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BUCCANEERS RE-SIGN OL ZUTTAH TO FOUR-YEAR DEAL

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers announced today that they have re-signed OL Jeremy Zuttah to a four-year contract.

“Mark (Dominik) and I agreed keeping Jeremy on our football team was one of our priorities this offseason. He is a young, talented player, who we both know very well. We are pleased we could get this deal done and secure Jeremy for years to come,” said Greg Schiano.

Heading into his fifth season, Zuttah has played in 58 regular season games with 44 starts. A versatile lineman, Zuttah has made starts at both guard positions (five at right and 30 at left), as well as center (nine). He was a third-round selection (83rd overall) out of Rutgers University by the Buccaneers in the 2008 NFL Draft and has helped Tampa Bay to some of the best single-season offensive performances in team history.

“Not only am I happy to remain a Buccaneer, but also to be back playing for Coach Schiano. I couldn’t be more thrilled about this opportunity,” said Zuttah.

In his rookie season, the team recorded the most total yards (5,456) and the second-most total points (361) in team history. That year, he was also part of a unit that allowed 97 consecutive passing attempts without giving up a sack, the third-longest streak in franchise history. In 2010, the team recorded the best average gain-per-play (5.61), best average rush-per-play (4.64) and best average pass play (7.21). This past season, Zuttah started in 14 of the 15 games he played, helping the team record the fourth-best average gain-per-play (5.29) and third-best average rush-per-play (4.21).

Since his debut in 2008, Zuttah has helped the Buccaneers to five of the top 15 single-game offensive performances in team annals, including the sixth-most, in Week 4 of the 2011 season against Indianapolis (466).

Zuttah has also helped pave the way for the Buccaneers rushing attack, with the team recording two of its top 10 seasons in total rushing yards during his four seasons as a pro.