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Lorenzo Lingard 6-0 210 Running Back Orange City, Fla.	Conner Cravaack 6-5 220 Tight End	Darius Owens 6-0 175 Safety Snellville, Ga.

University HS Florida	Cincinnati, Ohio Madeira HS	South Gwinnett HS
Ahmad Rabah 6-5 215 Defensive Lineman Paterson, N.J. Passaic County Technical Institute American International College (Mass.)	Bruno Dall 6-8 230 Defensive Lineman Hamburg, Germany St. Stanislaus (Miss.) HS	Melvin Spriggs 6-3 215 Linebacker Baton Rouge, La. St. Michael the Archangel (Va.) HS
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Terray Jones (6-1 | 290 | Defensive Lineman | Madison, Fla. | Madison County HS | Tennessee State)

- Appeared in 37 career games at Tennessee State registering 89 total tackles, including 44 solo stops and 45 assisted tackles, while tallying 8.5 sacks and 16 tackles for a loss
- Played in all 12 games this season en route to garnering 37 tackles (12 solo and 25 assisted), 6.5 tackles for a loss and 4.0 sacks
- Played in 10 games as a junior recording 28 stops, 20 solo, eight assists, 4.5 for loss

and three sacks

- Posted a career-high 11 tackles in the season opener against Grambling State including 10 solo stops on Sept. 5, 2021
- Played in seven games in the spring 2021 campaign finishing with eight tackles, three solo, five assists, 1.0 for loss, .5 sacks, two quarterback hurries and one pass breakup
- Appeared in 10 games as a freshman, starting eight at defensive tackle finishing with 16 tackles, nine solo, 4.5 for loss, one sack, two quarterback hurries and forced a fumble
- Led Madison County High School to back-to-back 1A state championship titles compiling 155 tackles, 52 solos and 11 sacks over his final two seasons
- A three-star prospect by [ESPN](#), ranked 63rd at defensive tackle
- Rated a three-star prospect by [247Sports](#), ranked 88th at position

Lorenzo Lingard (6-0 | 210 | Running Back | Orange City, Fla. | University HS | Florida)

- Appeared in 32 games for Florida, registering 150 yards rushing on 26 carries
- Earned his bachelor's degree in education sciences from Florida in Fall 2022
- Has played in 10 games this season primarily on special teams, while rushing for 75 yards on 10 carries, including five carries for 45 yards and a touchdown vs. Eastern Washington (Oct. 2).
- Saw action all 13 games in 2021, appearing as a reserve running back in four games with 11 total carries for 43 yards and one reception for nine yards
- Played in nine games in 2020
- Saw action in two games at Miami in 2019 and was later redshirted.
- Played in six games as a true freshman at Miami in 2018 before suffering leg injury that derailed rookie season, rushing 17 times for 136 yards with two touchdowns and long rush of 64 yards
- Consensus five-star prospect by [ESPN](#), [247Sports.com](#) and [Rivals.com](#)
- Rated as No. 2 running back in the country by [247Sports.com](#)
- Listed as 25th-best prospect in nation and sixth-best recruit in state of Florida by [247Sports.com](#)
- Ranked as No. 4 running back, No. 18 recruit in Florida and the 60th overall prospect nationally by [ESPN.com](#)
- Rated second-best running back, fourth-best recruit in Florida and 13th recruit nationally by [Rivals.com](#)
- Selected to 2018 U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio
- Rushed for more than 2,500 career yards in high school, including gaining 1,701

yards on 207 carries and scored 26 touchdowns as senior en route to Gatorade Florida Player of the Year honors

Ahmad Rabah (6-5 | 215 | Defensive Lineman | Paterson, N.J. | Passaic County Technical Institute | American International College (Mass.))

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- Added 40 and 23 tackles, respectively, during the 2020 and 2021 campaigns

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Conner Cravaack (6-5 | 220 | Tight End | Cincinnati, Ohio | Madeira HS)

- Helped lead Madeira High School to an 11-2 record in 2022
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Bruno Dall (6-8 | 230 | Defensive Lineman | Hamburg, Germany | St. Stanislaus (Miss.) HS)

- Helped lead St. Stanislaus High School to a 7-5 record in 2022
- Recorded 81 total tackles, including 38 solo stops and 5.0 sacks as a senior

Jayvin James (6-6 | 260 | Offensive Lineman | Pompano Beach, Fla. | Blanche Ely HS)

- Helped lead Blanche Ely High School to a 10-1 record in 2022
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- Helped lead Canarsie High School to a 10-3 record as a senior

Jonas Mann (6-8 | 295 | Offensive Lineman | Pickerington, Ohio | Pickerington North HS)

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