

# Hawaii Football: Two Players Sign with NFL Teams



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Hawaii football experienced a disappointing 2022 campaign, finishing 3-10. However, two Hawaii football players recently signed with NFL teams according to KHON2 Digital Reporter Christian Shimabuku.

Offensive Lineman Ilm Manning and Wide Receiver Zion Bowens went undrafted this spring.

Manning signed with the San Francisco 49ers. Manning's draft stock fell because of his size.

Manning is listed at 6'4 and is considered too small to play tackle. Manning will most likely play guard with the 49ers.

Manning played over 60 games for the Rainbow Warriors. Manning recorded 119 knockdowns in 2022.

Bowens signed with the Washington Commanders. Bowens [caught](#) 59 passes, amassed 896 receiving yards and scored seven touchdowns in college. Bowens had a career-high 494 receiving yards in 2022.

Bowens has a chance to make the Commander's team. Bowens can learn from Terry McLaurin, Curtis Samuel and Jahan Dotson.

## The Significance?

Hawaii has produced NFL players in the past, but hasn't had the same luck recently. Quarterback Cole McDonald was the last player from Hawaii who was drafted. McDonald was drafted in the seventh round of the 2020 NFL Draft. McDonald was selected by the Tennessee Titans.

The NFL is littered with undrafted players. Manning and Bowens must work hard and prove they belong in the NFL.

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