



## **One Razorback, Two Red Wolves among Top 6 Arkansas Natives in College Football in 2023**

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### **6. Isaiah Sategna | WR | Arkansas | 5-11, 180 | R-FR**

Here, too, is where a premium is placed on college potential. Some will want Sategna to be bumped up even a couple of more spots as all signs are pointing to him having a breakout season for the Hogs. It took a little while for him to get on board with Arkansas, first committing to Texas A&M, then Oregon three weeks after rescinding his pledge to the Aggies, before finally flipping to the Razorbacks in November of 2021. Sategna owns world class speed and set multiple state records at Fayetteville High and was named Gatorade Player of the Year his senior season. He was the state's top prospect in the 2022 class and 168th overall per ESPN.

### **5. Stacey Wilkins | OT | Louisiana-Monroe | 6-7, 320 | R-JR**

Wilkins was a four-star prospect and the 15th-best offensive tackle in the 2019 class when he decided to play his college football at Oklahoma over offers including Alabama, Clemson, Florida, Florida State, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas and of course, the home state Razorbacks. He played in four games his freshman season with the Sooners, which preserved his redshirt, and then sat out during the 2020 COVID year before opting to transfer to Louisiana-Monroe less than a month before the 2021 season kicked off.

Wilkins appeared in two games with the Warhawks during the '21 season, and three during the 2022 season, but [ran into legal trouble](#) in which Wilkins allegedly admitted to the assault of a woman. He was [suspended by Warhawks head coach Terry Bowden](#) for a contest against Louisiana-Lafayette, but returned for the following game against Arkansas State on October 1 and appeared in seven of the remaining eight games, according to Pro Football Focus. Heading

into his redshirt junior season, Wilkins is expected to start at left tackle for the Warhawks in 2023.

#### **4. Makilan Thomas | OT | Arkansas State | 6-3, 315 | R-SO**

Thomas appeared in three games during his true freshman season on special teams, as well as the offensive line, during his true freshman season. He earned a starting job in 2022, alternating between left and right tackle. As a senior at Little Rock Central, Thomas was tabbed all-state and helped the Tigers upset Fayetteville in the first round of the 7A playoffs, the program's last playoff appearance to this point. He was a three-star prospect per 247Sports and listed as the 16th best overall prospect in Arkansas for the 2020 class.

#### **3. Samy Johnson | CB | Arkansas State | 5-10, 195 | R-SR**

Arkansas State has not had a winning season since 2019, when they finished 8-5 and won the Camellia Bowl. Johnson contributed for the Red Wolves that season on special teams, as well as a backup role in the secondary, after moving over to the defensive side from running back. Since then, Johnson has started 21 games for the Red Wolves and hopes to help them get back to their winning ways in year four under Butch Jones. So far in his career, Johnson has logged 82 tackles, deflected 16 passes, forced two fumbles and recovered another, along with intercepting six passes, which leads all returning Red Wolves. A three-time all-state selection for LR Catholic from 2016-18, Johnson eclipsed 1,000 yards rushing during each season playing varsity and was a two-time Landers Award nominee. Johnson was rated as a three-star prospect by 247Sports and the 117th-ranked running back overall for the 2019 class.

#### **2. Simeon Blair | S | Memphis | 5-10, 210 | R-SR**

Opinions will vary when Blair's name is brought up, particularly amongst Razorback fans, but it would be hard to question his competitive spirit. Blair took the long road to playing for the home state Hogs, beginning his career as a walk-on in 2018. He did not appear in any games as a freshman, but played in eleven games in 2019, mostly on special teams. His hard work paid off prior to the start of the 2020 COVID season as new head coach Sam Pittman extended to Blair the scholarship that he had earned. He started two games at safety that year, and then seven in 2021 when the Hogs won nine games and the Outback Bowl over Penn State. In all, Blair played in 46 games with 22 starts, including every game in 2022, while playing for Arkansas. He collected 135 tackles, three for loss, a sack, deflected 11 passes, and was also named to the

SEC Academic Honor Roll twice, as well as team captain last season when Jalen Catalon went down with a season-ending injury. Blair [entered the transfer portal](#) in December and joined the Memphis Tigers to use his fifth and final season of eligibility. He has [made a strong impression already](#), earning a starting role in the secondary and was even named to the first-team preseason All-AAC team by Phil Steele. The Pine Bluff native starred for the Zebras and was a 2016 all-state selection.

### **1. Robert Scott | OT | Florida State | 6-5, 315 | R-JR**

Since arriving in Tallahassee in 2020, Scott has started 29 games for the Seminoles, competing at both left and right tackle. During his collegiate career, Scott has received multiple academic honors from being named to the All-ACC Academic Team, ACC Honor Roll and Seminole Scholar twice. During his freshman season, Scott was selected to the 247Sports True Freshman All-American Team and named second-team All-ACC in 2022 while helping lead one of college football's most balanced offenses that averaged 270.2 yards passing and 214.1 yards rushing per game, as well as averaged 36 points per game which ranked 16th in the country. Coming out of Conway, Scott was a three-star prospect and ranked by 247Sports as the 39th-best offensive tackle. He picked Florida State over additional offers including Arkansas, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, TCU and Tennessee.