Oklahoma State 2023 Signing Class

Cowboy Football Adds 17 in 2023 Class

STILLWATER - Oklahoma State football coach Mike Gundy has announced the signing of 17 players to the 2023 signing class.

The group includes six offensive players, 10 defensive players and a punter. The two most well-represented states are Texas with seven and Oklahoma with three, but eight states and Australia are included in the class. There are 15 high school players and two from the junior college ranks.

Four offensive linemen, a quarterback and a receiver comprise the offensive side of the ball, while five defensive backs, three defensive linemen and two linebackers comprise the defensive group. The class's lone specialist is a punter.

| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Exp. | Hometown/Previous School |
|--------------------|--------|------|-----|------|--|
| Jack Endean | OL | 6-6 | 285 | FrHS | Tucson, AZ / Tanque Verde |
| Ike Esonwune | LB | 6-2 | 215 | FrHS | Austin, TX / Manor |
| Zane Flores | QB | 6-3 | 200 | FrHS | Gretna, NE / Gretna |
| Jaedon Foreman | DE | 6-5 | 250 | FrHS | Del City, OK / Del City |
| Kam Franklin | S | 6-2 | 190 | FrHS | Oak Grove, LA / Oak Grove |
| Camron Heard | WR | 6-0 | 160 | FrHS | Houston, TX / Furr |
| Hudson Kaak | Р | 6-1 | 210 | FrHS | Seymour, VIC, Australia / ProKick Australia |
| Isaiah Kema | OL | 6-4 | 298 | FrHS | Lubbock, TX / Frenship |
| RJ Lester | CB | 6-1 | 175 | FrHS | Fort Smith, AR / Northside |
| Ricky Lolohea | DL | 6-4 | 307 | FrHS | Euless, TX / Trinity |
| Iman Oates | DT | 6-3 | 300 | JrTR | Tulsa, OK / Edison / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M |
| Jakobe Sanders | OL | 6-3 | 310 | FrHS | Stillwater, OK / Stillwater |
| Dylan Smith | CB | 5-11 | 170 | FrHS | Little Elm, TX / Braswell |
| Gage Stanaland | OL | 6-5 | 285 | FrHS | Tuscola, TX / Jim Ned |
| Poasa Utu | LB | 6-1 | 205 | FrHS | Arlington, TX / Kennedale |
| Lardarius Webb Jr. | Hybrid | 5-10 | 175 | JrTR | Opelika, AL / Jackson Academy / Jones College |
| Tywon Wray Jr. | S | 6-2 | 185 | FrHS | Smyrna, GA / Campbell |

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By Position

Offense (6)

| Offensive Line (4) | | | | | | | | |
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| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown | | | | |
| Jack Endean | OL | 6-6 | 285 | Tucson, AZ | | | | |
| Isaiah Kema | OL | 6-4 | 298 | Lubbock, TX | | | | |
| Jakobe Sanders | OL | 6-3 | 310 | Stillwater, OK | | | | |
| Gage Stanaland | OL | 6-5 | 285 | Tuscola, TX | | | | |
| Quarterback (1) | | | | | | | | |
| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Zane Flores | QB | 6-3 | 200 | Gretna, NE | | | | |
| Zane Flores Wide Receiver | | 6-3 | 200 | Gretna, NE | | | | |
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Defense (10)

| Defensive Line (3) | | | | | | | |
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| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown | | | |
| Jaedon Foreman | DE | 6-5 | 250 | Del City, OK | | | |
| Ricky Lolohea | DL | 6-4 | 307 | Euless, TX | | | |
| Iman Oates | DT | 6-3 | 300 | Tulsa, OK | | | |
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| Linebacker (2) | | | | | | | |
| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown | | | |
| Ike Esonwune | LB | 6-2 | 215 | Austin, TX | | | |
| Poasa Utu | LB | 6-1 | 205 | Arlington, TX | | | |
| Defensive Back (5) | | | | | | | |
| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown | | | |
| Kam Franklin | S | 6-2 | 190 | Oak Grove, LA | | | |
| RJ Lester | CB | 6-1 | 175 | Fort Smith, AR | | | |
| Dylan Smith | CB | 5-11 | 170 | Little Elm, TX | | | |
| Lardarius Webb Jr. | Hybrid | 5-10 | 175 | Opelika, AL | | | |
| Tywon Wray Jr. | S | 6-2 | 185 | Smyrna, GA | | | |

Special Teams (1)

| Punter (1) | Dee | | 14/4 | 11 |
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| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown |
| Hudson Kaak | Р | 6-1 | 210 | Seymour, Australia |

By State

| Alabama <i>Name</i> Lardarius Webb Jr. | Pos. Hybrid | Ht. 5-10 | Wt. 175 | Hometown Opelika, AL |
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| Arkansas <i>Name</i> RJ Lester | Pos. CB | Ht. 6-1 | Wt. 175 | <i>Hometown</i> Fort Smith, AR |
| Arizona <i>Name</i> Jack Endean | Pos. Ol | Ht. 6-6 | Wt. 285 | <i>Hometown</i> Tucson, AZ |
| Georgia <i>Name</i> Tywon Wray Jr. | Pos. S | Ht. 6-2 | Wt. 185 | Hometown Smyrna, GA |
| Louisiana <i>Name</i> Kam Franklin | Pos. S | Ht. 6-2 | Wt. 190 | <i>Hometown</i> Oak Grove, LA |
| Nebraska Name Zane Flores | Pos. QB | Ht. 6-3 | Wt. 200 | <i>Hometown</i> Gretna, NE |
| Oklahoma <i>Name</i> Jaedon Foreman Iman Oates Jakobe Sanders | Pos. DE DT OL | Ht. 6-5 6-3 6-3 | Wt. 250 300 310 | Hometown Del City, OK Tulsa, OK Stillwater, OK |
| Texas <i>Name</i> Ike Esonwune Camron Heard Isaiah Kema Ricky Lolohea Dylan Smith Gage Stanaland Poasa Utu | Pos. LB WR OL DL CB OL LB | <i>Ht.</i> 6-2 6-0 6-4 6-4 5-11 6-5 6-1 | Wt. 215 160 298 307 170 285 205 | Hometown Austin, TX Houston, TX Lubbock, TX Euless, TX Little Elm, TX Tuscola, TX Arlington, TX |
| International <i>Name</i> Hudson Kaak | Pos. P | Ht. 6-1 | Wt. 210 | Hometown Seymour, Australia |

By Eligibility

| High School (15) | | | | | | | |
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| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown | | | |
| RJ Lester | CB | 6-1 | 175 | Fort Smith, AR | | | |
| Dylan Smith | CB | 5-11 | 170 | Little Elm, TX | | | |
| Jaedon Foreman | DE | 6-5 | 250 | Del City, OK | | | |
| Ricky Lolohea | DL | 6-4 | 307 | Euless, TX | | | |
| Ike Esonwune | LB | 6-2 | 215 | Austin, TX | | | |
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| Kam Franklin | S | 6-2 | 190 | Oak Grove, LA | | | |
| Tywon Wray Jr. | S | 6-2 | 185 | Smyrna, GA | | | |
| Camron Heard | WR | 6-0 | 160 | Houston, TX | | | |
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| Junior College (2) | | | | | | | | |
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| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown | | | | |
| Iman Oates | DT | 6-3 | 300 | Tulsa, OK | | | | |
| Lardarius Webb Jr. | Hybrid | 5-10 | 175 | Opelika, AL | | | | |

Signee Bios



Jack Endean Offensive Line | 6-6 | 285 | Freshman Tucson, AZ/Tanque Verde

The No. 12 overall prospect in Arizona and No. 67 offensive tackle in the national class, according to *Rivals*.

High School: Played for coach Jay Dobyns at Tanque Verde ... First-team all-conference and all-region honoree in 2022 ... Senior year stats include 47 total tackles with 28 solo ... Helped lead his team to its first winning season in program history with a 7-3 record as a junior ... Active in church service work ... Chose Oklahoma State over offers from Arizona, California and others.

Personal: Jack Endean was born August 3, 2004 in Tucson, Arizona ... Son of Ty and Kim Endean ... Mother, Kim Endean, played lacrosse at Lynchburg College ... Plans to study business.



Ike Esonwune Linebacker | 6-2 | 215 | Freshman Austin, TX/Manor

Pronounced IKE eh-sahn-woo-NAY

High SchooI: Played for coach James Keller at Manor ... Recorded 67 tackles, including 11 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks in his senior season en route earning first team all-district honors ... Also had two interceptions, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and three pass breakups ... Named his high school's student-athlete of the year ... Over the course of his final two seasons, he accumulated 121 total tackles, 19 tackles for loss, four sacks, two interceptions, six pass deflections, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries ... Also competed in track and played basketball and participated with Breakthrough and Gear Up ... Chose Oklahoma State over reported offers from Kansas, Tulsa, UNLV and Prairie View A&M. **Personal**: Ikechukwu Esonwune was born October 16, 2004, in Austin, Texas ... Son of Amaka and Chucks Esonwune ... Plans to study business and communication.



Zane Flores Quarterback | 6-3 | 200 | Freshman Gretna, NE/Gretna

Pronounced FLOORS

The No. 18 quarterback prospect in the class, according to *Rivals* ... 247Sports ranked him as the second-best player in Nebraska.

High School: Played for coach Mike Kayl at Gretna ... 2022 MaxPreps Nebraska Player of the Year ... Led his team to the Class A state championship game in his senior season and threw for 414 yards and three touchdowns in that contest ... Senior season stats include 3,117 yards and 31 touchdowns through the air with 274 yards and 10 scores on the ground ... An all-state selection as a junior and senior ... Went 30-4 over three seasons as a starter with more than 9,000 passing yards, 82 passing touchdowns and 29 rushing touchdowns ... Also competed on Gretna's basketball and track and field teams ... Excelled in the classroom as an honor roll student ... Chose Oklahoma State over reported offers from Nebraska, Oregon State, Kansas, Kansas State, Pittsburgh, Washington and others.

Personal: Zane Flores was born October 22, 2004, in Gretna, Nebraska ... Son of Mel and Cindy Flores ... Undecided on a major ... Father, Mel, played football at Nebraska at Omaha.



Jaedon Foreman Defensive End | 6-5 | 250 | Freshman Del City, OK/Del City

The ninth-ranked prospect in Oklahoma and No. 84 among defensive linemen nationally by 247Sports.

High School: Played for coach Robert Jones at Del City HS ... Accumulated 35 sacks and 225 tackles in three varsity seasons ... Earned District Defensive Lineman of the Year honors his senior year ... Also played basketball in high school ... Chose Oklahoma State over a reported offer from Memphis.

Personal: Jaedon Foreman was born August 16, 2005, in Oklahoma City ... Son of Tiphani Felix ... Plans to major in sports medicine.



Kam Franklin Safety | 6-2 | 190 | Freshman Oak Grove, LA/Oak Grove

The No. 34 prospect in Louisiana and the No. 71 athlete in the national class according to *ESPN*.

High School: Played for coach Ryan Gregory at Oak Grove where he claimed three Louisiana High School Athletics Association Division IV championships with the Tigers ... Earned LHSAA All-State, All-District and All-Regional honors after tallying 120 Tackles, 45 tackles for loss, six safeties, eight fumble recoveries and three interceptions in his senior season ... Also competed in basketball and track ... Signed with Oklahoma State over Tennessee, TCU, LSU, Arkansas, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, SMU, Louisiana and Louisiana Tech.

Personal: Kamryn La'Ray Franklin was born on July 21, 2004, in Monroe, Louisiana ... Son of Ray and Kim Franklin ... Planning to major in sports management.

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Camron Heard Wide Receiver | 6-0 | 160 | Freshman Houston, TX/Furr

A top-100 player in Texas, ranked as high as No. 73 by *247Sports*.

High School: Played quarterback for coach Cornell Gray at Furr ... District 11-4A Most Valuable Player in 2021 and 2022 ... Surpassed 1,000 rushing yards as a junior and senior ... Totaled 37 touchdowns in 2022 with 26 of those coming on the ground ... Also recorded five interceptions as a defensive back ... Played basketball and ran track ... Chose Oklahoma State over reported offers from Arkansas, Texas Tech, Tulsa, Tulane and others.

Personal: Camron Heard was born December 28, 2004, in Houston ... Son of Melone Hawkins.



Hudson Kaak Punter | 6-1 | 210 | Freshman Seymour, Victoria, Australia/ProKick Australia

A punter from Australia who trained at ProKick Australia, the same program as Tom Hutton ... The No. 3 punter in the class of 2023 according to 247Sports.

Before OSU: An Australian-rules football player who came to OSU through ProKick Australia ... Played for the Murray Bushrangers of the NAB League, in Wangaratta, Victoria.

Personal: Worked in real estate in Australia before signing with Oklahoma State ... Plans to study business.



Isaiah Kema Offensive Line | 6-4 | 298 | Freshman Lubbock, TX/Frenship

The No. 34 interior offensive lineman in the country, according to *Rivals ... 247Sports* tabbed him as the No. 83 player in Texas.

High SchooI: Played for coach Jay Northcutt at Frenship HS ... A staple on an offensive line that averaged 466.8 total yards per game in 2022 ... District 2-6A first-team selection at center as a senior and a Class 6A first-team all-state selection by the Texas Sportswriters Association as a junior ... His coaches graded him at 85% and credited him with 175 pancake blocks during his career ... Earned academic all-district honors ... Also competed in wrestling ... Chose Oklahoma State over reported offers from Nebraska, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, SMU, BYU, Kansas and others.

Personal: Isaiah Charles Makana Kema was born February 7, 2005, in Boulder, Colorado ... Son of Troy and Stephanie Kema ... Father, Troy, played right guard for Utah State and brother, Noah, plays middle linebacker at the University of Hawai'i ... Plans to study mechanical engineering.



RJ Lester Cornerback | 6-1 | 175 | Freshman Fort Smith, AR/Northside

A top-10 recruit in Arkansas according to *ESPN* and *247Sports* ... *ESPN* ranked him the No. 102 cornerback in the national class of 2023.

High School: Played for coaches Mike Falluer and Felix Curry at Northside ... Earned all-conference and all-state honors after recording four interceptions, 40 tackles and five pass breakups ... Also played basketball and ran track ... Chose Oklahoma State over offers from LSU, Kansas State, Tulane and Tulsa.

Personal: Robert Lewis Lester Jr. was born January 16, 2005, in Fort Smith ... Son of Robert and Shaunta Lester ... Plans to study finance.



Ricky Lolohea Defensive Line | 6-4 | 307 | Freshman Euless, TX/Trinity

Pronounced Io-Io-HEY-ub

High SchooI: Played for coach Aaron Lineweaver at Euless Trinity ... A first team all-district defensive tackle in his junior and senior seasons ... Chose Oklahoma State over reported offers from Texas Tech, SMU, North Texas, San Diego State and Louisiana-Monroe.

Personal: Ricky Lolohea was born July 25, 2004, in Euless Texas ... Son of Selonia and Koloni ... Plans to major in business.



Iman Oates Defensive Tackle | 6-3 | 300 | Junior Tulsa, OK/Edison/NEO A&M JC

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Pronounced EYE-muhn

Junior College: A standout playing for coach Zachary Crissup in two seasons at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M ... Totaled 44 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and six sacks as a sophomore en route to earning second-team all-conference honors ... Posted 25 tackles, four tackles for loss and two sacks as a freshman ... Chose to join Oklahoma State over reported offers from SMU, Louisiana Tech, Hawaii, Western Kentucky, UAB, UTEP, Coastal Carolina, Charlotte and others.

High School: Played at Tulsa Edison ... Totaled 55 tackles, 20 tackles for loss and five sacks as a senior ... Collected all-state and all-district 5A Defensive Player of the Year honors as a senior.

Personal: Born January 8, 2003, in Tulsa ... Son of Domita Oates ... Also played basketball and ran track & field in high school ... A business administration major.

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Jakobe Sanders Offensive Line | 6-3 | 310 | Freshman Stillwater, OK/Stillwater

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A local product who 247Sports ranks as the No. 17 overall prospect in Oklahoma.

High School: Played for coach Tucker Barnard at Stillwater... Earned district lineman of the year honors ... First-team all-state and first-team all-conference ... Helped lead his team to a 14-0 record and the class 6A state championship as a senior in 2022 ... Also a talented wrestler and owns the Stillwater HS back squat record at 605 pounds ... Earned a spot on the honor roll and maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

Personal: Jakobe Sanders was born January 25, 2005, in Stillwater ... Son of Joe and Keysha Sanders ... Grandfather, Robert Turner, played football for Oklahoma State and the Miami Dolphins... Plans to study strength and health science.



Dylan Smith Cornerback | 5-11 | 170 | Freshman Little Elm. TX/Braswell

Ranked No. 55 at his position nationally and No. 82 overall in Texas by *Rivals*.

High School: Played for coach Cody Moore at Denton Braswell ... Had eight interceptions and 60 tackles during his senior season ... Also had six touchdowns playing wide receiver ... Was twice named to all-district team ... Chose Oklahoma State over reported offers from Arkansas, Nebraska, Stanford, Houston, Colorado, Indiana, Louisville, Kansas, SMU, Memphis, North Texas and Grambling State.

Personal: Born September 2, 2004, in Dallas ... Son of Charles and Deshima Smith ... Brother, Cam Smith, is a defensive back at Oklahoma State ... Father played at Grambling State and grandfather, Charles E. Smith, played for the Philadelphia Eagles ... Plans to major in business.



Gage Stanaland Offensive Line | 6-5 | 285 | Freshman Tuscola, TX/Jim Ned

High SchooI: Played for coach Matt Fanning at Jim Ned HS, where he was a three-time first-team all-state selection ... Behind Stanaland, Jim Ned rushed for 254.5 yards per game and 6.5 yards per carry in 2022 ... Helped lead his team to an 8-4 record and the second round of the Texas 3A-DI state playoffs ... Senior year defensive stats include 33 tackles, three tackles for loss and a sack ... Also competed in shot put and discus ... Chose Oklahoma State over offers from New Mexico State, Abilene Christian, Navy, Louisiana Tech and others.

Personal: Gage Dooley Stanaland was born April 16, 2004 in Abilene, Texas ... Son of Russell Stanaland... Plans to major in business.



Poasa Utu Linebacker | 6-1 | 205 | Freshman Arlington, TX/Kennedale

Pronounced Po-AH-suh OO-too

The No. 52 linebacker in the national class of 2023 according to *ESPN*.

High School: Played for coach Richard Barrett at Kennedale ... In two seasons as a varsity starter, he compiled 195 tackles, 25 sacks, four fumble recoveries, three interceptions and one forced fumble ... Earned all-district honors.

Personal: Poasa Utu was born March 20, 2005, in Samoa ... Son of Salua Utu.



Lardarius Webb Jr. Hybrid | 5-10 | 175 | Junior Opelika, AL/Jackson Academy/Jones College

Pronounced larr-DARE-E-us

A top JUCO defensive talent who ranked No. 34 in the 2023 ESPNJC50 after two all-conference

seasons at Jones College.

Junior College: Earned NJCAA All-America honors as a sophomore and was a two-time all-MAC-CC selection ... Tallied 28 tackles, four tackles for loss, six pass breakups and six interceptions in 10 games played his sophomore year ... His six picks tied for the national lead ... One of five Bobcats to earn all-region honors ... In 2021, he tallied 29 tackles, three tackles for loss, a team-high nine pass breakups and three interceptions ... His nine pass breakups ranked 12th in the NJCAA ... Had a 75-yard interception return for a touchdown in a win over Hinds ... Recorded a season-best six tackles, two TFL and three pass breakups against Northwest ... Returned 17 punts, averaging a conference-best 12.1 yards a return ... Had a 62-yard punt return for a score against Northeast ... Earned Academic All-MACCC honors ... Chose Oklahoma State over offers from Mississippi State, Virginia Tech, Kansas, Washington State, Hawaii, Troy and several others.

High School: Played his senior season for coach Lance Pogue at Jackson Academy ... Totaled 58 tackles, five tackles for loss and nine passes defended ... Returned punts and kicks for Jones Academy ... Ranked No. 25 in Mississippi by 247Sports and was the No. 2 player in the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools District ... *Clarion Ledger* second team all-state defensive back ... Had a pair of interceptions – including the game-winning 72-yard pick-six – in the MAIS All-Star Game ... Transferred from Beauregard High in Opelika, Ala., where he had 51 tackles and three interceptions as a junior... Also competed in track and field and was a MAIS 5A overall 4x100 and 200 meter champion at Jackson Academy.

Personal: Lardarius Webb Jr. was born January 11, 2003, in Opelika, Alabama ... Son of Lardarius Webb Sr. and Precious Dowdell ... His father, Lardarius Sr., played nine seasons with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens and won a Super Bowl with Baltimore in 2013 ... Has three siblings: Ansley, Landon and Layla ... Plans to pursue a degree in sports communication.

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Tywon Wray Jr. Safety | 6-2 | 185 | Freshman Smyrna, GA/Campbell

High SchooI: Played for coach Howie Decristofaro at Campbell HS ... Played both receiver and safety for the Spartans ... Recorded 70 tackles with eight pass breakups and five interceptions, according to 247Sports ... Led the team in all receiving categories as a senior with 27 receptions for 404 yards and three touchdowns ... First team all-region as a senior ... Also competed in basketball and track and field ... A member of the National Honor Society ... Chose Oklahoma State over reported offers from Florida International, East Tennessee State and others.

Personal: Tywon Deshawn Wray Jr., was born July 12, 2005, in Lansing, Michigan ... Son of Tywon Wray and Apple Lewis ... Uncle, Kelly Butler, played for Purdue and then in the NFL for four years ... Plans to study aviation.