

Football Adding More Talent On February Signing Day

MUNCIE, Ind. -- It is football signing day round two, as the Ball State football team continues to add to its highly touted 2023 signing class.

So far today (Wednesday, Feb. 1), head coach Mike Neu and staff have added two more high school standouts, along with three talented transfers to the roster for next season.

That is in addition to the 21 new student-athletes the program locked up during the early signing period in December.

Ball State's latest signees include:

Ball State's 2023 February Signing Class – Incoming Freshman:

Ethan Evers | LB | 6-1 | 210 | Fr. | Goshen, Ind. (NorthWood)

RJ Mukes III | WR | 5-10 | 180 | Fr. | Dayton, Ohio (Wayne)

Ball State's 2023 February Signing Class – Transfer Student-Athletes:

Tucker Dunn | LS | 6-3 | 240 | Gr. | Cranberry Township, Pa. (Pittsburgh Central / Colgate)

Jon Mucciolo | OL | 6-4 | 310 | Gr. | Mahopac, N.Y. (Archbishop Stepinac / Sacred Heart)

Luke Wiginton | OL | 6-5 | 305 | Jr. | Fort Wayne, Ind. (Bishop Dwenger / Indiana)

More info on each signee can also be found below:

Ethan Evers | LB | 6-1 | 210 | Fr. | Goshen, Ind. (NorthWood)

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year varsity letterwinner at NorthWood High School ...played for coach Nate Andrews ... helped guide the Panthers to a 27-14 record over his career, including an 11-1 record and a Northern Lakes Conference Championship his senior season ...first team all-state as a senior, after earning first team junior all-state as a sophomore and junior ...three-time all-conference first team selection ...was named Black Crunch Player of the Year as a junior, while earning all-area first team in each of his final three seasons ... finished his career with a program record 38.5 tackles for loss ...also registered 261 career tackles on defense, while rushing for 812 yards and 19 career touchdowns on offense ...also earned two letters in basketball at NorthWood ...PERSONAL: Son of Amanda and Jason Evers ...has one sister, Tatum ...father played tennis at the University of Illinois Springfield ...intends to major in sports management.

RJ Mukes III | WR | 5-10 | 180 | Fr. | Dayton, Ohio (Wayne)

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year varsity letterwinner at Wayne High School ...played for his father Roosevelt Mukes Jr. ...finished his high school career ranked second in program history in regular season receptions and yards

...a two-time team captain ...earned first team all-state as a senior and first team all-conference as a junior and senior ...also named the Team MVP and earned the program's Hardest Worker Award as a senior ... Wayne's Special Teams Player of the Year as a junior, after earning the Coaches Award as a sophomore ... finished his senior season with 1,011 receiving yards and 10 touchdowns on 80 receptions ...also registered over 1,700 all-purpose yards ...also a three-year letterwinner in basketball and a two-year letterwinner in track at Wayne ...PERSONAL: Son of Camille and Roosevelt Mukes Jr. ...father played football at Cincinnati ... intends to major in marketing or communications.

Tucker Dunn | LS | 6-3 | 240 | Gr. | Cranberry Township, Pa. (Pittsburgh Central / Colgate)

PRIOR TO BALL STATE: Played four seasons (2019-2022) at Colgate for coaches Dan Hunt and Stan Dakostky ...played in 23 games as the Raiders full-time long snapper for punts and field goals the last two seasons ... two-time Phil Steele All-Patriot League Second Team selection (2021 & 2022) ...HIGH SCHOOL: A three-year varsity letterwinner at Pittsburgh Central High School ...played for coach Terry Totten ...helped guide the Vikings to a 31-9 record over his career ...co-captain his senior season ...long snapper for every punt and field goal over his career and was perfect on every snap ...also earned two letters in wrestling at Pittsburgh Central ...PERSONAL: Son of Lyn and Tom Dunn ...has one brother, Tanner ...his father Tom also played football at Colgate, along with his cousin Dillon ...his uncle Dino played football at Middle Tennessee State, while his cousin Dawson played football at Princeton and his cousin Taylor played basketball at Arcadia ...pursuing his MBA at Ball State.

Jon Mucciolo | OL | 6-4 | 310 | Gr. | Mahopac, N.Y. (Archbishop Stepinac / Sacred Heart)

PRIOR TO BALL STATE: Played four seasons (2019-2022) at Sacred Heart for coach Mark Nofri ...played in 29 games on the offensive line ...as a junior he contributed to an offensive line which led the league with 211.3 rushing yards per game and ranked 11th nationally ...the Pioneers ranked third in the Northeast Conference in 2022, averaging 171.1 rushing yards per game ...HIGH SCHOOL: A varsity letterwinner at Archbishop Stepinac ...helped guide the Crusaders to back-to-back NYSCHSAA Championships ...the Stepinac Joseph R. Riverso Lineman of the Year ...PERSONAL: Pursing an advanced degree at Ball State.

Luke Wiginton | OL | 6-5 | 305 | Jr. | Fort Wayne, Ind. (Bishop Dwenger / Indiana)

PRIOR TO BALL STATE: Played two seasons (2021-2022) at Indiana for coach Tom Allen ...2021 and 2022 Academic All-Big Ten selection ...also a redshirt at Indiana in 2020 ...will graduate from IU this spring with a degree in social work ...HIGH SCHOOL: A two-year varsity letterwinner at Bishop Dwenger High School ... played for coach Jason Garrett ...first team all-state and first team all-conference as a senior ...helped guide the Saints to a 25-3 record over his career, along with the 2018 Indiana High School Athletics Association Class 4A State Championship as a junior ...2019 Indiana Football Coaches Association Top 50 selection ... ranked the No. 9 prospect in Indiana by Rivals coming out of high school ...PERSONAL: Son of Amy and Ben

Wiginton ...has two sisters, Molly and Emma, and two brothers, Matthew and John ...grandfather played football for Cornell ...pursuing his masters of social work at Ball State.



Football Welcomes 21 During Early Signing Period

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MUNCIE, Ind. -- After the addition of four transfers over the last 24 hours, the Ball State football program has officially welcomed 21 new student-athletes through the first two days of the 2023 early signing period which kicked off around the country Wednesday (Dec. 21).

The group of talented newcomers includes 14 incoming freshman and seven transfers who will look to make an impact on the field for the Cardinals. It represents 12 different states and includes 12 players on offense and nine on defense.

Looking to learn more about BSU's early signees?

Well, you are in luck, as The Voice of the Cardinals Mick Tidrow sat down with head coach [Mike Neu](#) to give

you the scoop on the class in a special edition of the ChirpCast Coaches Show:

Ball State's 2023 Early Signing Class – Incoming Freshman:

Christian Abney | TE | 6-5 | 220 | Fr. | Zionsville, Ind. (Zionsville)

Darin Conley | OLB | 6-4 | 225 | Fr. | Kansas City, Mo. (The Pembroke Hill School)

Tristan Cook | OL | 6-5 | 300 | Fr. | Lexington, Ky. (Woodford County)

Christian Davis | RB | 6-0 | 195 | Fr. | Miamisburg, Ohio (Miamisburg)

Elijah Davis | DB | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. | Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike)

Derek (DJ) Fields Jr. | DB | 6-1 | 185 | Fr. | Saint Charles, Mo. (Chaminade)

Rob Fogler | OL | 6-7 | 310 | Fr. | Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier)

Eli Freeman | OL | 6-4 | 270 | Fr. | Lebanon, Tenn. (Lebanon)

TJ Horton | RB | 5-10 | 200 | Fr. | Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

Isaac Lucas | OL | 6-4 | 270 | Fr. | Youngstown, Ohio (Ursuline)

Ben Marsh | ILB | 6-4 | 240 | Fr. | Hilliard, Ohio (Darby)

Kadin Semonza | QB | 6-1 | 190 | Fr. | Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo)

Cody Smith | DE | 6-7 | 245 | Fr. | Galt, Calif. (Liberty Ranch)

Isaiah Thacker | WR | 6-2 | 190 | Fr. | New Palestine, Ind. (New Palestine)

Ball State's 2023 Early Signing Class – Transfer Student-Athletes:

*Damion Charity | DB | 6-2 | 185 | Gr. | Hampton, Va. (Phoebus / Old Dominion)

*Marquez Cooper | RB | 5-6 | 184 | R-Jr. | Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard / Kent State)

Malcolm Gillie | WR | 6-2 | 205 | Jr. | Milwaukee, Wis. (Hope Christian / Ellsworth Community College)

*Layne Hatcher | QB | 6-0 | 210 | Gr. | Little Rock, Ark. (Pulaski Academy / Alabama / Arkansas State / Texas State)

*Aljareek Malry | DB | 6-1 | 200 | Gr. | Lanham, Md. (Duval / VMI)

Mikhari Sibblis | DL | 6-4 | 265 | Gr. | Cumming, Ga. (West Forsyth / Lehigh)

DD Snyder | DB | 6-0 | 185 | R-So. | Tampa, Fla. (Tampa Catholic / Illinois)

* = denotes transfers who were added after the ChirpCast: Signing Day Special was recorded

More info on each signee can also be found below:

Christian Abney | TE | 6-5 | 220 | Fr. | Zionsville, Ind. (Zionsville)

HIGH SCHOOL: A two-year varsity letterwinner at Zionsville High School ... played for coach Scott Turnquist ... helped guide the Eagles to a state runner-up finish and a 10-6 record his junior season ... all-state and second team all-conference as a senior ... Zionsville's Offensive MVP and team captain as a senior ... finished his career with 2,520 passing yards and 26 passing touchdowns ... also scored eight career rushing touchdowns ... threw for 1,306 yards as a senior, 1,006 as a junior, and 208 in one game as a freshman ... missed the first five weeks of the season his junior year due to a broken collar bone, only to come back and score 18 total touchdowns over the final 10 games, including 11 in the air and seven on the ground ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Tonya and Joel Abney ... has four sisters ... undecided on collegiate major.

Damion Charity | DB | 6-2 | 185 | Gr. | Hampton, Va. (Phoebus / Old Dominion)

PRIOR TO BALL STATE: Played four seasons (2018-19, 2021-22) at Old Dominion, with the last two seasons coming under coach Ricky Rahne ... played in 29 games over his ODU career, racking up 20 total tackles ... played in all 13 games during the 2021 season, starting one at cornerback ... tallied 17 tackled, including five solo, and a pass breakup ... **HIGH SCHOOL:** A letterwinner in football at Phoebus High School ... earned first team all-district and all-region honors ... also competed in track and field ... was a two-time All-American in track and helped guide the program to a state championship ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Kenya and Samuel Charity... has one brother; Daquan ... will pursue an advanced degree at Ball State.

Darin Conley | OLB | 6-4 | 225 | Fr. | Kansas City, Mo. (The Pembroke Hill School)

HIGH SCHOOL: A three-year varsity letterwinner at The Pembroke Hill School ... played for coach Sam Knopik ... a three-star recruit according to 247Sports, he earned Second Team All-State honors as a junior and senior ... named the Raiders captain and Team MVP his senior year ... finished his high school career with over 100 solo tackles and 40 sacks ... scored 10 career touchdowns ... helped guide the team to a district runner-up finish as a senior ... also earned four letters in basketball and four in track and field for the Raiders ... all-state

in the triple jump and 4x100 relay ... all-district as a junior in basketball ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Dana and Lance Conley ... has two brothers; Quinton and Devin ... his father competed in track and field at Missouri ... intends to major in environmental science.

Tristan Cook | OL | 6-5 | 300 | Fr. | Lexington, Ky. (Woodford County)

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year varsity letterwinner at Woodford County High School ... played for coach Denis Johnson ... a three-star recruit according to 247Sports, he is also the 15th-ranked offensive lineman from the state of Kentucky ... helped guide Woodford County to a 13-1 record his junior year and a 12-2 mark his senior season ... all-state as a senior ... KSR All-State selection as a junior and senior ... three-time all-district selection and two-time all-region honoree... helped guide the program to a pair of district titles, as well as a regional championship his junior year ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Abigail Caudill and David Cook ... has a pair of step siblings; step sister Syrena and step brother Jake ... intends to major in sociology.

Marquez Cooper | RB | 5-6 | 184 | R-Jr. | Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard / Kent State)

PRIOR TO BALL STATE: Played three seasons at Kent State (2020-22) under head coach Sean Lewis ... 2022 First Team All-Mid-American Conference selection after ranking second in the league with 1,326 rushing yards and 13 rushing touchdowns ... his 1326 yards were the fifth-best single season total in program history, while his 13 touchdowns tie for seventh ... averaged 132.7 yards per game in league play and had the sixth 240+ yard game in program history with 240 at Ohio (Oct. 1, 2022) ... broke 100 yards in five games in 2022, while also rushing for 90 yards and a touchdown at No. 1 Georgia (Sept. 24, 2022) ... ranks sixth all-time in Kent State history with 2,813 total rushing yards, including 1,205 in 2021 and 291 in 2020 ... the rushing total is currently 24th among active NCAA FBS players ... his 29 career rushing touchdowns are fifth in program history ... has 13 career 100+ yard games ... **HIGH SCHOOL:** A four-year varsity letterwinner at Quince Orchard High School ... finished his career as the Cougars all-time leading rusher with over 4,500 career yards and 98 touchdowns ... his 98 rushing touchdowns are also a Montgomery County record ... team captain and MVP as a junior and senior ... 2020 Offensive Player of the Year ... lead Quince Orchard to the 2018 Maryland Class 4A

state championship and a 2019 state semifinal appearance ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Tania Blassingame and Reginald Green ... intends to major in physical education and sports performance.

Christian Davis | RB | 6-0 | 195 | Fr. | Miamisburg, Ohio (Miamisburg)

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year varsity letterwinner at Miamisburg High School ... played for coach Lance Schneider ... a three-star recruit according to 247Sports, he was team captain as a junior and senior ... all-conference second team selection as a junior and senior ... also earned first team all-conference as a sophomore and special mention as a freshman ... finished his career with over 4,000 career yards, including 884 as a senior ... also registered three interceptions, three forced fumbles and four pass breakups as a senior on defense ... averaged 4.7 yards per carry as a junior, with 10 touchdowns and 750 total yards ... also a three-year letterwinner in track and field at Miamisburg ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Diana Jett and Lance Davis ... has one sister; Makayla ... intends to major in business.

Elijah Davis | DB | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. | Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike)

HIGH SCHOOL: A three-year varsity letterwinner at Pike High School ... played for coach Mike Brevard ... a three-star recruit according to 247Sports, he was named the Red Devils' Defensive Player of the Year as a senior ... also team captain and all-conference as a senior ... registered 40 tackles his senior season, to go along with a pair of interceptions and a fumble recovery ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Rameika Giana Carrington ... has two brothers; Isaiah and Jeremiah ... intends to major in business.

Rob Fogler | OL | 6-7 | 310 | Fr. | Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier)

HIGH SCHOOL: A two-year varsity letterwinner at St. Xavier High School, spending three seasons on the varsity squad ... played for coach Steve Specht ... helped guide the Bombers to a state championship his

sophomore season ... team captain as a senior ... **PERSONAL:** Intends to major in marketing.

Derek (DJ) Fields Jr. | DB | 6-1 | 185 | Fr. | Saint Charles, Mo. (Chaminade)

HIGH SCHOOL: A two-year letterwinner in football at Chaminade ... played for coach Antoine Torrey ... first team all-conference as a junior, second team all-conference as a senior ... allowed opposing offenses just eight yards against as a cornerback his senior season, after surrendering just 34 yards against as a junior ... also saw time on offense, with 326 yards and five touchdowns on the ground and 473 yards and four touchdowns as a receiver ... **PERSONAL:** Intends to major in microbiology.

Eli Freeman | OL | 6-4 | 270 | Fr. | Lebanon, Tenn. (Lebanon)

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year letterwinner and three-year starter at left tackle for Lebanon High School ... played for coach Chuck Gentry ... a three-star recruit according to 247Sports, he helped guide the Blue Devils to a 30-15 record over his career ... two-time Region 3-6A Lineman of the Year, earning the honor in both 2021 and 2022 ... two-time All-State 6A, and first-team All-Mid-State as a senior and second team All-Mid-State as a junior ... two-time Prep-Redzone-Tn All-State ... helped guide Lebanon to the first 11-win season in program history in 2021, as well as to the third round of the playoffs where the Blue Devils lost to eventual state champion Oakland ... team went to the second round of the playoffs in 2022, again losing to the eventual state champion ... also competed in track and field at Lebanon ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Carretta and Fred Freeman ... has one sister; Lindsey ... father played football at Western Kentucky ... intends to major in physical therapy.

Malcolm Gillie | WR | 6-2 | 205 | Jr. | Milwaukee, Wis. (Hope Christian / Ellsworth Community College)

PRIOR TO BALL STATE: Played two seasons at Ellsworth Community College under head coach Kory Vaught ... two-time first team all-conference and first team all-region ... played in 17 games over his two seasons,

logging 38 receptions for 525 yards and five touchdowns ... **HIGH SCHOOL:** A four-year letterwinner at Hope Christian High School ... first team all-conference as a sophomore, junior and senior ... Midwest Classic Conference Player of the Year and team MVP as a senior ... finished his career with over 3,000 all-purpose yards and 30 touchdowns ... also competed in track and field for Hope Christian ... was all-state as the 100m state runner-up ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Diane Barasneh and Allen Gillie ... has three brothers; Jamaal, Bookie, and Marcus ... also has four sisters; Que, Kamoya, Jamela, and Jemarea ... intends to major in sociology.

Layne Hatcher | QB | 6-0 | 210 | Gr. | Little Rock, Ark. (Pulaski Academy / Alabama / Arkansas State / Texas State)

PRIOR TO BALL STATE: Played the 2022 season at Texas State under head coach Jake Spavital ... threw for 2,653 total yards and 19 touchdowns ... tallied a season-high 362 yards through the air and four touchdowns against Houston Christian (Sept. 24, 2022) ... recorded 200+ yards in seven of his 12 games at Texas State ... played three seasons at Arkansas State (2019-21), with two under head coach Blake Anderson (2019-20) and the other under head coach Butch Jones (2021) ... threw for 7,427 yards and 65 touchdowns in his three seasons with the Red Wolves ... ranked third in program history in career passing touchdowns (65), fourth in completion percentage (61.6) and fourth in passing yards (7,427) ... 2019 Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year ... started the final nine games of his freshman season, including guiding Arkansas State to a 34-26 victory over FIU in the Camellia Bowl ... All-Sun Belt honorable mention as a sophomore in 2020 ... redshirted at Alabama for his true freshman season in 2018 ... **HIGH SCHOOL:** A four-year varsity letterwinner at Pulaski Academy ... finished his career as Arkansas high school football's all-time leader in passing yards (15,483) and touchdowns (185) ... registered 1,002 career completions and a 152.9 career QBR ... also registered 18 career rushing touchdowns ... helped guide the Bruins to four state championships ... all-state and all-conference as a sophomore, junior and senior ... named the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette All-Arkansas Preps Offensive Player of the Year, as well as Hootens.com 5A Offensive Player of the Year, and Gatorade Arkansas Football Player of the Year as a senior ... also competed in baseball and wrestling at Pulaski Academic ... four-time state champion in wrestling and ranked No. 5 in the nation in the sport ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Lee and Greg Hatcher ... has four sisters, Kelsey, Haley, Larkin, and Mattie ... all four sisters played collegiate sports, either basketball or soccer ... intends to pursue an advanced degree in sports management.

TJ Horton | RB | 5-10 | 200 | Fr. | Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year varsity letterwinner at Frederick Douglass High School ... played for coach Nathan McPeek ... a three-star recruit according to 247Sports, he is also the 13th-ranked cornerback from the state of Kentucky ... also a three-star recruit according to Rivals... a two-way player for FDHS, he helped guide the team to a 15-0 record and the Class 5A state championship as a senior ... tallied 154 all-purpose yards in the title game ... for the season he averaged over eight yards a carry and lead Class 5A in touchdowns scored ... also helped guide the program to a state runner-up finish his junior season ... **PERSONAL:** Intends to major in business.

Isaac Lucas | OL | 6-4 | 270 | Fr. | Youngstown, Ohio (Ursuline)

HIGH SCHOOL: A three-year varsity letterwinner at Ursuline High School ... played for coach Dan Reardon ... helped guide the Irish to a 30-18 record over his career, including a 10-3 mark as a senior and an 11-4 record as a junior ... team finished as state runner-up his junior season and regional runner-up his sophomore and senior years ... two-time second team all-state and three-time first team all-conference selection ... also a two-time all-district and two-time all-county selection ... named the team's Lineman of the Year as a junior and senior ... did not surrender a sack as a junior or senior, while registering over 100 pancakes ... on defense, he registered 10 tackles for loss, two sacks, and 40 total tackles his senior year ... also registered one career pick six ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Gina Melfi ... has two brothers; Kaleb and Andre ... also has one sister; Tyah ... undecided on major.

Ben Marsh | ILB | 6-4 | 240 | Fr. | Hilliard, Ohio (Darby)

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year varsity letterwinner at Darby High School ... played for coach John Santagata ... a three-star recruit according to 247Sports, he helped guide the Panthers to a 24-18 record over his career ... named third team all-state as a senior ... earned first team all-conference as a linebacker his junior and senior seasons, while earning second team as a punter his junior year and second team as a linebacker his

sophomore season ... a team captain in each of his final two seasons, he was Team MVP as a senior and Team Special Teams Player of the Year as a junior ... registered 86 tackles, six forced fumbles and two interceptions as a senior, while scoring 12 total touchdowns ... also earned one letter in baseball and one letter in basketball at Darby ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Carol and Mike Marsh ... has two brothers; Zach and Jonah ... intends to major in exercise science.

Aljareek Malry | DB | 6-1 | 200 | Gr. | Lanham, Md. (Duval / VMI)

PRIOR TO BALL STATE: Played four seasons (2019-2022) at VMI for coach Scott Wachenheim ... saw action in all 42 games over his VMI career ... credited with career-highs of 70 tackles and 5.5 tackles for loss as a senior ... registered 60 tackles his junior season, to go along with a pair of sack and a pair of interceptions ... finished his VMI career with 233 total tackles, including 143 of the solo variety ... also registered 13.5 career tackles for loss, three sacks, two interceptions, and one forced fumble ... **HIGH SCHOOL:** A four-year letterwinner in football at Duval High School ... played for coach Carlos Lockwood ... helped guide Duval to three playoff appearances ... first team all-conference as a senior, after earning second team accolades as a junior ... two-time team captain and two-time Duval Tigers Football MVP ... a two-way player for the Tigers, he finished his high school career with 10 interceptions, two pick sixes, and 12 offensive touchdowns ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Rosa Vanness and Robert Chapman ... has three brothers; Andre, Quan, and Quan ... also has one sister; Joniece ... will pursue his MBA at Ball State.

Kadin Semonza | QB | 6-1 | 190 | Fr. | Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo)

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year varsity letterwinner for Mission Viejo ... played for coach Chad Johnson ... a three-star recruit according to 247Sports, he was a three-time team captain and three-time First Team All-Conference selection over his career ... helped lead the Diablos to a 33-6 record over his career, including a 10-2 mark his senior season ... threw for 2,856 yards his senior season, competing 190 of 283 passes and connecting for 33 touchdowns ... also ran for 10 touchdowns his senior season ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Jaclyn and Matt Semonza ... has two brothers; Cash and Kingsley ... intends to major in business.

Mikhari Sibblis | DL | 6-4 | 265 | Gr. | Cumming, Ga. (West Forsyth / Lehigh)

PRIOR TO BALL STATE: Played four seasons (2019-2022) at Lehigh for coach Tom Gilmore ... two-time second team All-Patriot League selection ... finished the 2022 season with 40 tackles, including six for loss and 1.5 sacks ... led the Mountain Hawks with 4.5 sacks in 2021, while adding 47 tackles ... concluded his Lehigh career with 10 sacks, 17.5 tackles for loss, and 114 total tackles ... **HIGH SCHOOL:** A three-year letterwinner in football at West Forsyth High School ... two-time all-region and all-county selection ... West Forsyth Athlete of the Year ... also competed in basketball and track and field for West Forsyth ... was all-county in basketball ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Litisha and Sean Sibblis ... has three brothers; Mikuel, Mikaeden, and Mikeenen ... intends to pursue his MBA at Ball State.

Cody Smith | DE | 6-7 | 245 | Fr. | Galt, Calif. (Liberty Ranch)

HIGH SCHOOL: A two-year varsity letterwinner at Liberty Ranch High School ... played for coach Warren Schroeder ... a three-star recruit according to 247Sports, he helped guide the Hawks to a Sierra Valley Conference Championship and the first undefeated regular season in program history (10-0) his senior season ... first team all-conference and Liberty Ranch Defensive MVP as a senior ... tallied 10.5 sacks, 46 quarterback hurries, 66 tackles, and 23 tackles for loss as a senior, to go along with two double recoveries, a forced fumble and a blocked punt ... also recorded a 50-yard pick six ... caught nine passes for 153 yards and a touchdown as a tight end ... competed in the Sacramento Optimist All-Star Game as a senior and was the Hawk Pride Award winner as a junior ... also plays basketball for Liberty Ranch, averaging 15.0 points per game and recording a school record 76 total blocks as a junior ... three-time first team all-conference and a Sacramento All-Metro Second Team honoree as a junior ... **PERSONAL:** Son of Janet and Corey Smith ... has two sisters; Haley and Lacey ... father played football at UC Berkeley, while his mother played basketball at UC Berkeley ... had an uncle who played football and baseball at Harvard, an uncle who played tennis at Whittier, and an aunt who played basketball at UC Santa Barbara ... intends to major in kinesiology.

DD Snyder | DB | 6-0 | 185 | R-So. | Tampa, Fla. (Tampa Catholic / Illinois)

PRIOR TO BALL STATE: Spent two seasons at Illinois ... redshirted in 2021 and did not see action in 2022 ... **HIGH SCHOOL:** A four-year letterwinner at Tampa Catholic High School ... played for coach Jeris McIntyre ... helped lead the squad to an 11-3 record and a district championship his senior year ... earned second team all-state as a junior and honorable mention honors as a senior ... two-time all-conference honorable mention ... Coach's Award as a junior and senior ... first team all-county as a senior and second team all-county as a junior ... team's Defensive MVP as a junior ... collected 43 tackles, including 3.0 tackles for loss, as a senior ... added four interceptions and two fumble recoveries ... finished his career with 55 tackles, five interceptions, and three fumble recoveries ... also competed in track and field for Tampa Catholic ... regional and district champion in the 4x400m relay and the 400m dash ... district champion in the high jump and district runner-up in the 100m ... **PERSONAL:** Intends to major in journalism.

Isaiah Thacker | WR | 6-2 | 190 | Fr. | New Palestine, Ind. (New Palestine)

HIGH SCHOOL: A three-year varsity letterwinner at New Palestine High School ... played for coach Kyle Ralph ... helped lead the Dragons to a 12-1 record, a sectional title, and a first-place finish and unblemished 7-0 record in the Hoosier Heritage Conference as a senior ... tallied 55 receptions for 917 total yards and nine touchdowns as a senior ... three-time all-state selection ... credited with 1,902 total receiving yards and 16 touchdowns over the last three seasons ... credited with one pick six and two kickoff return touchdowns over his career ... **PERSONAL:** Undecided on major.