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City of Fairburn Native, Felix Harper, Signs on with the NFL's Cleveland Browns

The City of Fairburn's own Felix Harper, was recently signed as a quarterback by the NFL's Cleveland Browns.

Felix, known as "Triggerman" on the field, is a 2016 Creekside High School graduate, located in the City of Fairburn. His parents live right down the street from the City's Mayor, Mayor Mario Avery.

"We congratulate Felix on this amazing achievement and for his hard work and athletic talent," said Mayor Mario B. Avery. "This is the kind of athlete that Fairburn produced, and we are extremely proud to call him our own."

After graduating, Felix went on to star as quarterback at Alcorn State University, where he led the team to a 7-5, 6-2 SWAC record in 2021. He was number three in the SWAC by completing 204 of 334 passes for 2,489 yards, 20 passing touchdowns, five interceptions, and a 147.1 QB rating.

During his time as an undergraduate at Alcorn, Felix was also one of four finalists for the HBCU Player of the Year award. He won three SWAC Offensive Player of the Week awards, was named the HBCU National Player of the Week winner and earned a helmet sticker on the ESPN College Football Final. In addition, Felix was named Team MVP. He is currently a few classes from completing his MBA in Business Administration also from Alcorn University.

As an undrafted free agent, Felix was brought in for a tryout after preparing during the offseason under the direction of Coach Andrico Hines. He also worked out with current Cleveland quarterback Deshaun Watson and former quarterback Tyrod Taylor in a workout session alongside "quarterback coach of the stars," Quincy Avery. Felix participated in the Browns' rookie minicamp on a tryout basis and successfully made it onto the training camp roster as a quarterback.

"Making an NFL roster during the off-season is a major accomplishment in itself as a very limited number of players make it that far," said City Administrator Tony M. Phillips. "Felix is multitalented and has a great arm. The City of Fairburn wishes him much success and supports him all the way!"

Felix was also joined by Georgia University's Jake Fromm at the Browns' rookie camp. However, Felix was deemed the more impressive quarterback between the two, earning him an off-season roster spot.





