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# BUFFALO RELEASES FOOTBALL SIGNEES

*24 players from 11 states make up Hofher's third recruiting class*

**BUFFALO, NY** – Head football coach Jim Hofher announced the following players as having signed National Letters of Intent to pursue their academic and athletic careers at the University at Buffalo on the first day of the college football signing period.

“In this signees’ group we have signed a guy that was bigger than any offensive lineman that we faced,” said Hofher. “We signed a guy as a defensive tackle who is bigger than any defensive lineman we faced, and we signed a receiver who is as tall as the tallest receiver we faced. At first you must look the part, and act the part, if you are going to get the part. We have taken a big step closer to being what we think is a real live Mid-American Conference football team, so we’re really delighted with this group.”

The initial 2003 Buffalo football signees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School/Previous School</u>
Sagan Atuatasi	DT	6-3	338	Los Alamitos, CA/Los Alamitos/Long Beach JC
Marck Abraham	DT	6-3	255	Deerfield Beach, FL/Deerfield Beach
Terrance Breaux	FS	6-2	196	Randallstown, MD/Randallstown
Tommy Breaux	WR	6-6	185	Randallstown, MD/Randallstown
Jon Burgio	OL	6-8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	320	Clarence, NY/Clarence
DeShawn Brooks	LB	6-1	222	Detroit, MI/Finney/San Jacquin Delta
Kareem Byrom	DB	5-10	170	New Brunswick, NJ/New Brunswick
Mike Cebrosky	OL	6-3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	270	Lehigh, PA/Lehigh
Travis Coughlin	OL	6-6	275	Royal Oak, MI/Bishop Foley
Ollice Ervin	LB	6-2	214	Vero Beach, FL/Vero Beach
Jeff Green	WR	6-3	190	Fairport, NY/Fairport
LaRon Haymore	LB	6-1	210	St. Louis, MO/Cardinal Ritter
Lucas Johnson#	OL	6-6	300	Wayzata, MN/Wayzata/Bakersfield CC
James Judges	TE/DE	6-5	240	Pickering, Ontario/St. Marys Secondary
DeSean Larmond	WR/DB	6-0	165	Brooklyn, NY/Midwood
Brian Miller	TE	6-4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	222	Santa Clarita, CA/Valencia/College of the Canyons JC
Chris Moore	QB	6-5	210	Highland Village, TX/Flower Mound Marcus
Jamey Richard	OL	6-5	280	Westin, CT/Westin
Todd Robertson	LB	6-1	205	Amherst, NY/Sweet Home
Trevor Scott	TE	6-5	225	Potsdam, NY/Potsdam
Andrae Smith	DE	6-4	217	Bloomfield, CT/Bloomfield
Quenzell Smith#	OL	6-4	360	Syracuse, NY/Henninger/Canisius College
Ken Sussman	TE/FB	6-3	250	Great Neck, NY/Great Neck North
Greg Vrantsis	TE	6-3	242	Hamilton, Ontario/Barton Secondary

#enrolled at UB in January

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Tommy Breaux – WR, 6-6, 185 lbs., Randallstown, MD; DeSean Larmond – WR/DB, 6-0, 165 lbs., Brooklyn, NY; Chris Moore – QB, 6-5, 210 lbs., Highland Village, TX; Jamey Richard – OL, 6-5, 280 lbs., Westin, CT; Trevor Scott – TE, 6-5, 225 lbs., Potsdam, NY; Andrae Smith – DE, 6-4, 217 lbs., Bloomfield, CT; Quenzell Smith – OL, 6-4, 360 lbs., Syracuse, NY; Ken Sussman – TE/FB, 6-3, 250 lbs., Great Neck, NY; Greg Vrantsis – TE, 6-3, 242 lbs., Hamilton, Ontario.

# 2003 Recruiting Class Capsule Bios

## **SAGAN ATUATASI**

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE • 6-3 • 334**

**JR. • LOS ALAMITOS, CA • LOS ALAMITOS HS  
LONG BEACH CITY JUNIOR COLLEGE**

Transfer from Long Beach City College where he played last fall...had 35 tackles, three sacks and 15 tackles for loss...originally signed with Southern Cal out of high school after recording 76 tackles (55 solos), including 18 for losses as a senior at Los Alamitos HS...was a SuperPrep All-Far West selection and a first-team All-Orange County selection.

## **MARCK ABRAHAM**

**DT • 6-3 • 255**

**FR. • DEERFIELD BEACH, FL • DEERFIELD BEACH**

Athletic defender who had 80 tackles, 15 sacks, three fumble recoveries and two blocked field goals as a senior at Deerfield Beach HS...earned second-team All-State and first-team All-County kudos...selected to play in the North-South All-Star game.

## **TERRANCE BREAUX**

**FS • 6-2 • 196**

**FR. • RANDALLSTOWN, MD • RANDALLSTOWN HS**

Earned three letters and was a captain once for coach Anthony Knox...a versatile athlete who played running back, wide receiver and free safety...had 20 receptions for 329 yards and also rushed for 278 yards on 29 carries (9.6 per carry) and scored six touchdowns...voted his team's Unsung Hero...invited to play in the I-95 All-Star game...also an All-County selection in basketball...brother Tommy is also among UB's 2003 recruits.

## **TOMMY BREAUX**

**WR • 6-6 • 185**

**FR. • RANDALLSTOWN, MD • RANDALLSTOWN HS**

Tall, rangy athlete who averaged nearly 20 yards per catch for coach Anthony Knox for the Rams of Randallstown...earned two letters in football and also excels on the basketball and track teams...had 32 catches for 623 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior...brother Terrance is also among UB's 2003 recruits.

## **JONATHAN BURGIO**

**OT • 6-8 $\frac{1}{2}$  • 320**

**FR. • CLARENCE, NY • CLARENCE HS**

Mountainous offensive tackle who possesses good athleticism...also participates in basketball at Clarence...an All-Western New York selection for coach Tom Goddard...earned two letters and was a captain as a senior.

## **DeSHAWN BROOKS**

**LB • 6-1 • 222**

**FR. • DETROIT, MI • FINNEY HS •  
SAN JACQUIN DELTA JC**

Transfer from San Jacquin Delta JC in California...had 70 tackles and 11 sacks last season while leading his team to a 9-2 record and a berth in the Tri-City Bank Bowl...was an honorable mention All-Detroit city selection at Finney HS as a senior after racking up 74 tackles and playing tight end on offense...earned two letters for coach Darrel Rich.

## **KAREEM BYROM**

**DB • 5-10 • 170**

**FR. • NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ • NEW BRUNSWICK**

An All-State and All-Conference selection for coach John Quinn as a running back/defensive back...had 800 yards rushing and 14 touchdowns as a senior while leading the Zebras to a 12-1 record...earned three letters and was a captain once...also is a point guard on the New Brunswick basketball team currently ranked 12th in the state...has also lettered in track.

## **MIKE CEBROSKY**

**OL • 6-3 $\frac{1}{2}$  • 270**

**FR. • LEHIGHTON, PA • LEHIGHTON HS**

A three-year letterwinner and captain for coach Bill Brong while playing offensive guard and defensive end and tackle...led the Indians to an 18-6 mark over his final two seasons...an AP Large School All-State selection as a senior while earning first-team All-Conference honors on both sides of the line...also wrestles and throws the shot and discus for the track and field team.

## **TRAVIS COUGHLIN**

**OL • 6-6 • 275**

**FR. • ROYAL OAK, MI • BISHOP FOLEY HS**

Athletic offensive lineman who has also earned All-League honors as a center on the basketball team at Bishop Foley HS...earned four letters for coach Tony Patriitto...an All-State Class B selection while also earning All-Area, All County and All-Metro North kudos.

## **OLLICE ERVIN**

**LB • 6-2 • 214**

**FR. • VERO BEACH, FL • VERO BEACH HS**

Fluid athlete who excelled at both tailback and linebacker for coach Billy Livings at Vero Beach...led team to a 12-1 record as a senior while earning All-Conference and All-State (6A) honors...had 1,259 yards rushing and 14 touchdowns while playing mainly offense as a senior.

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## JEFF GREEN

WR • 6-3 • 190

FR. • FAIRPORT, NY • FAIRPORT HS

A first-team All-County and All-Greater Rochester selection at Fairport where he earned two letters and was captain as a senior...had 1,355 all-purpose yards as a senior, including seven touchdowns...had 46 receptions for 771 yards (16.8 per catch) for the Red Raiders...a third-team All-State selection.

## LaRON HAYMORE

LB • 6-1 • 210

FR. • ST. LOUIS, MO • CARDINAL RITTER HS

A *St. Louis Dispatch* All-Metro selection who had 108 tackles and 12 sacks as a senior for coach Ron Villars while being named team MVP...a four-year letterwinner who was twice a captain, he led the Lions to a conference title as a junior...also has earned letters in track and field in the triple jump, long jump and hurdles...had 100 tackles as a junior.

## LUKE JOHNSON

OT • 6-6 • 300

JR. • WAYZATA, MN • WAYZATA HS

BAKERSFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Enrolled at Buffalo in January after transferring from Bakersfield CC...was an All-Conference selection at Wayzata HS for coach Brad Anderson, leading the Trojans to a 19-4 mark in his final two seasons...was selected as one of the Top 10 Division I recruits in the state by the Minneapolis *Star-Tribune* as a senior...also played basketball at Wayzata.

## JAMES JUDGES

DE/TE • 6-6 • 235

FR. • PICKERING, ONTARIO • ST. MARY'S

Played for his father, Gordon, and starred as a defensive end and tight end at St. Mary's...had 72 tackles, 10 sacks and three fumble recoveries on defense while earning second-team All-Canadian honors...led the Monarchs to three league championships as well...is also an accomplished hockey player and wakeboarder, who won the 1999 Wakestock Amateur Boys title.

## DeSEAN LARMOND

WR/DB • 6-0 • 165

FR. • BROOKLYN, NY • MIDWOOD HS

A versatile athlete who starred at receiver, tailback, cornerback and as a kick returner for coach Steve Basile at Midwood HS...earned three letters and was a captain as a senior while earning All-New York City and All-Borough honors as well as "Big 44" accolades...had 710 yards rushing (9.1 per carry) and 329 yards receiving (25.3 per catch) and scored 12 touchdowns as a senior while breaking the school all-purpose yardage record.

## BRIAN MILLER

TE • 6-4 $\frac{1}{2}$  • 222

JR. • SANTA CLARITA, CA • VALENCIA HS

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS JC

Excellent athlete who earned Grid Wire All-American honors after making 42 receptions for 553 yards and six touchdowns for coach Chuck Lyon at College of the Canyons last fall...a first-team All-State and All-Conference selection who helped lead his team to the national junior college title game.

## CHRIS MOORE

QB • 6-5 • 210

FR. • HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TX • MARCUS HS

An All-District selection as a senior at quarterback and as a punter his junior year for coach Randy Mayes...earned two letters while serving as a captain last season...despite missing half the season to injury, he completed 133-of-246 passes (54%) for 1,886 yards (290 yards per game) and accounted for 17 touchdowns (15 passing and two rushing)...has also earned letters in basketball and baseball and ranks among the top 10 percent of his class.

## JAMEY RICHARD

OL • 6-5 • 280

FR. • WESTIN, CT • WESTIN HS

Dominating tackle on both sides of the ball for head coach Bob Zito for the Trojans of Westin HS...had 95 tackles and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  sacks on defense while anchoring the offensive line at left tackle...named All-State, All-Area and All-Conference...earned three letters while serving as captain once...first Westin HS player to earn a Division I-A scholarship in the school's history.

## TODD ROBERTSON

LB • 6-1 • 205

FR. • AMHERST, NY • SWEET HOME HS

A versatile athlete who projects to be an outside linebacker...a first-team All-Conference selection who set the school record for sacks (10) as a senior while leading the Panthers to a 10-1 mark...also holds the career mark for sacks...earned three letters and captained once for head coach John Faller...has also earned letters in basketball, track, baseball and lacrosse.

## TREVOR SCOTT

TE • 6-5 • 225

FR. • POTSDAM, NY • POTSDAM HS

Tall, rangy athlete who was twice an All-Northern selection at Potsdam for coach Jimmy Kirka while playing tight end and outside linebacker...earned two letters and was twice a captain...was team MVP as both a junior and senior and was a *Watertown Daily Times* first-team selection...also has earned four letters in track and field and two in basketball.

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## ANDRAE SMITH

DE • 6-4 • 217

FR. • BLOOMFIELD, CT • BLOOMFIELD HS

An excellent athlete who played his prep ball at Connecticut's most successful program over the past decade...earned two letters for coach Bob Gibson while leading the War Hawks of Bloomfield to a 23-2 record in his final two years...helped both the football and basketball teams to state championships as a junior...had 25 catches for 409 yards as a tight end and 65 tackles and eight sacks as a defensive end as a senior.

## QUENZELL SMITH

OT • 6-4 • 360

FR. • SYRACUSE, NY • HENNINGER HS

A mid-year transfer from Canisius College who has four years of eligibility remaining...was twice a captain for coach Bob Campese and helped the Black Knights of Henninger to three sectional titles during his prep career...a first-team All-Central New York selection and team MVP as a senior.

## KEN SUSSMAN

TE/FB • 6-3 • 250

FR. • GREAT NECK, NY • GREAT NECK NORTH

An outstanding athlete who starred at fullback and linebacker for coach Mark Greene at Great Neck North...gained 1,030 yards rushing and scored 16 touchdowns offensively while making 108 tackles on defense for the Blazers...selected to play in Senior Bowl and was an All-Conference selection...has also played in the Empire State Games in ice hockey and has been an All-County attacker in lacrosse.

## GREG VRANTSIS

TE • 6-3 • 240

FR. • HAMILTON, ONTARIO • BARTON SECONDARY

Played tight end, defensive end and linebacker for coach Doug Holmes at Barton Secondary...was selected as the MVP of the provincial All-Star game and his team's defensive MVP as a senior...was twice a captain...was also selected as his team's top player in basketball.

## 2003 UB Recruiting Breakdown

### *By State/Province*

New York.....	7
California .....	2
Maryland.....	2
Michigan.....	2
Florida.....	2
Connecticut.....	2
Ontario.....	2
New Jersey.....	1
Pennsylvania.....	1
Missouri .....	1
Minnesota .....	1
Texas.....	1

### *By Position\**

Defensive Backs .....	3
Running Backs.....	1
Offensive Linemen .....	6
Defensive Linemen.....	4
Linebackers.....	4
Quarterbacks.....	1
Wide Receivers.....	3
Tight ends .....	5

\*some players slated in multiple positions

### *By Previous Schools*

High School Seniors .....	19
Junior College Transfers.....	4
Transfer from another college .....	1