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2023-2024 Kansas City Chiefs Official Team Photo; By Unknown

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS WIN SUPER BOWL LVIII AFTER OVERTIME TOUCHDOWN DRIVE *BY BEN MORSE, CNN*

The Kansas City Chiefs won Super Bowl LVIII after producing a stunning overtime touchdown drive to beat the San Francisco 49ers 25-22.

Quarterback Patrick Mahomes masterminded an excellent 14-play, 75-yard touchdown drive in overtime following the 49ers' field goal to go ahead, culminating in a three-yard pass to receiver Mecole Hardman to clinch the victory.

The win cements the Chiefs' legacy as the NFL's next great dynasty, becoming the first back-to-back NFL champions in 19 years and winning its third ring under head coach Andy Reid and with Mahomes as quarterback.



*Andy Reid is splashed by
players after the game. Ashley
Landis/AP*

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CHIEFS FIRST-ROUND PICK WR XAVIER WORTHY

BY MATT MCMULLEN

The Kansas City Chiefs traded up in the first round of the 2024 NFL Draft on Thursday night to select former University of Texas wide receiver Xavier Worthy with the No. 28 overall pick. Here are five things to know about the newest member of the offense.

1. Worthy was immensely productive at Texas over the last three seasons.

The 5-foot-11, 165-pound Worthy hauled in 197 catches for 2,755 yards and 26 touchdowns in 39 starts during his three-year career at Texas. He was remarkably consistent, too. In fact, Worthy tallied at least 60 receptions, 750 yards and five touchdowns in each of his three seasons in Austin.

It's worth noting that Worthy was also durable during his career and never missed a game.

Worthy finished his career at Texas with the third-most touchdown grabs and the fourth-most receiving yards in the Longhorns' storied history.

2. He ran the fastest 40-yard dash in the history of the NFL Scouting Combine

Worthy has blazing speed, as evidenced by his ridiculous 4.21-second 40-yard dash at the NFL Scouting Combine earlier this offseason. It was the fastest recorded 40-time in the history of the event.

3. His change-of-direction ability makes him more than just a vertical threat.

Worthy's straight-line speed is legitimately historic, but it's his ability to maneuver that makes him truly dynamic.

4. He has experience as an outside receiver and in the slot.

Worthy handled a variety of roles during his time at Texas, splitting his time between the outside (60 percent of snaps) and the slot (40 percent of snaps). That experience should pay dividends in 2024 as the Chiefs aim to use the electric playmaker in a variety of ways.

"He's a good route-runner. He's not a big kid – at least weight-wise – but I think you'll see the toughness that he has," Reid said. "That jumped out at me. [We talked to Texas Head Coach Steve Sarkisian], and he kept talking about how smart he is. He has great football instincts, and he's a tremendous worker. In this offense, you have to be able to do that and have those characteristics."

5. Worthy was a tremendous return man during his time at Texas, too.

The speedy Worthy led the FBS in return yards last season with 371, which included a 74-yard touchdown. He averaged 13.8 yards-per-return over the course of his career at Texas, handling 41 punts for 564 yards and a score.



UT Austin WR Xavier Worthy at the NFL Draft Combine; Credit: Unknown

TAMBA HALI TO BE INDUCTED INTO CHIEFS HALL OF FAME

BY LAUREN SIMPKINS

Kansas City Chiefs Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt has announced that former Chiefs Linebacker/Defensive End Tamba Hali will be the 2024 inductee into the Chiefs Hall of Fame. Hali is the 53rd individual and 49th player to earn this coveted honor. The official enshrinement ceremony into the Chiefs Hall of Fame will be held during Chiefs Legends Week-end at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium this fall.

"My family and I are thrilled to announce Tamba Hali as this year's inductee into the Chiefs Hall of Fame," Chiefs Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt said. "From the day we drafted Tamba in 2006, he has inspired our fans with electrifying performances on the field and outstanding character off the field. Throughout his illustrious career, Tamba was respected and admired by his teammates, as he moved from defensive end to outside linebacker in his fourth season and quickly became a Pro Bowler. His stats speak for themselves, establishing him as one of the great defensive players in Chiefs history. And he is perhaps even more impressive off the field. Tamba's remarkable personal journey has molded a man of integrity, resilience and determination. He has given back to the community in Kansas City, in New Jersey, and in his childhood home of Liberia. Chiefs Kingdom, all around the world, is cheering for him today."

Hali spent his entire 12-year career in Kansas City (2006-17), appearing in 177 games, the fourth most by any Chiefs defender in franchise history. He made 157 starts, tied for the sixth-most by any player in Chiefs history. Hali was named to the 2006 NFL All-Rookie Team, was selected to the Pro Bowl five straight seasons from 2011-15 and was named to the AP All-Pro second-team twice (2011 and 2013). Hali was named AFC Defensive Player of the Week four times in his career, tied for

CHIEFS SIGN WELSH RUGBY STAR LOUIS REES-ZAMMIT

BY BOBBY KOWNACK

Officially done with scrums, Louis Rees-Zammit is making his way to an NFL huddle.

The Chiefs are signing the Welsh rugby star to a three-year contract that includes some guaranteed money and a signing bonus, NFL Network Insider Ian Rapoport reported on Friday.

Along with Kansas City, he had visited the Cleveland Browns, Denver Broncos and New York Jets, per Rapoport.

Rees-Zammit, 23, a top winger at the club and international level, stepped away from his sport in January to join the

International Player Pathway program, which was established in 2017 with the goal of providing athletes around the world a foot in the door to the NFL.

He was one of 15 members of the IPP's Class of 2024 to participate in a pro day at the University of South Florida on March 20, where he ran a 4.43 40-yard dash.

By signing with Kansas City, Rees-Zammit has already joined 37 past players from the program in signing a contract. His next goal will be to join the five who have made an active roster -- fellow rugby player and Eagles offensive tackle Jordan As part of a new rule in 2024, NFL clubs can use a 17th roster spot on their practice squads exclusively reserved for an international player. That player can be elevated to the active roster up to three times during the season.



Louis Rees-Zammit during a rugby match; Credit: Getty

Mailata, Commanders defensive end Efe Obada, is Reyes and defensive lineman David Bada.

Should Rees-Zammit find the field, either through the three allowed elevations or by earning his

place on the 53-man roster, he offers an enticing skill set for the Super Bowl champs.

Transitioning from rugby to the NFL is a tall task, but there are few teams possessing more offensive ingenuity to make it happen than Andy Reid and the Chiefs.

Tight end Travis Kelce is already known to love a cheeky lateral. He could find no better recipient than a rugby standout. End-arounds and reverses could also feel at home as Rees-Zammit adapts to the Xs and Os.

Kickoffs likewise present a unique opportunity for the rugby star to apply what he already does best and wreak havoc -- especially after the NFL approved a new hybrid setup to encourage more kick returns.

How and if Kansas City is able to implement Rees-Zammit on game days moving forward remains to be seen, but the Chiefs continue to turn over every stone as they gear up for their quest to three-peat.

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the second most by any Chiefs defender.

He stands as one of the most prolific pass rushers in Chiefs history. His 89.5 sacks for -591.5 yards are both second only to PFHOF LB Derrick Thomas in Chiefs history. The total includes 8.0 sacks his rookie season, the third most for a rookie in franchise history. He was also relentless when it came to punching the ball out of the opponent's grasp.



Tamba Hali before a Chiefs game; Credit: Unknown

Hali entered the NFL as a first-round pick of the Chiefs (20th overall) in 2006. He played collegiately at Penn State University from 2002-05. He played in 47 total games during his four seasons in State College, Pennsylvania, totaling 179 tackles (84 solo) and 14.0 sacks. His college career was highlighted by his senior campaign when he recorded 65 tackles (27 solo) which included 11.0 sacks and 17 tackles for loss, both of which were the top mark in the Big Ten for the season.

With 33 career forced fumbles he is second, again to only Thomas, for the most in forced fumbles Chiefs history. His six forced fumbles in his rookie season were a franchise rookie record and are tied for fourth-most in a season in Chiefs history.

After recording 8.0 sacks his rookie year, he would go on to match or exceed that total six times in his career, tied for the second-most seasons with 8.0 or more sacks in franchise history. He recorded a career-high 14.5 sacks in 2010 and reached double-digit sacks three times in his career (2010, 2011 and 2013), a mark only Thomas and Chiefs Hall of Fame DE Neil Smith have reached more times. He recorded 3.0 sacks in a game on three separate occasions, one of just five Chiefs to reach that mark three or more times.

TRAVIS KELCE BECOMES HIGHEST-PAID TIGHT END IN NFL HISTORY WITH NEW DEAL

BY: KEVIN DOTSON

Three-time Super Bowl champion and four-time All-Pro Travis Kelce has signed a record contract for NFL tight ends, according to his representatives.

"Back at it again, baby!" Kelce, an 11-year veteran, exclaimed in a video posted by the team on X, formerly Twitter.

"Feels good to be in KC," Kelce said. "It's an honor and a pleasure, and I can't wait to get after it these next two years."

Kelce's representatives, Milk & Honey Sports, posted on X the deal makes Kelce the highest-paid tight end in the league.

The contract is worth \$34.25 million and runs through 2027, according to sports salary tracker Spotrac. The \$17.125 million yearly average outpaces New York Giants tight end Darren Waller, who had been the league's highest-paid player in the position, with a salary of \$17 million per year, per Spotrac.

Travis Kelce picked to host 'Are You Smarter Than a Celebrity?' Chiefs starting quarterback Patrick Mahomes celebrated the news with a post reading, "I told y'all I'll never let him leave!! Congrats my guy!"

CNN has reached out to Kelce's agent and manager for comment. The team confirmed the signing, posting, "We signed the greatest tight end ever to a new contract."

The new contract caps a monumental year for Kelce, which included his third career Super Bowl win in February, his ninth career Pro-Bowl nod, and the start of a high-profile romantic relationship with music superstar Taylor Swift.



Travis Kelce before Sep. 24 game; Cred:Unknown

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS SIGN 17 UNDRAFTED FREE AGENT PICKS

BY: JORDAN POOLE

As the Kansas City Chiefs launch rookie minicamp, the club is wrapping up its work in the aftermath of the 2024 NFL Draft.

Undrafted free agents are valuable contributors to plenty of teams, and general manager Brett Veach is no stranger to finding good ones. Kansas City's hope is for another solid haul this year, especially as the back-to-back reigning champs look to stay young and affordable at the end of the roster.

On Saturday, the Chiefs formally revealed their list of 2024 UDFA signings. Here's the group:

TCU RB Emani Bailey
UCLA RB Carson Steele
USC DB Christian Roland-Wallace
Marshall OL Ethan Driskell
Florida State DT Fabien Lovett Sr.
Villanova OL Nick Torres
Penn State LB Curtis Jacobs
James Madison WR Reggie Brown
Southern Miss LB Swayze Bozeman
Utah CB Miles Battle
Kansas State WR Phillip Brooks
BYU P Ryan Rehkow
Tennessee Chatt. OT Griffin McDowell
Oklahoma OL McKade Mettauer
Texas Tech TE Baylor Cupp
Central Connecticut LB Luquay Washington
Kent State CB Derrick Miller



OL McKade Mettauer during a home OU Football game Credit: Unknown

Kansas City has also made some corresponding moves. Wide receiver Anthony Miller was recently released, in addition to wideouts Jacob Copeland and Shi Smith, tight end Izaiah Gathings, safety Tyree Gillespie and defensive end Jordan Smith being waived. The club withdrew its exclusive rights free agent tender for linebacker Cole Christiansen, although he can still return to the club.

Some of the headliners from this year's UDFA class were known in advance. For example, Bailey and Steele were mentioned by Veach as candidates to compete for the Chiefs' third running back job. On the other side of the ball, Jacobs was widely expected to be drafted but him joining an already loaded linebacker room will help the rich get richer. Zack Eisen of Arrowhead Report listed Lovett as a potential Day 3 draft target along the defensive line.

In addition to the UDFA collective, those invited to rookie minicamp will have an opportunity to make a lasting impression on the organization very soon.

HERE'S A LOOK AT THE CHIEFS' OPPONENTS IN 2024

BY: MATT MCMULLEN

We don't know the schedule yet, but here's who the Chiefs will play next season

The Kansas City Chiefs are back-to-back world champions following their victory in Super Bowl LVIII, and with the goal of a three-peat now firmly in mind, we already know the Chiefs' full slate of opponents in 2024.

It's worth mentioning that the schedule for next season is still to be determined, but at least for now, here's a look at the Chiefs' opponents next year alongside each respective team's record in 2023. Teams that qualified for the postseason are marked with an asterisk.

You'll also notice that the Chiefs have eight home games to nine road games next season. The onset of the 17-game schedule in 2021 brought about an unbalanced number of home and road contests, prompting a solution that alternates the extra home game between conferences from season to season.

The AFC had the benefit of the ninth home game this past season, meaning that each member of the NFC will have an extra home game this time around.

Additionally, an explanation of how these opponents were determined is below.



Kansas City Chiefs Opponent Release Via Instagram

To start with the obvious, six of the Chiefs' games next year will take place against AFC West opponents (the Broncos, Raiders and Chargers). That's the lone component of the schedule that remains the same from season to season.

Beyond that, the Chiefs (and the rest of the AFC West) will take on the entirety of the AFC North (Ravens, Browns, Steelers and Bengals) and NFC South (Buccaneers, Saints, Falcons and Panthers) in 2024. Every division in the NFL plays each team from one division in the AFC and one in the NFC on a rotating basis. For example, the Chiefs played the AFC East and NFC North this past year.

CHIEFS SCORE BIG IN 2024 NFL DRAFT

BY: LAUREN SIMPKINS

Going into the 2024 NFL Draft, many fans didn't know what to expect from the Chiefs. They had the 32nd pick (the very last pick for the first round) for the second year in a row.

By the grace of the Buffalo Bills (once again), the Chiefs landed the best WR in the draft, Xavier Worthy. Landing a player like Xavier Worthy was crucial due to the unexpected departure of WR Rashee Rice.

The Chiefs have one more weapon in their bag

The Chiefs still had some tricks up their sleeve, however. Adding to their armor for Patrick Mahomes (aka the Offensive Line) was also crucial. In the 7th round, they drafted C.J. Hanson, an interior offensive lineman.

C.J. Hanson comes from a really small school- Holy Cross. He's really graceful as a player, however.

He can easily pull down defensive linemen. He weighs in at a little over 300 pounds, making him on the smaller side for an offensive lineman. He was picked 248th overall, and didn't know if being in the NFL was a real career avenue for him until late in his collegiate career.

Dane Brugler wrote "Hanson has the phone-booth quickness to maintain the integrity of the pocket when his hands and feet work in concert...He is a grappler in the run game who is constantly working to gain leverage...Overall, Hanson has functional movements and really

focuses on the fundamental details of the position."



OL CJ Hanson during a Holy Cross football game; Credit: Unknown

"Hanson is a small-school product out of Holy Cross, and he has very fluid movements pulling defensive linemen."

-Field Yates

CHIEFS SIGN MARK DONOVAN, BRETT VEACH & ANDY REID TO CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

BY: LAUREN SIMPKINS

"Mark, Brett and Andy have achieved historic success together, and we are thrilled that they will continue in their roles for many years to come," Hunt said. "Individually, Mark, Brett and Andy each represent the best in the National Football League at their respective positions, and together, they make up one of the finest leadership teams in all of professional sports. They have been tremendous leaders for this organization on and off the field, and we look forward to their continued success in the years ahead."

Together since 2017, Donovan, Veach and Reid have overseen a Chiefs team which has gone 100-34 (.746) (reg. & postseason combined), claiming seven consecutive AFC West Division Championships, four AFC Championships and three Super Bowl Championships. The club has been in six-consecutive AFC Championship Games including hosting an NFL record five-straight (2018-2022).

Along with the team's success on the field, the club has significantly expanded the off-field business interests of the team, including the growth of the club's social footprint, expanding the national and international fanbase to one of the largest and most engaged in all of professional sports, all while continuing to focus on the fan experience at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium.

"It is a privilege to help lead this organization's business operations, and I want to thank Clark and the entire Hunt family for their continued support and

trust in the work that we're doing off-the-field and in the community, Donovan said. "I'm thankful to have an incredibly talented staff across numerous departments that are all key pieces to the organization. I'm proud to be a part of a team that has had unprecedented success and look forward to creating and experiencing more historic moments with the Kingdom."

"I'd like to thank Clark and the entire Hunt family for the support I've received these past seven seasons," Veach said. "I am blessed to work alongside very talented people and am proud of the work we've done to bring three Super Bowls to Kansas City. I am excited to continue my career in a city that's embraced me and my family the way it has & look forward to more opportunities to bring more championships to Chiefs Kingdom."

"I'm incredibly grateful to Clark and the entire Hunt family for giving me the opportunity to lead this historic franchise," Reid said. "Over the last 11 years, Tammy and I have enjoyed calling Kansas City our home. The community has embraced us, we've watched our family grow, including having all 12 grandkids during our time here. On the field, there have been so many people that have contributed to our success and Super Bowls, and I'm grateful to the players, coaches and staff that have all invested their time into this process. I'd also like to thank my agent, Bob LaMonte. Chiefs Kingdom is a special place and I'm blessed to have the opportunity to be here."

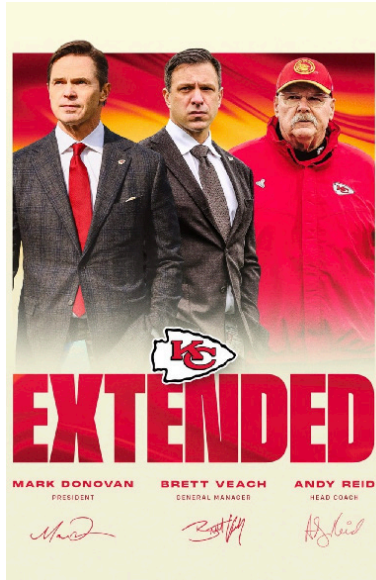


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PATRICK MAHOMES NAMED TO THE "TIME 100" FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

BY MATT MCMULLEN

The accolades continue to roll in for Kansas City Chiefs' quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

Mahomes was once again named one of the world's most influential people on Tuesday as a member of the "TIME 100," marking his second-straight year making the list. In fact, Mahomes even earned a spot as one of the magazine's "cover stars" for this year's announcement.

Former Major League Baseball star Alex Rodriguez penned Mahomes' tribute in this year's "TIME 100:"

"Patrick Mahomes has always had the heart of a champion. I remember Pat as a young kid, coming to practice with his dad to tee up baseballs for me and my teammates. I distinctly remember giving him the worst advice ever. "Don't play football. The money's in baseball." I'm happy to be wrong and glad he didn't listen! Patrick has transcended the game of football to become one of the most respected athletes of all time, both on and off the field. His insatiable desire to win is outdone only by his passion to give back and make the world around him better. Patrick's legacy will live on far beyond his playing days. And—as evidenced by his back-to-back Super Bowl wins—he's not done yet!"

The full list will be revealed in the days to come.



Patrick Mahomes before a Chiefs games; Credit: Getty