

Phidarian Mathis, Defensive Lineman

Named a permanent team captain for the 2021 campaign, Mathis was the vocal and emotional leader of the Alabama defense in his final year in Tuscaloosa. A second team All-American and a second team AllSEC honoree, Mathis contributed in a big way along the Tide defensive front with 53 total tackles, including nine sacks (-52 yards) to rank second on the UA defense. He also added nine sacks (-52 yards), good for second on the team, while adding six quarterback hurries, two pass breakups, a pair of fumble recoveries and a forced fumble. As a junior, Mathis totaled 31 tackles, including five for loss (-10 yards) and 1.5 sacks (-6 yards), to go with three quarterback hurries, three pass breakups and a forced fumble. He accumulated 27 tackles in 2019, one year removed earning SEC All-Freshman Team recognition in 2018. That year saw Mathis finish with 18 tackles and a fumble recovery across his 15 games of action. Mathis finished his time in Tuscaloosa with 20 starts as part of 55 games played, racking up 129 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss (-66 yards) and 10.5 sacks (-58 yards). He also recorded 11 quarterback hurries, five pass breakups, three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries during his four seasons of action.