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## NFL INTERNATIONAL COMBINE RETURNS TO LONDON

### *44 athletes from 13 countries invited to participate*

The National Football League International Combine heads to London for the second consecutive year.

Mirrored after the annual NFL Combine staged in the United States, the invitational scouting showcase is designed to discover and evaluate potential NFL talent globally. Forty-four athletes will be selected to participate in a series of tests in front of NFL evaluators at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on October 3-4.

“Hosting the International Combine in London for the second year provides tremendous exposure for our great game,” said **Roman Oben**, NFL Vice President of Football Development. “The Combine allows us to evaluate new talent globally, shine a spotlight on our sport and provide an opportunity for participants to compete at the highest level.”

Athletes representing as many as 13 countries will be evaluated for a potential position in the NFL’s International Player Pathway (IPP) program. Instituted in 2017, the IPP program aims to provide elite international athletes the opportunity to compete at the NFL level, improve their skills, and ultimately earn a spot on an NFL roster.

Following the International Combine, a select number of athletes who meet specific performance requirements and display the potential to play in the NFL, will be invited to train in the United States for three months. This group will be reduced yet again following the training phase in the US and a select number will be allocated to NFL clubs for the 2023 season.

The International Combine is the first step in the process towards participation in the IPP program that has helped players such as **EFE OBADA** (UK/Washington Commanders), **JAKOB JOHNSON** (Germany/Las Vegas Raiders) and **JORDAN MAILATA** (Australia/Philadelphia Eagles) earn an NFL roster spot.

This year **MARCEL DABO** (Germany/Indianapolis Colts), **ADEDAYO ODELEYE** (United Kingdom/Houston Texans) **THOMAS ODUKOYA** (Netherlands/Tennessee Titans) and **AYO OYELOLA** (United Kingdom/Jacksonville Jaguars) will join the practice squads of their AFC South teams.

The 2022 International Combine will be the fourth iteration, after one in Australia in 2018 and in Germany in 2019. The NFL conducted a Combine in Mexico in October of 2021 for athletes unable to make it to London due to travel restrictions. This is the second time the event will be hosted in London; the combine will be closed to the public.

Below are the players who received International Combine invitations:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Team</b>
Lachlan Amosa, Talitiga	DL	Australia	Berlin Rebels
Oswin, Brendan	OL	Australia	Potsdam Royals
Ogbevoen, Lucky	LB	Austria	Swarco Raiders
Rodlauer, Tobias	OL	Austria	Berlin Thunder
Fortes, Kevin	DB	France	Hamburg Sea Devils
Kancel, Ludovic	OL	France	-
Saint Amand Daufour, Abel	LB	France	Cougars de Saint-Ouen-L'Aumone
Zeregbe, Stanley	LB	France	Berlin Thunder
Jokiel, Luca	OL	Germany	Heidelberg Hunters
Levi Kruse, John	TE/FB	Germany	Hamburg Sea Devils
Schroeter, Lino	LB	Germany	Cologne Crocodiles
Simon, Flamur	LB/DE	Germany	Cologne Centurions
Werthmann, Marlon	OL	Germany	Schwabisch Hall Unicorns
Wiegand, Leander	OL	Germany	Cologne Centurions
Matsui, Riki	WR	Japan	Fujitsu Frontiers
Ibarra Rodriguez, Ernesto	LB/DE	Mexico	-
Zepeda, Hector	OL	Mexico	Tec De Monterrey
Kwofie, Harlan	DB	Netherlands	Rhein Fire
Owusu-Bediako, Tyrese	DL	Netherlands	Rhein Fire
Gary Pumipi, Te Akau	OL	New Zealand	7T5 Sports Academy
Raymond Chan-Tung, Jaylen	OL	New Zealand	-
Siaki Akiono, Jack	TE	New Zealand	7T5 Sports Academy
Vinny Lui, Etuale Junior	OL/DL	New Zealand	-
Augustine Nwoye, Ifeanyi	LB	Nigeria	Uprise Academy
Chijioke Okoye, Basil	OL	Nigeria	Uprise Academy
Chisom Omemgboji, Chibuike	OL	Nigeria	Uprise Academy
David Agoha, Ebuka	LB/DE	Nigeria	Uprise Academy
Emmanuel Nzekwe, Ebuka	DB	Nigeria	Uprise Academy
Godrick, Jason	OL	Nigeria	Uprise Academy
Laoye, Amos	OL	Nigeria	New Yorker Lions
Odumegwu, Kenneth	DL	Nigeria	Uprise Academy
Okwuchukwu Ezeani, Johnbosco	DL	Nigeria	Uprise Academy
Osuji, Desmond	DL	Nigeria	Uprise Academy
Paul Anine, Ifeanyi	DB	Nigeria	Uprise Academy
Precious Uzuegbu, Udochukwu	WR	Nigeria	Uprise Academy

Humberto Jiron Bowles, Jaime	DE/TE	Panama	Linces UVM
Fernández Nieto, Alejandro	LB/DE	Spain	Barcelona Dragons
Rodríguez, Gabriel	OL	Spain	Barcelona Dragons
Haenni, Tim	DL	Switzerland	Hamburg Sea Devils
Falola, Emmanuel	LB	UK	Bristol Aztecs
Jackson, Jai	LB/DE	UK	London Blitz
Johnson-Fisher, Tyrese	RB	UK	London Warriors
Mbahin, Arthur	LB/DE	UK	Tamworth Phoenix
Owusu, Andy	RB	UK	London Warriors