

97 LINVAL JOSEPH

Defensive Tackle

6-6, 322, Three Letters

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Elected to forego senior season and declared for the NFL Draft immediately following East Carolina's participation in the 2010 AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Jan. 2) ... Earned top Conference USA honors and solidified reputation as one of the top defensive linemen in college football after three seasons ... Arrived on the scene in impressive fashion as a true freshman, often winning line of scrimmage battles against seasoned veterans and followed with the first of two an all-league performances a year later ... Owns incredible strength numbers despite a back injury that resulted in a noteworthy weight-loss session in the spring of 2008 (loss of approximately 70 pounds from a frame that checked in at 371 prior to the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl in December, 2007) ... Gained over 20 pounds back through work in strength program prior to the '09 season ... In all, closed career with play in 41 games while making 27 starts.

2009: A first-team All-Conference USA choice by league head coaches ... Also chosen to top all-league squads by two media agencies – *CollegeFootballNews.com* and *Phil Steele Magazine* ... Led all linemen with 60 tackles as a junior (22 solo) ... Also topped all defensive players with 13.0 tackles for lost yardage (-39 yard) and 14 quarterback pressures ... Finished campaign ranked among the Top 10 nationally (FBS) in career assisted TFLs ... Tallied three sacks (-17 yards) and was credited with one batted pass (Tulsa) and a blocked kick (FGA/UCF) ... Logged five or more tackles on six occasions, with a season-high of seven vs. Appalachian State and Virginia Tech ... Had three six-stop outings – North Carolina, UCF and Southern Miss ... Logged a season-best four solo hits against Tar Heels ... Booked multiple stops in 13 of 14 games (one vs. Memphis) ... Produced sacks against Appalachian State, UCF and Rice ... Posted two or more TFLs vs. ASU, SMU and Tulsa ... Had at least a half a TFL in 11 of 14 tilts ... Booked a season-best three QB pressures in title-clinching games vs. Southern Miss (divisional) and No. 18 Houston (conference) ... Played key role on an unit that held seven opponents to less than 100 rushing yards in a game – UCF/70, SMU/28, Rice/78, Memphis/84, Tulsa/30, Houston/30 and Arkansas/81 ... Also served as a short-yardage back on the offensive side of the ball, mostly serving in a blocking role ... Did, however, have one carry for one yard and a touchdown against Southern Miss. **2008:** Was among East Carolina top 10 tacklers as a sophomore, finishing with a total of 43 stops – eight of those coming behind the line of scrimmage for lost yardage (-34) ... Played in all 14 games and opened the last nine consecutive contests on the inside of the Pirates' defensive front ... Enjoyed a career-high nine-tackle performance against Tulsa in the Conference USA Championship Game, which also included a forced fumble and a batted pass ... Dropped Golden Hurricane quarterback David Johnson behind the line on a rush (-3 yards) where he forced his first career fumble on a third-and-five play in the third quarter ... Followed with seven stops against Kentucky in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, a career-best three resulting in lost yardage (-15) ... In all, tallied 2.5 sacks (1.0 vs. UCF, 0.5 vs. UTEP, 1.0 vs. Kentucky), one forced fumble, one batted pass and one quarterback hurry (N.C. State) ... Credited with a pair of blocked extra-point attempts against Wildcats during bowl action in Memphis ... Posted six or more stops in three of the last four games ... A honorable mention All-Conference USA selection by league coaches ... Helped defensive unit hold three opponents to under 100 rushing yards (Tulane/76, UCF/82, UTEP/57) and two opponents to less than 100 passing yards (West Virginia/72, Memphis/82), while forcing a total of 33 turnovers (No. 7 national rank) ... Opened season as a preseason All-Conference USA selection by *Phil Steele Magazine*, despite missing much of fall camp due to a back injury – which was primarily responsible for the aforementioned loss of 70 pounds after the 2007 campaign ... Made first start of '08 against Virginia (Oct. 11) and never left lineup for the remainder of the year. **2007:** A true freshman who played in all 13 games with four starts ... Named to the 2007 Conference USA All-Freshman Team by media and coaches ... Notched first career start against No. 5 West Virginia, finishing with four total tackles ... Recorded 40 overall total tackles (13 solo, 27 assists) ... His 8.5 TFLs (-23 yards) ranked fourth on the squad ... First career sack (half) came against Southern Miss for a 3-yard loss ... Also credited with a half sack against Marshall (-4 yards) ... Ranked fourth on the team with five QBHs ... Recovered pair of fumbles (Southern Miss and Tulane) ... Collected a then career-high eight tackles (three solo, five assists) against Marshall ... Part of a defensive front that held four opponents to 80 rushing yards or less (VT/33, UNC/79, NCSU/49, Memphis/77) ... Recorded at least four tackles in five games (Southern Miss/6, West Virginia/4, UCF/4, Marshall/8 and Tulane/6) ... Other starts came against Houston, UCF and Tulane in the regular season finale ... Made collegiate debut on national television at Virginia Tech but was not credited with any statistics ... Booked first career tackle (two) during Pirates' victory over North Carolina at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium ... Officially signed with Skip Holtz' program in February, 2007. **High School:** A four-year letterman for the Raiders ... A two-time all-state selection (Class AAA) as a junior and senior for prep coach Scott Pritchett ... An all-region choice who additionally earned a three-star rating by *Rivals.com* ... Rated as the No. 44 tackle nationally according to *Rivals.com* ... Considered among the region's top prospects and among the top 500 overall prospects in the country (deemed to have pro potential and ability to make an impact on a college team) ... Ranked as the 59th top recruit out of Florida ... Featured in the 2007 *Rivals.com Recruiting Yearbook* ... Rated No. 76 in Florida by *SuperPrep Magazine* ... Timed at 5.0 in the 40-yard dash ... Recorded lifts of 415 (bench press) and 560 (squat) ... In all, earned a total of 10 varsity letters (three each in track and weight lifting) ... Captured the Florida State Weightlifting Championship as a junior with a 415-pound bench press and a 320-pound clean jerk ... Also advanced to the state finals and competed in the shot put and discus events. **Personal:** Full name is Linval Clement Joseph ... Born October 10, 1988 at Christiansted, Virgin Islands ... Son of Ernestine Johnson ... Was a communications major ... Nickname is June.

JOSEPH'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	FF	FR	INT	QBH	PB
2007	13/4	13	27	40	1.0	8.5	0	2	0-0	5	0
2008	14/9	22	21	43	2.5	8.0	1	0	0-0	1	1
2009	14/14	22	38	60	3.0	13.0	0	0	0-0	14	1
Totals	41/27	57	86	143	6.5	29.5	1	2	0-0	20	2

Career-high tackles – 9 vs. Tulsa (12/06/08)