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Key Points of Interest:

- ◆ Arguably had the most snaps at protecting the QB's 'blind-side' out of any left tackle in this years draft considering his number of starts and playing in the run-and-shoot offense.
- ◆ Extremely durable as he never missed a game due to injury...42 Career Starts at Left Tackle, including his last 37 consecutive games.
- ◆ Has solid strength and technique as he properly utilizes his long arms and hands along with his wide waist and thick chest.
- ◆ Consistently gets under his man and creates a good explosion with his initial punch.
- ◆ Powerful build with extremely fluid hip movement. Body weight is proportionately distributed and carried effortlessly. Has great footwork.
- ◆ Invited and participated in the 2007 East-West Shrine Game
- ◆ Didn't start playing football until junior year in high school.

➤ 2006 Season

- ◆ All-American, Honorable Mention, by The NFL Draft Report.
- ◆ All-WAC, 1st Team
- ◆ Started all 13 games at Left Tackle...allowed NO sacks on 913 plays.
- ◆ Key Games to Watch: Fresno St. (10/14/06) & San Jose St. (11/18/06).
- ◆ Recipient of the Team's Most Inspirational Award
- ◆ Helped anchor an offensive line of the most potent offense in Division I.

➤ 2005 Season

- ◆ All-WAC, 2nd Team
- ◆ Started all 12 games at Left Tackle

➤ 2004 Season

- ◆ All-WAC, Honorable Mention
- ◆ Started all 13 games at Left Tackle

➤ 2003 Season

- ◆ Converted defensive tackle, played in 9 games and started in 8 games at left tackle.

➤ 2002 Season

- ◆ Redshirt, competed on scout team as a defensive tackle.

Notable Quotes:

"Tala, I think right now is the most dominant game-in and game out offensive lineman we have." University of Hawaii OL Coach Dennis McKnight.

"He's got really good feet. He's aggressive and strong. A well-rounded player." He's a really good offensive tackle. He's got really good balance." Former Purdue DE Anthony Spencer, on Esera.

"I see a tremendous growth in Tala from last year. He's really stepped up and taken on the senior leadership thing. Most importantly it's what you see on film. Against UNLV we gave him player of the week because he was flying around, he was doing so many things, so athletic and he was playing with so much intensity. Then the next two weeks he played even better." University of Hawaii QB Colt Brennan.

Prep:

Kahuku High School... named 2nd team All-State as a defensive tackle in his senior year...SAT score: 1020.

Personal:

Born June 15, 1984... Mature and family-oriented off the field as he and his wife, Nadia Mahe are raising their three daughters... Earned his Bachelors Degree after graduating in December of 2006.



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