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Firecat Defense Becomes A Lot Stabler

Estero, FL- The Florida Firecats received a huge boost today when they inked Roy Stabler, their top defensive player from last year.

“Getting Roy back is going to be a great asset to this defense,” Quincy Sorrell, Firecat defensive specialist said of Stabler’s return. “Not only does he play the middle extraordinarily well, he also has a great knowledge of the defense. He is a tremendous gain.”

Stabler, a 6-3, 215-pound Southern Mississippi University alumnus, led the Firecats in virtually every defensive statistic last year. He also did it only 13 games, which is the same amount of games left in the Firecats’ regular season. Stabler had 64 solo tackles and 31 assisted tackles last season, which were both bests of the Firecat defense. He also led the Firecats with 79.5 tackles, and those 79.5 tackles ranked sixth in all of arenafootball2. Stabler was also first on the team with 19 pass deflections. He also forced two fumbles, and recovered four fumbles, which was first for the team and third in af2. Stabler was second on the team with four interceptions, and he also had 1.5 tackles for a loss.

“Having Roy back is like having (quarterback Ken) Mastrole on offense,” Kevin Bouis, Firecat defensive coordinator, said. “Not only does he know his position, he knows the defense.”

Stabler arrives at Firecat camp just in time to aboard the bus on a four game road trip. The Firecats head to northern Georgia to take on the defending American Conference champion Macon Knights on Saturday. Macon ended the Firecats’ season last year in the first round of the playoffs. The Firecats knocked Macon out of the playoffs in 2002 en route to the American Conference championship.

The Firecats return home on May 29 when they get a rematch with the Memphis Xplorers. Tickets are available by calling (239) 390-2287.

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