

# 2018 NFL DRAFT PROSPECTS



## OREN BURKS

20 || LB

6-3/230

Fairfax Station, Va.  
South County HS

2017: Starting at a new position for the third straight year, the versatile Burks enjoyed his finest statistical season as a senior defensive co-captain... Started 11-of-12 games at inside line-backer after playing hybrid linebacker-safety position in 2016... As a senior, set new personal-highs with 45 solo tackles and 82 total tackles... Both tackle totals ranked second on team behind safety LaDarius Wiley... Ranked 15th in the SEC in total tackles... Also registered seven tackles for loss, a quarterback sack, interception and fumble recovery and four defended passes... Also bettered previous single-game tackle total on two occasions, topped by 15-tackle performance at Florida and 12-tackle effort vs. Kentucky... Contributed at least four tackles in 10-of-12 games... Registered season-high seven unassisted stops and fumble recovery against Kentucky.... Interception came in victory over Alabama A&M... Concluded career with 40 starts in 45 appearances... After last appearance as Commodore, ranked as the team's active leader in several defensive statistical categories, including 237 total tackles, 136 solo tackles, 15.5 tackles for loss and five interceptions... Off the field, Burks was under consideration for the Senior CLASS award.... Late addition to the South roster at the Reese's Senior Bowl, made six tackles, including a game-high two tackles for loss.

2016: Playing a new position closer to the line of scrimmage, Burks played in all 13 games and earned 10 starting assignments -- nine from the "Star" linebacker/safety hybrid position and another at inside linebacker... Burks finished the season by establishing new career-highs with 59 total tackles, 40 solo tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 quarterback sacks and team-high 6.5 quarterback hurries... Off the field, the defensive co-captain was named to the 22-member Allstate-AFCA national FBS Good Works Team, was a finalist for Wooden Citizenship Cup Award, and nominated for the Wuerffel Trophy.

2015: Burks started every game in the secondary in his third year on campus handling the Commodores' free safety chores and running his consecutive starts streak to 16 games by the end of the regular season... Posted single-season career highs in numerous categories, including 34 solo stops, 58 total tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss... Earned postseason third team All-SEC recognition from Phil Steele publications... Topped team and ranked among SEC's Top 10 with three interceptions... Earned SEC's Defensive Player of the Week and Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl Player of the Week honors after registering two interceptions, one returned for a touchdown, in victory over Kentucky... Moved to linebacker-safety position during 2016 spring drills.

### Career Highs

Total Tackles: 15, at Florida, 9/30/17  
Solo Tackles: 8 (2x), vs Tennessee, 11/26/16  
Sacks: 1 (4x), vs. Kentucky, 11/11/17  
Interceptions: 2, vs. Kentucky, 11/14/15  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x), vs. South Carolina, 9/1/16  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (3x), vs. Kentucky, 11/11/16  
Pass Breakups: 3, vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/10/16

### Career Stats

	GP/GS	U-A-T	TFL	SACK	FF-FRINT	PBs
2017	12/11	45-37-82	7.0-19	1.0-4	0-1	1-9
2016	13/10	40-19-59	6.5-22	3.5-17	1-0	1-59
2015	12/12	35-24-59	2.0-5	0-0	1-1	3-31
2014	8/7	16-21-37	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0
TOTAL	45/40	136-101-237	15.5-46	4.5-21	2-3	5-99

2014: Burks became a key contributor in the Commodore secondary as a redshirt freshman... Registered seven starting assignments at safety while seeing action in eight total games... Ended the year by leading the defense with seven defended passes and ranked 10th with 37 total tackles... Moved from outside linebacker to safety during the spring drills.

2013: Burks did not see game action as a true freshman on campus... He was part of a freshman linebacking trio that impressed coaches and teammates during fall practices... Moved to safety during spring drills.

High School: Two-year captain... Three-year defensive starter... As senior LB, named first-team All-State, district's Defensive Player of the Year and team MVP after accumulating 123 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, six forced fumbles and three INTs... Also added three TD catches and four blocked punts for 2012 squad that advanced to second round of Group 5 playoffs... Participated in postseason Chesapeake Bowl... As junior, posted 128 tackles, 22 tackles for loss, 11 sacks, two INTs and three defensive TDs - as Stallions advanced to state title game.

Personal: Oren Spencer Burks... Son of Orlanda and Wanda Burks... Born March 21, 1995... A younger sister, Whitney, is a standout softball player at Stanford... Dad works as senior system engineer; mom works as program operations manager... Burks completed undergraduate degree in human & organizational development after fall 2017 semester... An active leader on campus, Burks served the 2016-17 calendar year as president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and as a football team representative to SAAC the previous year... He also co-founded and coordinated events last year for campus organization Revitalizing & Empowering Vanderbilt's African-American Male Population (REVAMP)... Also volunteers time with Project Safe on-campus organization... Named to 2016 Allstate-AFCA NCAA FBS National Good Works Team and was finalist for 2017 Wooden Citizenship Cup Award... Voted finalist for Vanderbilt's campus-wide Outstanding Senior Award... Focus on national story in NCAA Champions magazine this summer... Represented teammates at SEC Media Days in 2016 and 2017... Voted as Mr.

Commodore Award recipient in May 2017 by fellow Vanderbilt student-athletes.

