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Rydell Malancon, 6' 2" 210 lbs



The 6'2" 210 pound, 4.4 sprinter accounted for 112 solo tackles, five interceptions and seven sacks in his senior season leading the "Gold Crush" defense to a State Championship in 1979. Malancon was the leader of the Wildcat defense, one that allowed only 4.2 points per game. A ferocious defender, he would cover the entire field from sideline to sideline, his motor and dedication are legendary in Wildcat football. The two-time All-State linebacker, was named District MVP as a junior and senior as well as State Defensive MVP in 1979. He was selected to the LHSCA All Star game and started at linebacker for the East Team. A high school All-American honoree, Malancon was a game changer, he made spectacular plays

on defense and added to an unstoppable offensive air attack making key catches and scoring in the clutch.

Malancon signed with Louisiana State University in 1980 under Tiger Coach Jerry Stovall as a defensive lineman before eventually switching to linebacker. Considered one of the greatest linebackers in LSU history, he set and currently holds the all time sack record at LSU with 25. That record doesn't appear to be in jeopardy of being broken any time soon. He put



up the first double-digit sack season in school history with 10 in 1981 and is still one of only three LSU players to have 10 sacks in a season while also recording 71 tackles and two fumble recoveries. Malancon was selected to the LSU All-Time Team at linebacker finishing with 228 total tackles, including 24 behind the line for his career as a Tiger.

Drafted by Atlanta in the fourth round in the 1984 draft and 94th overall, Malancon had two stints in the NFL – one with the Falcons in 1984 and another with the Packers in 1987.