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VIKINGS ANNOUNCE ROSTER MOVES

Eagan, Minn. (September 1, 2021) – The Minnesota Vikings have announced the following roster moves:

SIGNED TO PRACTICE SQUAD

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	EXP.	COLLEGE
31	Ameer Abdullah	RB	7	Nebraska
65	Zack Bailey	T	3	South Carolina
34	Jake Bargas	FB	2	North Carolina
47	Tuf Borland	LB	R	Ohio State
40	Zach Davidson	TE	R	Central Missouri
46	Myles Dorn	S	2	North Carolina
78	Dakota Dozier	G	8	Furman
68	Kyle Hinton	G	2	Washburn
87	Myron Mitchell	WR	R	UAB
39	Parry Nickerson	CB	4	Tulane
16	Whop Philyor	WR	R	Indiana
36	A.J. Rose, Jr.	RB	R	Kentucky
5	Tye Smith	CB	6	Towson
79	Kenny Willekes	DE	2	Michigan State

CLAIMED – ASSIGNED VIA WAIVERS (Jacksonville)

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	EXP.	COLLEGE
TBD	Ben Ellefson	TE	2	North Dakota State

WAIVED

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90	Jalyn Holmes	DE	4	Ohio State

Ellefson (6-3, 250), spent his rookie season with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2020 going undrafted out of North Dakota State. Ellefson played in seven games last year, catching one pass for 10 yards against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 6. The Hawley, Minnesota, native was part of five conference championships and four FCS national championships with Bison teams during his five years with the program. Ellefson finished his college career with 35 receptions, 463 receiving yards and 16 touchdowns. His touchdowns are the most by a tight end in NDSU history and rank ninth on the school's all-time career list. During Ellefson's senior season in 2019, he was an *American Football Coaches Association All-America Second Team* selection after catching 15 passes for 199 yards and five scores. Ellefson's high school, Hawley High School, is located roughly 30 minutes away from Adam Thielen's high school, Detroit Lakes High School.

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