kentucky, Liberty, Miami, Missouri, Oregon State, Purdue, South Carolina, Texas Tech, Western Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi State, Memphis, Maryland, Hawaii and USF.

Emmanuel Waller – DL – 6-4, 250 – Birmingham, AL – Oak Mountain..Decommitted from BYU to attend UAB and also had offers from Duke, Georgia Tech, Indiana, Marshall, Memphis, Mississippi State, Troy, Tulane, West Virginia, Auburn, Kentucky, Notre Dame, UCF, USC and Virginia Tech.

Eamon Smalls – DL – 6-2, 295 – Ladys Island, S.C. – Fulshear HS (Texas)..3-Star recruit..Chose UAB over South Carolina, West Virginia, Charlotte, Coastal Carolina, East Carolina and Liberty.

Jalen Nettles – OL – 6-4, 300 – Canton, Miss – Canton HS – Northwest Mississippi – Help Northwest Mississippi to a 10-2 record and a berth in the NJCAA Semifinals..Helped the Rangers average 392.7 yards per game in 2022..Was 19-5 in his two seasons.

James Smyre – LB – 6-2, 220 – Columbus, Ga. – Central Phenix HS (AL)..Transferring to UAB from Marshall where he spent the 2022 season as a true freshman and did not have any stats.

Malachi Holt-Bennett – WR – 6-3, 190 – Birmingham, AL – Fairfield..Transfer from Indiana..Had six catches for 90 yards in 2022.

BJ Hawkins Jr – WR – 6-0, 185 – Waxahachie, Texas – Navarro JC – Had 28 catches for 586 yards and four touchdowns as a sophomore for Navarro in 2022.

Jamarcus Jones – DB – 6-4, 220 – Union, Miss – Union – Mississippi Gulf Coast..As a senior in high school, caught 46 passes for 1,087 yards and 10 TD ..Named to Mississippi Association of Coaches Class 2A First Team ... Selected to play in Bernard Blackwell All-Star Game..Had 46 total tackles at Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Amare Thomas – WR – 5-10, 180 – Pinson, AL – Pinson Valley – Chose UAB over Virginia, Alabama State, Alcorn State, Arkansas State and Army.

Chris Bracy – S – 6-1, 185 – Mobile, AL – St. Paul's Episcopal..3-star recruit by 247 Sports..Selected to the North-South Alabama All-Star Game..Led St. Paul's to the third round of the State Playoffs..Chose UAB over Kentucky, North Alabama and West Florida

Alfonzo Leomiti – OL – 6-4, 310 – Los Alamitos, Calif. – Los Alamitos HS – 6-4, 310

Kameran Shanks – WR – 5-9, 175 – Prattville, Ala. – Prattville..Chose UAB over Tulane, Liberty, Jacksonville State, Southern Miss and Troy.

Jaylyn Ferguson – WR – 6-3, 160 – Fort Worth, Texas – Southwest HS

Dilfer Announces UAB's Early Signing Day Class of 2023

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"It was quite a day for UAB football," Dilfer said. "I don't want to talk in hyperbolizes, but I can't imagine there has ever been this big of a signing class this early on, because it hasn't been around for that long. I think we are putting together the best class that this school has ever seen."

"We have addressed both immediate issues to create competition at key positions, but mainly keeping a bigger eye on building a foundation that is an absolute stone with the freshman class."

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