A first professional game for Jesse Joseph with the Alouettes

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Jesse Joseph realized a dream by playing in his first professional game with the Montreal Alouettes on June 25th, facing the Ottawa REDBLACKS.

The 26-year-old defensive star, originally from Duvernay, played in the prestigious university circuit of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) with the University of Connecticut Huskies (from 2009-2013), where he excelled on special teams and as a defensive tackle.

"I was excited to play that first pro game. I had a few appearances as defensive tackle. I wanted to show my versatility, "said number 99 of the Alouettes.

"I learned a lot. This first part has shown me that I have to work even harder," he continued.

Joseph believes he has shown his work ethic and skills to his coaches. He wants to learn from the best. Defensive tackles Corey Irvin and Michael Alan Cash are providing him with a good example.

"Although I have not had much playing time, I took my chances each time while always taking things seriously. I have to keep working hard," said the third-round pick of the Alouettes at the 2013 draft.

Awarded

Although several other players didn't manage to carve out a position with the Alouettes and were released, the Laval defensive lineman is one of five defensive rookies who have erupted onto the roster of the Montreal team.

"I think I have never worked as hard in a training camp. It paid off for me and I'm happy to have earned a position with the Alouettes, but I'm still not completely satisfied." concluded Joseph Jesse.

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