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## 17 Feleti AFEMUI

### Linebacker

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-3 • 236**

**Kahului, Hawaii ★ Maui HS**

**2017** Afemui did not see action as a first-year prospect, but impressed coaches at inside linebacker.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain... Three-year starter for Sabers... Started at linebacker during junior and senior seasons... Earned Maui Interscholastic League Defensive Player of the Year Award and All-State honors as senior after registering 61 tackles, 16 tackles for loss, three quarterback sacks and three forced fumbles... Earned team's MVP Award as senior... Two-time All-District selection played in postseason Polynesian Bowl following senior campaign... Initially earned varsity starting role at receiver as sophomore... Lettered on varsity basketball squad as junior.

**ACADEMICS** Afemui is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Born Dec. 22, 1999... "Leti"... Son of Penisoni and Amelia Iolani Afemui... Oldest of four siblings: two brothers, To'a and Mosese; and a sister, Taiamoni... Dad and mom work in hospitality industry... Enjoys basketball and volleyball.



## 18 Colin ANDERSON

### Linebacker

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-2 • 222**

**Florence, Ala. ★ Brooks HS**

**2017** Anderson did not see action as a first-year linebacker candidate... Showed excellent skills during regular season practices and spring drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter at linebacker for two-time north Alabama regional champs... In 2016, contributed 56 total tackles, 14.5 tackles for loss, three quarterback sacks and three forced fumbles for 9-3 squad that advanced to second round of 5A playoffs... As junior, earned All-State and Region Defensive Player of the Year honors after helping Lions to 11 wins and 4A state semifinals... Registered 78 tackles, 17 tackles for loss and four sacks in 2015... Standout sprinter on track team.

**ACADEMICS** Anderson is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Colin Christopher Anderson... Born Sept. 5, 1998... Son of Charlie and Jennifer Anderson... Has two brothers, Kael and Quinn... Dad works in biotechnology sales... Granddad is in Grambling Basketball Hall of Fame.



## 78 Bryce BAILEY

### Offensive Line

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-5 • 302**

**Newburgh, Ind. ★ Castle HS**

**2017** Bailey did not see action as a first-year offensive line candidate... Displayed quality blocking techniques, quickness and strength during regular season practices as scout team lineman.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year offensive line starter for south Indiana power... As senior, earned 5A first-team All-State and All-

Metro, helping Castle to 8-4 mark, sectional title and 5A state quarter-finals... Credited with 25 domination blocks and 12 pancake blocks as senior, contributing to offense averaging 35.1 points and breaking numerous school records... Sectional champion in shot put, with personal best of 50 feet... Four-year Student Council representative... Honors student.

**ACADEMICS** Bailey is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Bryce Eric Bailey... Born Oct. 15, 1998... Son of Dr. Jason and Heather Bailey... Both parents are educators... Has a younger sister, Lizzie... Interested in medicine... Traveled to England and France with People-to-People Ambassador service program... Enjoys cooking.



## 38 Gil BARKSDALE

### Defensive Back

**Junior ★ 5-10 • 183**

**Solon, Ohio ★ Solon HS**

**2017** Barksdale contributed in his second year as a walk-on defensive back... Saw action against Middle

Tennessee, Missouri and Tennessee, participating on special-team coverage units and as a cornerback... Did not register a defensive stat during his participation.

**2016** Barksdale saw limited action in his first year on campus as a walk-on defensive back... He did not register a defensive stat while participating on special teams in Vanderbilt victories against Western Kentucky and Tennessee... Also served as defensive scout team member.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year letterwinner in secondary for Solon... As senior, helped Comets to 8-4 record and state playoffs... Earned All-Region and All-Conference honors as senior... Also earned four letters in lacrosse... High academic achiever.

**ACADEMICS** Barksdale is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. He is undecided on a major. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Nicholas Gilbert Barksdale... Born June 10, 1998... Son of Edward and Michele Barksdale... Has two older brothers, Tres and Drew, and a younger sister, Morgan... Dad is a pediatric surgeon.



## 91 Drew BIRCHMEIER

### Defensive Line

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-4 • 295**

**Midlothian, Va. ★ Cosby HS**

**2017** Birchmeier's participation as a redshirt freshman increased as the season endured... Participated on the interior defensive line in six games after missing the first five weeks of action due to injury... Contributed tackles in league play against South Carolina and Tennessee... Earned first collegiate start at South Carolina.

**2016** Birchmeier did not see action as a first-year defensive lineman candidate... Contributed on the defensive scout team.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year varsity starter for large public school near Richmond... Started at DT, TE and OT in career... Two-time 6A All-State recipient on offense and defense... Named Offensive Player of the Year and All-Metro after senior season... As senior, moved from TE to OT after 0-3 start, helping propel Titans to eight-win season and 6A state quarterfinal appearance... Played in postseason Virginia Prep All-Star Game... Also earned varsity letters in basketball and baseball... Honors student, selected for county's Youth Services Citizens Board.

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**ACADEMICS** Birchmeier is working toward a degree in economics. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Andrew John Birchmeier... Born Nov. 13, 1997... Son of Mark and Lauren Birchmeier... Has a younger sister, Abigail, and younger brother, Aaron... Dad works as regional general manager for ADT Security Services; mom is preschool teacher... Dad played collegiately at Michigan State.

## Birchmeier's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QH	FE/FR
2017	1-1-2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0



## 23 Khari BLASINGAME

**Running Back**

**Graduate Student ★ 6-1 • 228**

**Huntsville, Ala. ★ Buckhorn HS**

### BLASINGAME

**2017** Blasingame served as a co-captain for second straight year... Played an important role for the Commodores, contributing on offense and special teams... Blasingame participated in 11 games and earned a starting role at running back in the Commodores' early-season win over Alabama A&M... As the top reserve to all-time leading rusher Ralph Webb, Blasingame produced 147 yards on 45 carries... Best performance of the year came against Alabama A&M - 55 yards on six rushing attempts including a career-long carry of 31 yards... Also contributed six receptions out of the backfield for 52 yards and a touchdown... Nine-yard touchdown pass came at South Carolina... Career-long catch of 21 yards came against Florida... Blasingame also was effective on special-team coverage units, contributing five tackles during the season.

**2016** As a first-year contributor on offense, Blasingame played a key role



in diversifying the Commodore attack... After moving from linebacker to running back in spring drills, Blasingame played in all 13 games at running back and on special team return units... His presence gave the Commodore offensive backfield an inside-the-tackles power back to go with three-year standout Ralph Webb... Blasingame finished the season second behind Webb with 449 rushing yards and 10 rushing touchdowns on 97 carries...

### Blasingame's Career Highs:

**RUSHING YARDS:** 100, vs. *Tenn. State*, 10/22/2016  
**RUSH ATTEMPTS:** 15, vs. *So. Carolina*, 9/1/2016  
**TD RUSHES:** 3, vs. *Tenn. State*, 10/22/2016  
**LONGEST RUSH:** 31, vs. *Alabama A&M*, 9/9/2017  
**LONGEST CATCH:** 9, vs. *MTSU*, 9/10/2016

He also registered four receptions... Blasingame impressed in the opener, rushing for 68 yards and a score against South Carolina... Later in the year, he produced career highs with 100 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns vs. Tennessee State...

Notched two rushing scores in a victory over MTSU, and added scores in SEC games against Georgia, Tennessee and Missouri... Blasingame posted his final rushing score in the Camping World Independence Bowl... Blasingame also contributed at least five rushing attempts in 11 games, including a high of 15 carries against South Carolina... A workout warrior, Blasingame also received the coaches' postseason Lifter of the Year Award... Served as a special-team captain.

**2015** Following the 2015 regular season, Blasingame moved to running



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back, impressing coaches during spring drills... Blasingame played in 11 games during the season, contributing at inside linebacker... Also considered one of team's top contributors on coverage teams... Earned first career start at Ole Miss... Finished the year with 13 total tackles, including eight solo stops... Posted career high with three tackles in win over Austin Peay... Registered tackles in six straight midseason games.

**2014** Blasingame did not see action as a true freshman... Impressed as a scout team safety during fall practices and continued to add strength in the weight room.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and two-way starter... As senior, posted 64 solo tackles and pair of INTs as safety for 6-5 Bucks' squad that advanced to 6A state playoffs... Also rushed for 966 yards and 10 TDs... Earned second-team All-State DB and All-Tennessee Valley DB honors... Started at cornerback during sophomore and junior seasons... Also lettered in track & field and baseball.

**ACADEMICS** Blasingame earned a degree in medicine, health & society last May and is working toward a Master's of Education. He is a three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient (2015-17) and a 2014-15 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Khari Thomas Blasingame... Born July 1, 1996... Son of Stanley and Tara Blasingame... Has an older sister, Camara... Dad is an engineer; mom is a podiatric surgeon... Mom is related to U.S. gold medal sprinter Evelyn Ashford... Plays the saxophone.

## Blasingame's Career Rushing Statistics

	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2017	45	147	3.3	0	31
2016	97	449	4.6	10	22
Career	142	596	4.2	10	31



## 81 James BOSTIC

**Wide Receiver**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-3 • 212**

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ★ Cardinal Gibbons HS**

**2017** Injuries limited Bostic during his true freshman campaign... The wide receiver prospect did not see

game action.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior co-captain... Starting wide receiver as senior, helping Fort Lauderdale private school to five-win improvement over previous season... As senior, registered 26 catches for 415 receiving yards and seven touchdowns as Cardinal Gibbons finished 9-2 and reached second round of 5A playoffs... Earned All-Broward County honors as senior; invited to play in postseason Broward-Dade All-Star Game... Moved to wideout as senior after playing both tight end and receiver as junior... Played basketball through sophomore year.

**ACADEMICS** Bostic is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** James Edward Bostic III... Born Nov. 16, 1999... Son of James Bostic Jr. and Terri Grant... Dad is a law enforcement officer in Coral Springs, Fla.; mom is a store manager... Dad rushed for 1,205 yards as an Auburn running back in 1993, then played three seasons in NFL after being third round draft pick... Prep teammate of fellow Vanderbilt signee Randall Haynie... Enjoys playing basketball.



## 92 Jonah BUCHANAN

**Defensive Line**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-5 • 280**

**Honolulu, Hawaii ★ Iolani HS**

**2017** Buchanan did not see action as a defensive line prospect, using his first year on campus to add bulk

and strength.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year varsity letterwinner... Two-year starter on defensive line for college prep school in Honolulu... Two-time Second Team All-District honoree in powerful Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH)... Key contributor in team's turnaround from seven conference losses to eventual appearance in Division I state finals... Registered 39 total tackles, three quarterback sacks and three fumble recoveries... Contributed to Division II state championship squad as a sophomore... Threw shot put and discus on track & field squad... Earned two letters in basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Buchanan is majoring in computer science from the School of Engineering.

**PERSONAL** Born Dec. 6, 1998... Son of Phillip and Marijo Buchanan... Has an older brother, Joshua, and a younger sister, Maya... Dad works as a police officer... Enjoys hiking and hanging out at the beach, but doesn't surf... Enjoys robotics, golf and ping pong.



## 74 Cole CLEMENS

**Offensive Line**

**Sophomore ★ 6-6 • 315**

**South Jordan, Utah ★ Bingham HS**

**2017** Clemens was the only true freshman to see action on the Vanderbilt offensive front... In five appearances, Clemens participated as a tackle in Commodore short-yardage power alignments.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain for one of nation's top football powers... Three-year starter for school located in Salt Lake City suburb... As physical senior tackle, registered more than 30 knockdown blocks for Miners squad that captured 14 consecutive wins, a 5A state championship, and received invitation to play south Florida power St. Thomas Aquinas HS in the postseason GEICO State Champions Bowl in Texas... Helped Bingham to back-to-back state championships as junior and senior... Three-time All-State and All-Region offensive line selection... Earned multiple letters as pitcher on baseball team and shot put/discus thrower on track & field squad.

**ACADEMICS** Clemens is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Cole Robert Clemens... Born May 24, 1999 in Illinois... Son of Robert and Julie Clemens... Has an older sister, Taylor... Enjoys snow skiing.

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## 77 Devin COCHRAN

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-7 • 318**

**Norcross, Ga. ★ Greater Atlanta Christian HS**

**2017** Cochran became a starter and one of the team's most improved performers on the offensive front as a redshirt freshman... Started at right tackle in 10 games, missing late-season meetings against Western Kentucky and Kentucky with injury... Showed development in protection as run blocker as season progressed... Earned top blocking grade of the season following season finale victory at Tennessee... Part of offensive line that allowed just 19 sacks during the season, 13 less than the previous year.

**2016** Cochran did not see action as a true freshman, but impressed during spring drills at offensive tackle.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner on offensive line for one of Atlanta's top private schools... Two-year starter at OT... As senior, registered more than 50 pancake blocks, leading 12-2 GAC squad to Class AA state semifinals... Did not allow single QB sack for team that attempted 288 passes... Earned postseason first-team All-State honors as well as All-Gwinnett County recognition... Helped GAC to 14-1 mark and AA state title game as junior... Placed as thrower at state track meet... High academic achiever.

**ACADEMICS** Cochran is majoring in human & organizational development. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Andrew Devin Cochran... Born July 17, 1998 in Atlanta... Son of Jerome Jackson and Emmie Cochran-Jackson... Dad is IBEW assistant business manager; mom is a professor at Middle Georgia State... Has two brothers, Brandon and Arman... Enjoys basketball... Plays bass and piano.



## 82 Turner COCKRELL

**Tight End**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-5 • 230**

**Acworth, Ga. ★ Allatoona HS**

**COCKRELL**

**2017** Cockrell did not see game action in his second year with the program... Contributed as a tight end on scout teams during the regular season.

**2016** Cockrell used his first year on campus to add bulk and improve his overall strength... During the regular season participated as a tight end on offensive scout teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter for one of Georgia's top teams... Started at TE for run-oriented attack... As senior, helped Allatoona to 14-1 mark and AAAAA state title, the first championship in school history... Averaged 25.3 yards on 13 receptions and hauled in three TDs as senior... Set school record with 93-yard touchdown reception in state semifinals... As senior, earned first-team All-State and All-Area honors... As junior, played important role for 14-1 squad that lost in AAAAA title game... Standout on varsity lacrosse squad.

**ACADEMICS** Cockrell is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. He is majoring in medicine, health & society.

**PERSONAL** Turner James Cockrell... Born Sept. 30, 1997... Son of Randy and Noelle Cockrell... Has a brother, Parker, and a sister, Katheryn... Dad is federal criminal investigator; mom is instructor at Allatoona HS... Dad was four-year LB at Virginia Tech and played one year in World Football League.



## 2 Frank COPPET

**Safety**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 5-11 • 188**

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ★ St. Thomas Aquinas HS**

**COPPET**

**2017** Coppet saw limited action in his second year on campus... Played in the team's final four games, primarily on special teams... First collegiate action came in win over Western Kentucky... Did not register a defensive stat.

**2016** Coppet did not see action as a true freshman, contributing during the regular season as a scout team defensive back.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Starting cornerback for one of nation's most respected programs... Helped powerful South Florida school to 2015 7A state title... As senior, contributed 96 total tackles, 37 solo stops, and four interceptions, returning one for a score, in 13-1 campaign... Named to 7A first-team All-State unit... Invited to play in Dade vs. Broward All-Star Game... Also played important role in secondary for St. Thomas Aquinas' run to the 2014 state championship.

**ACADEMICS** Coppet is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. He is majoring in sociology.

**PERSONAL** Frank Jerrard Coppet... Born March 3, 1998 in Fort Lauderdale... Son of Frank Coppet and Trakel Lyas... Has one brother, Fred Jr., and three sisters: Chelsea, Chabre and Chassity... Dad works in transportation industry; mom works in retail... Brother was standout running back at Bowling Green State University... Enjoys fishing.





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Josh CRAWFORD

**Running Back**  
**Redshirt Junior ★ 5-10 • 195**  
**Montgomery, Ala. ★ Edgewood Academy**

**2017** With greater depth at the running back position, Crawford did not see action and redshirted during his third year on campus... Crawford contributed as a valuable scout team running back during the regular season.

**2016** Crawford participated as part of a deep running back corps in his second season on campus... Crawford finished the regular season with 66 rushing yards on 14 carries, taking snaps behind Ralph Webb and Khari Blasingame... Crawford set a career-high with 49 rushing yards in the Commodores' victory over Tennessee State... Also posted a 20-yard rush, longest of his career, against the Tigers.

**2015** A true freshman, Crawford saw action in seven games as a top reserve running back behind Ralph Webb and Dallas Rivers... Finished the season with 55 rushing yards on 18 carries and 11 receiving yards on two catches... Set game highs of 20 rushing yards and six carries in first appearance at Ole Miss... Both receptions

### Crawford's Career Highs:

**RUSHING YARDS:** 49, vs. Tenn. State, 10/22/2016  
**RUSH ATTEMPTS:** 6 (2x), vs. Tenn. State, 10/22/2016  
**LONGEST RUSH:** 20, vs. Tenn. State, 10/22/2016

also came vs. Ole Miss.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year team captain and three-year starter at RB for Alabama private school power... Helped Edgewood to 41-0 record and three straight state titles from 2012-14... Named state's AISA Back of the

Year as senior after rushing for 1,198 yards and 27 touchdowns... Two-time Montgomery AISA All-Metro Player of the Year, two-time AISA All-State, and three-time All-Region recipient... Amassed 101 TDs and more than 4,000 rushing yards during Edgewood varsity career... Also earned three letters in basketball and track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Crawford is working toward a degree in medicine, health & society from the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Joshua Jamal Crawford... Born Oct. 11, 1996 in Montgomery... Son of Stanley Crawford Sr. and Cherie O'Neal... Dad works with Montgomery transportation system, mom is a medical analyst... One of seven siblings: brothers Stanley Jr., Janius and Nehemiah; sisters Quintoria, Autumn and Nevach... Served as Sunday school teacher.

### Crawford's Career Rushing Statistics

	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
<b>2017</b>	-	-	<b>DNP</b>	-	-
<b>2016</b>	14	66	4.7	0	20
<b>2015</b>	18	55	3.0	0	11
<b>Career</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>



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Tae DALEY

**Safety**  
**Sophomore ★ 6-0 • 195**  
**Warner Robins, Ga. ★ Northside HS**

**2017** Daley was one of five true freshman to see action for the Commodores... Saw action in 11 of 12 games, participating on defense at safety and on special-team coverage units... Ended year with four solo tackles and five total tackles... Had two tackles in team's early-season victory over Alabama A&M... Participated in spring drills after enrolling in January 2017.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Postseason defensive captain as senior... Three-year starter



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in secondary for central Georgia power... As senior CB, registered five interceptions, eight passes defended, four forced fumbles and 84 tackles for 11-3 Eagles squad that advanced to 6A state semifinals... Earned All-State and All-Middle Georgia recognition as senior... Accumulated 13 interceptions, 20 defended passes and more than 200 tackles in prep career... As sophomore, started for Northside squad that captured 5A state championship... Standout on Northside soccer team, earning All-State honors as junior.

**ACADEMICS** Daley is working toward a degree in sociology from the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** O'montae Devondre Daley... Born Oct. 8, 1998 in Miami... Son of Tameka Laurama... Has two brothers, Brandon and Darius, who is playing defensive back in the Canadian Football League... Enrolled in Vanderbilt classes this January.

## Daley's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INTS	PBU	FF/FR
2017	4-1-5	0-0	0-0	0	0/0



DEBROSSARD

## 96 Darion DeBROSSARD

**Defensive Line**

**Redshirt Junior ★ 6-4 • 300**

**Snellville, Ga. ★ Shiloh HS**

**2017** DeBrossard's playing time on the defensive front grew after he rejoined the defensive unit early in the season... Participated in four games, making an early-season appearance at offensive tackle and three late-season appearances at defensive tackle... Credited with two tackles on the season, with stops coming in SEC against Ole Miss and Kentucky.

**2016** Moved from the defensive front to offensive line during the regular season... Enjoyed initial collegiate action in short-yardage situations and on special team conversion units... Made appearances against Georgia Tech, Missouri and Ole Miss.

**2015** DeBrossard did not see action as a true freshman offensive and defensive line candidate... Spent the season as a scout team defensive tackle.

**HIGH SCHOOL** DeBrossard didn't start playing organized football until junior year of high school... As senior, started nine of 10 regular season games for Generals at left tackle... Earned recognition in Atlanta-area conference as dominating blocker after registering nearly 30 pancake blocks... Named October Lineman of the Month by Gwinnett Touchdown Club... Earned letters in basketball and track & field... Earned school's Scholar-Athlete Award... Georgia Governor's Honors finalist.

**ACADEMICS** DeBrossard is working toward a major in sociology from the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Darion Andre DeBrossard... "Big D"... Born Sept. 26, 1996... Son of Kimberly J. DeBrossard and Derrick Von Hubbard... Mom is a higher education administrator; dad is a general contractor... Has a younger sister, Bethany... Beta Club president... Participated in school's theatre program... Enjoys rapping and playing piano.

## DeBrossard's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	PBU	FF/FR
2017	2-0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0



DELLARIPA

## 76 Egidio DELLARIPA

**Offensive Line**

**Senior ★ 6-4 • 305**

**Castaic, Calif. ★ West Ranch HS/**

**College of the Canyons**

**2017** DellaRipa became a valuable contributor on the Commodore offensive front in his third year on campus... Opened the season as a top reserve, then moved into the starting lineup at Florida... Finished the year with eight consecutive starts... Played every offensive snap against Georgia, Ole Miss, South Carolina and Kentucky... Registered 11 domination blocks during the season... Part of offensive line that allowed just 19 sacks during the season, 13 less than the previous year.

**2016** DellaRipa practiced with the second team during the regular season but did not enjoy his initial minutes as a Commodore until the team's victory over Tennessee State.

**2015** DellaRipa did not see game action as a sophomore transfer... Participated as offensive lineman on offensive scout teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR COLLEGE** Started at right tackle as first-year contributor in 2014 for community college located just north of Los Angeles... Earned All-Southern California Football Association Northern League OT as Canyons finished 4-6 overall... Started as prep OT at West Ranch HS located in Santa Clarita... Also earned two varsity letters as lacrosse goalie.

**ACADEMICS** DellaRipa is working toward a degree in economics from the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Egidio J. DellaRipa... "EJ"... Born Oct. 1, 1996... Son of Gid and Carrie DellaRipa... Has two sisters, Jessica and Gabrielle; and a brother, Luigino... Dad works as UPS supervisor; mom works in retail sales... Enjoys building computers... Avid fisherman and hunter.



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## 12 Brayden DEVULT-SMITH

**Linebacker ★ Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-3 • 225**  
**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Pearl-Cohn HS**

**2017** DeVault-Smith did not participate during his first year on campus... Displayed excellent skills and energy as a scout team linebacker during the regular season.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter, three-year letterwinner for one of region's top public school programs... As senior, named Region Defensive MVP after posting 155 total tackles, 26 tackles for loss and three forced fumbles, helping Pearl-Cohn to 12-2 record and 4A state final appearance... All-State, All-Midstate and All-Region as senior... Helped Firebirds to state semifinals or finals in all three varsity years... Though a member of Pearl-Cohn squad, attended Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet School... Finalist for Hume Award, given to top student-athlete in metro Nashville schools.

**ACADEMICS** DeVault-Smith is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Brayden Edward Wright DeVault-Smith... Born Feb. 2, 1999... Son of the late Edward Smith and Mary DeVault... Mom works as infection prevention nurse at Vanderbilt Medical Center... Has a younger sister, Amani... Plays piano... Enjoys basketball and baseball.



## 84 Sam DOBBS

**Tight End**

**Senior ★ 6-4 • 235**

**Douglasville, Ga. ★ Landmark Christian HS**

**2017** Dobbs was a versatile offensive threat for the Commodores from his tight end position... Played in all 12 games, earning a start in two-tight end alignment against Alabama... Finished the year with eight receptions for 79 yards and three rushes for 37 yards... Posted a 16-yard catch and nine-yard rush in season-finale win at Tennessee... Also contributed 18-yard rush and 16-yard reception in win over Western Kentucky... Tied career high with two receptions at Ole Miss.

**2016** Dobbs played in all 13 games as a second-year tight end... Earned lone start of the year -- and second of his Commodore career -- in victory over Ole Miss... Concluded the season with six receptions, good for

73 yards and a touchdown... Biggest catch of Dobbs' career came in regular season finale - a 20-yard TD reception that started

### Dobbs' Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 2 (2x), most recently at Ole Miss, 10/14/2017  
RECEIVING YARDS: 30 yards, at Kentucky, 10/8/2016  
LONGEST CATCH: 30 yards, at Kentucky, 10/8/2016

Commodore comeback from 14-point deficit versus Tennessee... Also posted career-long catch of 30 yards earlier in the season.

**2015** Dobbs played in seven games as a true freshman... Saw action at tight end and wide receiver when midseason injuries reduced depth at both positions... Started at wideout in regular season finale against Tennessee... Finished the year with two catches and 30 receiving yards... 21-yard reception against Florida was first of his career... Also added a 9-yard catch vs. Tennessee.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter for school located southwest of Atlanta... Two-time All-State and All-Region TE after junior and senior seasons... Posted 30 receptions for 355 yards and six TDs while playing first half of



senior season... As a junior, hauled in 65 receptions for 811 yards and five touchdowns.

**ACADEMICS** Dobbs is working toward a degree in cinema & media arts.

**PERSONAL** Samuel Williamson Dobbs... Born Aug. 29, 1996... Son of John and Paula Dobbs... Has two sisters, Kelsey and Carmeron... Dad works in corporate sales; mom works in advertising/marketing... Dad played football at Auburn; sister (Kelsey) played volleyball at Auburn... Enjoys performing and composing music... Plays six musical instruments.

### Dobbs' Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDs	LONG
2017	8	79	9.9	0	16
2016	6	73	12.2	1	30
2015	2	30	15.0	0	21
<b>Career</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>



## 99 Stone EDWARDS

**Wide Receiver**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-5 • 260**

**Hillsborough, N.C. ★ Orange HS**

**2017** Edwards did not see game action as a true freshman defensive line candidate... Impressed at defensive end on scout teams during the season... Also used the campaign to add bulk and strength.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year varsity letterwinner for school near Durham... Two-year defensive starter, playing tackle and end... As se-

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nior, was a standout for defense that allowed only 35 total points during the regular season... Registered 15 quarterback sacks and 23 tackles for loss among 67 total tackles as senior, helping 12-1 Panthers to first undefeated regular season in school history... Named First Team All-State and All-Region as senior... Posted a sack in postseason Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas All-Star Game appearance... Contributed four sacks among 26 tackles in five appearances as a junior... Lettered in wrestling prior to focusing on football as junior... High academic achiever.

**ACADEMICS** Edwards has not declared a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Stone Carter Edwards... Born Feb. 14, 1999... Son of Lori Carter-Edwards and Lloyd Edwards... Older brother, Kalimba, played seven years as defensive end in NFL... Both parents are professors: mom as an epidemiologist; dad as a biostatistician... Enjoys computational mechanics and playing video games.



## 36 Trey ELLIS

**Wide Receiver**

**Graduate Student ★ 5-9 • 175**

**Charlotte, N.C. ★ Ardrey Kell HS**

**ELLIS**

**2017** A favorite of teammates, Ellis enjoyed his best season as a fourth-year contributor... The walk-on appeared in 11 of 12 games, participating as a key reserve at the wide receiver position... He enjoyed his first career start at home against Alabama... Concluded the season with five catches, good for 70 yards and a touchdown... Registered one of the team's top offensive plays, hauling in a deflected pass from Kyle Shurmur for a 31-yard touchdown in Commodores' victory over Western Kentucky... Also posted receptions against Middle Tennessee, Alabama A&M, Georgia and Kentucky.

**2016** Injuries slowed Ellis during his third season as a walk-on contributor...



The wide receiver did not see action for the first time in his career after suffering a leg injury early in the season.

**2015** Ellis played in 11 of 12 games... Saw action as a punt returner and wide receiver... Averaged 5.5 yards on four punt returns, with a season long of 10 yards... Posted 19-yard rush versus Tennessee.

### Ellis' Career Highs:

**RECEIVING YARDS:** 31, vs Western Ky., 11/4/2017  
**LONGEST CATCH:** 31, vs Western Ky., 11/4/2017

**2014** Ellis served as team's punt returner... Averaged 5.4 yards as punt returner... Had two returns vs. UMass totaling 24 yards.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Recipient of Greater Charlotte Leadership Spirit Award as senior... Named team's Offensive Player of the Year and All-City as senior WR... Topped Kell in receptions during junior and senior seasons... School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes president.

**ACADEMICS** Ellis completed a degree in political science in May and is currently working toward a Masters of Marketing from Vanderbilt. He is a three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll (2015-17) and 2014 Freshman Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Trey Allen Ellis... Born Oct. 18, 1995... Son of Tracy and Priscilla Ellis... Native of Charlotte... Dad played football at the University of Florida.

### Ellis' Career Receiving Statistics

	RETURNS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2017	5	70	14.0	1	31
2016			Did not play		
2015	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>



## 55 David FLOYD

**Offensive Line**

**Junior ★ 6-5 • 300**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Lipscomb Academy**

**FLOYD**

**2017** Injuries limited Floyd in his second year on campus... Served as a scout team offensive lineman until injuries curtailed his season.

**2016** Floyd did not see action as a first-year prospect... The walk-on contributed as a scout team offensive lineman.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year varsity letterwinner at Nashville private school... As senior OL, helped Lipscomb to 8-4 record, region co-championship and state playoffs... Named All-Region as senior, and played in Tenn.-Ky. Border Bowl All-State Game... School's National Football Foundation scholar-athlete representative... High academic achiever.

**ACADEMICS** Floyd is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is majoring in economics. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** David Allan Floyd III... Born Nov. 29, 1996 in Nashville... Son of David and Leigh Ann Floyd... Both parents are involved in real estate sales and management... Student body president in high school... Enjoys hunting and fishing.





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## 28 Allan GEORGE

**Cornerback**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-1 • 185**

**Andalusia, Ala. ★ Andalusia HS**

**2017** George did not see game action as a true freshman... Showed excellent coverage skills during the season as a cornerback on scout teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior co-captain... Standout cornerback-return specialist as senior at Andalusia, a 4A power in south Alabama... As senior, named first-team All-State and All-Region after contributing seven interceptions, nine defended passes and 49 tackles for 12-2 Bulldog squad that advanced to 4A semifinals... George's interception total ranked second in state... Returned two punts and an interception for scores... Transferred to Andalusia after starting two years at nearby Straughn HS... Four-year starter at guard on hoops squad... National Honor Society and student government member.

**ACADEMICS** George is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Darian Allan George... "AG"... Born July 16, 1999... Son of Daryl and Angela George... Dad works for Shaw Industries; mom is a teacher... Has an older brother, Daryl Jr., and an older sister, Adrianna... Dad and brother were standout baseball players... Enjoys bowling.



## 27 Jaire GEORGE

**Fullback**

**Redshirt Junior ★ 6-1 • 228**

**Hyattsville, Md. ★ DeMatha Catholic HS**

**2017** George saw action in eight games, participating on special teams and as blocking fullback... Did not register rush attempt... First collegiate action came in season-opening win at Middle Tennessee.

**2016** George did not see action as a redshirt freshman... He has contributed as a running back on the scout team, then impressed in spring drills when moved to fullback role.

**2015** George did not see action as a running back prospect during his first year on campus after being injured during preseason drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for one of top private schools in Washington DC area... Played RB and OLB as senior... Rushed for 350 yards and three TDs before injury limited offensive role... On defense, posted 92 tackles, three sacks and an interception, helping Stags to 9-3 campaign and second straight league title... Earned first-team all-league as senior.

**ACADEMICS** George is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, working toward a degree in economics. He is a 2016 and 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Jaire David George... Son of Eddie George and Angela Wood... Born March 24, 1997 in Columbus, Ohio... Has a younger brother, Eriq... Mom is program manager at SharePoint KM; dad won 1995 Heisman Trophy as Ohio State RB and rushed for 10,441 yards in nine NFL seasons, including eight years with Tennessee Titans... Enjoys playing piano, drums, and composing music... Spent May 2018 in Australia, studying biodiversity along the Gold Coast and Great Barrier Reef.



## 40 Jordan GRIFFIN

**Inside Linebacker**

**Senior ★ 6-0 • 225**

**Tampa, Fla. ★ Armwood HS**

**2017** Griffin played in 11 of 12 games as a third-year contributor... Earned five late-season starts at inside linebacker... Finished the season ranked among team leaders with 62 total tackles, 32 unassisted stops and 8.5 tackles for loss... Also added a quarterback sack and forced fumble... Consistent performer for Commodore defense down the stretch, posting at least four tackles in last nine games of season... Established new single-game high with 12 tackles against Kentucky... Also had eight stops vs. Missouri... Matched another career high with five solo stops at Florida... Quarterback sack came in win over Western Kentucky...

Registered forced fumble against Alabama.

**2016** Griffin became a valuable contributor for the Commodore defense as a second-year inside linebacker... Griffin played in all

### Griffin's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 12, vs. Kentucky, 11/11/2017  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 5, at Ole Miss, 11/19/2016  
**SACKS:** 1, vs. WKU, 11/4/2017

13 games, finishing the year with his first career start in the team's win over Tennessee... Concluded the year with 21 total tackles, 12 unassisted stops and 1.5 tackles for loss... Posted a career outing in victory over Ole Miss -- five solo stops among six total tackles... Also had four tackles at Auburn, and multiple stops against Middle Tennessee, Tennessee State, Tennessee and NC State.

**2015:** Griffin saw action in 11 games as a true freshman, participating as inside linebacker and special teams contributor... Finished with nine tackles and six solo stops... Registered multiple tackles vs. Ole Miss and Florida.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and three-year starter at linebacker...

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Finished career with 428 tackles, ranking No. 2 all-time at Armwood... Helped Hawks to 37-6 three-year record as starter, including 6A state title appearances in 2013 and 2014... As senior, registered 158 tackles, nine sacks and seven fumble recoveries for 14-1 squad... Named first-team All-America LB by Max Preps and Tampa Bay Defensive Player of the Year as senior... Three-time 6A All-State.

**ACADEMICS** Griffin is majoring in medicine, health and society in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is a 2016 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Jordan O'Neal Griffin... Born Dec. 3, 1996 in Tampa... Son of Darryl and Cheryl Griffin... Has two brothers, Joshua and Jaxson... Dad works as investigator; mom is social worker... Dad played football at Virginia State University.

## Griffin's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INTS	FF/FR
2017	32-30-62	8.5-29	1.0-5	0-0	1/0
2016	12-9-21	1.5-3	0.0-0	0-0	0/0
2015	6-3-9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0/0
Career	50-42-92	10.0-32	1.0-5	0-0	1/0



## 98 Ryley GUAY

**Placekicker**

**Junior ★ 5-10 • 185**

**Napier, Ill. ★ Benet Academy**

**2017** Guay saw limited action in his second year as a prospective placekicker... Participated in four games, including converting on his only extra point attempt of the season against Alabama A&M.

**2016** Guay saw action as a first-year participant, serving as the Commodores' kickoff specialist in two midseason games.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Earned two letters as a starting kicker at Benet Academy near Chicago... Was team's special teams MVP as a senior... As senior, converted five field goals, including a long of 51 yards... Also started on school's soccer team, helping Benet to the conference title.

**ACADEMICS** Guay is majoring in biochemistry and chemical biology. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Born Aug. 7, 1998... Son of Bruce and Jackie Guay... Both parents are physicians... Fraternal twin brother, Joey, attends University of Dayton... Also has two younger sisters, Aimee and Annie... Dad played hockey at Notre Dame... An uncle, Paul Guay, played in the NHL and was a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic hockey team... Plays the cello... Enjoys golf.



## 15 Elijah HAMILTON

**Cornerback**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-1 • 205**

**Roswell, Ga. ★ Blessed Trinity HS**

**2017** Hamilton enjoyed his first collegiate action as a redshirt freshman... Saw limited action as a defensive back and special teams contributor in seven games... Did not register a defensive statistic during the season.

**2016** Hamilton did not play as a true freshman, contributing as a defensive back on the scout team.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain for Atlanta private school... Three-year

defensive starter... As senior DB, helped 13-1 Blessed Trinity to Class AAA state title appearance... Contributed 34 solo stops, 47 total tackles, four interceptions, six defended passes and two fumble recoveries as senior, earning honorable mention All-State honors... Two-time All-Region and twice named team's defensive MVP... Registered 48 tackles and scored six TDs as junior for 13-1 squad that reached AAA state semifinals.

**ACADEMICS** Hamilton is majoring in medicine, health & society. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Elijah Jordan Hamilton... "Eli"... Born May 13, 1998 in Atlanta... Son of Ruffin and Dena Hamilton... Mom is self-employed; dad is retired... Has a younger brother, Jackson... Dad enjoyed six-year career in the NFL, playing linebacker with Green Bay and Atlanta... Enjoys music, plays percussion.



## 18 Mo HASAN

**Quarterback**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-3 • 208**

**Miami, Fla. ★ Coffeyville/Dillard H.S.**

**2017** Hasan joins Vanderbilt after playing quarterback at Coffeyville (Kansas) CC in 2017... Appearing in five games, Hasan completed 71 of 132 passes and threw for 996 yards and four touchdowns... Played at Coffeyville after starting collegiate career at Syracuse in 2016.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-star prospect out of powerful Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale... As senior, threw for 2,520 yards and 19 touchdowns... As senior, named All-Broward County and played in Broward County All-Star Game... High academic achiever.

**ACADEMICS** Hasan is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Anthony Mohammad Hason... Son of Muriel Iwanowski and Anthony Hasan... Dad ran track at University of Florida... Has three brothers and a sister.



## 4 Randall HAYNIE

**Cornerback**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-0 • 185**

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ★ Cardinal Gibbons HS**

**2017** Haynie did not see game action as a true freshman... Showed excellent coverage skills during the season as a cornerback on scout teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starting defensive back for one of south Florida's top private programs... As a senior shutdown cornerback, posted four interceptions, nine defended passes, 43 tackles, forced two fumbles and two blocked punts for 9-2 Cardinal Gibbons squad that lost to eventual 5A champion in second round of state playoffs... Earned All-Broward County honors as senior... Played in postseason Blue-Grey All-American Game... Also lettered in track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Haynie is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, and is undecided on a major.

**PERSONAL** Randall Walter Haynie... Born Sept. 28, 1999... Son of Walter and Daphne Haynie... Dad is a business development vice president; mom is an occupation manager... Dad played college football at Columbia University... Has two brothers, Ryan and Richard... Prep teammate of fellow Vanderbilt signee James Bostic.





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Kenny

HEBERT

**Outside Linebacker**  
**Redshirt Sophomore** ★ 6-4 • 225  
**New Orleans, La.** ★ Holy Cross HS

**2017** Hebert earned his first collegiate action as a redshirt freshman, seeing action in four games as an outside linebacker... Credited with a tackle in victory over Western Kentucky... First action as a Commodore came at Florida... Also played against South Carolina and Kentucky... Continued to add bulk and strength during second year on campus.

**2016** Hebert did not see action as a true freshman, serving as a scout team linebacker.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and defensive MVP for New Orleans private school... Two-year defensive starter... Showed plenty of versatility, starting at DE, OLB and safety during three-year varsity career... As senior, posted 47 solo tackles, five QB sacks, 13 tackles for loss and two forced fumbles for squad that advanced to Division I quarterfinals... Earned All-Metro, All-District and honorable mention All-State honors as senior... Registered 36 tackles as junior, helping Tigers to Division I playoffs... Participated as hurdler-sprinter in track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Hebert is majoring in sociology from the College of Arts and Science. He is a 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Kenneth Phillip Hebert Jr... Born Jan. 27, 1998 in New Orleans... Son of Kenneth and Andie Hebert... Has a younger brother, Savoi... Dad works as IT specialist; mom serves as counselor... Enjoys playing music... Last name is pronounced "A-bear."

### Hebert's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	QH	FF/FR
2017	1-0-1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0



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Josh

HIGGS

**Fullback**  
**Sophomore** ★ 6-0 • 237  
**Nashville, Tenn.** ★ Brentwood Academy

**2017** Higgs did not participate during the regular season, but joined the program as a prospective fullback prior to spring drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior co-captain... Three-year starter at defensive end for Nashville-area private school that captured three consecutive Division II state championships... Also lettered in wrestling and track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Higgs is majoring in law, history & society from the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Joshua Robert Higgs... Born June, 16, 1999 in St. Louis... Son of Valerie Manning Higgs... Raised by an aunt, Ruby Brady... Has one sister, Jaavia Manning... Prep teammates of Commodore freshmen Cam Johnson and Gavin Schoenwald.



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Zaire

JONES

**Safety**  
**Sophomore** ★ 6-0 • 195  
**Meridian, Miss.** ★ Meridian HS

**2017** Jones earned valuable playing time as a redshirt freshman... Saw action in 11 of 12 games, earning first career start as strong safety at South Carolina... Concluded the year with 11 total tackles, six solo stops, one tackle for loss and one forced fumble... Played well versus Georgia, contributing career high five tackles and a

### Jones' Career Highs:

TOTAL TACKLES: 5, vs. Georgia, 10/7/2017  
 SOLO TACKLES: 2, vs. Georgia, 10/7/2017

forced fumble... Also registered multiple stops against Alabama A&M and Alabama.

**2016** Jones did not play as a true freshman, seeing time as a safety on the scout team.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain...

Three-year starting defensive back... As senior, helped Meridian to 8-6 record and Class 6A semifinals by contributing 92 tackles, three interceptions and a fumble recovery... Earned 6A first-team All-State as a senior, and played in postseason Alabama-Mississippi Prep All-Star Classic... Registered 63 stops as junior for 7-5 Meridian squad as junior... Two-time All-Region pick... Posted three interceptions and 49 tackles as sophomore... Earned letters in basketball, track and bowling.

**ACADEMICS** Jones is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a major in medicine, health & society.

**PERSONAL** Started Vanderbilt classes in January 2016... Born Nov. 6, 1997... Son of Timothy Jones and Tabbotha Adams... Has an older brother, Tori, and a twin sister, Zaria... Dad is postmaster; mom works in cosmetology.

### Jones' Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2017	5-6-11	1.0-2	0-0	0	1/0

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## 89 Braden KOPP

**Tight End**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-5 • 275**

**Houston, Texas ★ Houston Christian HS**

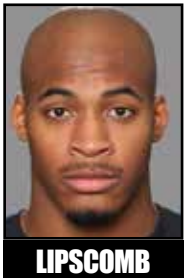
**2017** Injuries prematurely curtailed Kopp's second season on campus... Did not participate during the regular season... Showed promise as offensive line prospect during 2017 spring drills.

**2016** Kopp did not play as a true freshman, contributing as an offensive lineman on scout teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year varsity letterwinner... Played on defensive line as freshman, then returned as senior offensive lineman... As senior OT, helped Houston Christian to 6-4 overall record and Southwest Preparatory Conference playoffs... Earned All-Region OL honors... Concentrated on basketball through much of prep career... School's all-time leading rebounder, two-time captain and team MVP as junior... Honors student.

**ACADEMICS** Kopp is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working on a degree in law, history & society. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2016 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** William Braden Kopp... Born Sept. 29, 1996 in Houston... Son of Will and Deborah Kopp... Has three younger brothers: Miller, Anderson and Maddox... Dad serves as financial consultant; mom works as tennis instructor... Dad played collegiate tennis at Chattanooga... Grandfather played football at University of Cincinnati.



## 16 Kalija LIPSCOMB

**Wide Receiver**

**Junior ★ 6-1 • 201**

**New Orleans, La. ★ Jesuit HS**

**2017** Lipscomb put together his finest year as a second-year receiver and punt returner... Played in all

12 games, earning starting assignments at wide receiver in victories over Western Kentucky and Tennessee... Established new single-season high with 37 receptions, 610 receiving yards and eight touchdowns... Topped Commodore receivers with touchdown catches... Yardage total ranked

second on team behind Trent Sherfield and 14th in the SEC... Average per catch (16.5 yards) also lead team... Registered multiple receptions in 11 of 12 games... Set single-game career highs at South

### Lipscomb's Career Highs:

**RECEPTIONS:** 7, at South Carolina, 10/28/2017  
**RECEIVING YARDS:** 128, at South Carolina, 10/28/2017  
**TOUCHDOWN CATCHES:** 2, at Middle Tenn., 9/2/2017  
**LONGEST CATCH:** 47, at South Carolina, 10/28/2017  
**LONGEST PUNT RETURN:** 71, vs. NC State, 12/26/2016

Carolina, hauling in seven passes for 128 yards... 47-yard touchdown at South Carolina also marked longest of career... Contributed two touchdown catches in season-opening win at Middle Tennessee... Also posted touchdowns against Alabama A&M, Florida, Ole Miss, Kentucky and Tennessee... Added 17 yards on three rushes and 83 yards on 12 punt returns.

**2016** One of six true freshmen to see action during the regular season, Lipscomb was among the top aerial targets for quarterback Kyle Shurmur... Playing in 12 games, Lipscomb was the team's third leading receiver with 27 catches, good for 317 yards and two touchdowns... Also topped team with 14.9-yard average on 10 punt returns... Registered season high with



six receptions and 59 receiving yards at Georgia Tech... Posted touchdown catches against Middle Tennessee and Georgia Tech... Contributed at least one catch in Vanderbilt's first 10 games... Lipscomb provided one of team's top special team highlights in Camping World Independence Bowl, returning NC State punt for 71 yards.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starting WR for one of New Orleans' private school powers... Two-time 5A All-State, All-Metro and All-Catholic League recipient... Contributed 56 catches for 1,036 yards and 11 TDs as senior, helping Jesuit to 5A playoffs... As a junior, registered 64 receptions for 989 yards and 14 TDs, helping Blue Jays to state title, first at team since 1960... Scored both Jesuit's TDs in title game... Surpassed 130 receptions and 2,300 receiving yards during prep career.

**ACADEMICS** Lipscomb is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, and is majoring in sociology.

**PERSONAL** Kalija Kawi Lipscomb... Born Oct. 6, 1997 in New Orleans... Son of Karanja Lipscomb and Kiesha Washington... Has three brothers, Brooklyn, Coby and Rowan, and a sister, Kyra... Dad is a barber, mom works in private business.

### Lipscomb's Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2017	37	610	16.5	8	47
2016	27	319	11.8	2	45
<b>Career</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>47</b>



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## 64 Carlton LORENZ

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-4 • 290**

**Studio City, Calif. ★ College of the Canyons/  
Bishop Alemany**

**2017** Lorenz helped College of the Canyons to 9-2 record and victory in the Western State Bowl... Started at right tackle for the Cougars, earning All-Conference honors.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Earned two letters at Bishop Alemany, playing both tight end and offensive line... Played quarterback in youth football before moving to tight end as ninth grader.

**ACADEMICS** Lorenz is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, and is undecided on the major.

**PERSONAL** Carlton Horst William Lorenz... Born Sept. 29, 1997 in Los Angeles... Son of Carsten and Wendy Lorenz... Has a sister, Miranda, and two brothers, Serkan Sahin and Cameron Taylor... Dad, who moved to America from Germany as a young adult, is a movie producer... Attended Robert Morris (Ill.) University for one year following high school before enrolling at College of the Canyons... Enjoys spending time at the beach and making music.



## 45 Cody MARKEL

**Tight End**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-5 • 250**

**Middleton, Wisc. ★ Middleton HS**

**2017** Markel saw action in 10 of 12 games as a second-year tight end... Earned his first career start at Ole Miss in two-tight end alignment... Did not register a catch... Also contributed on special-team conversion units.

**2016** Markel did not participate in a game during his first year on campus... Worked during the season as an offensive scout tight end.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-way starter (TE/DE) for public school power near Madison... As senior TE, named All-State recognition from state coaches association... Also earned All-Conference and All-Area as senior, helping Cardinals to 8-2 mark, Big 8 Conference championship and state playoff berth... Posted 18 catches for 225 yards and five TDs as senior... Earned three varsity letters in basketball, helping team to conference title as senior... Earned letters for four-time conference champion tennis team... High academic achiever.

**ACADEMICS** Markel is majoring in political science and medicine, health & society. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Cody Steinkamp Markel... Born Sept. 11, 1997... Son of Mark Markel and Lisa Steinkamp... Dad is a veterinarian; mom is a physical therapist... Has an older brother, Tyler... Dad played football at California-Davis; mom played soccer at Stanford University... Enjoys playing hockey.



## 54 Kade MAYLE

**Defensive Line**

**Senior ★ 6-2 • 265**

**McConnelsville, Ohio ★ Morgan HS**

**2017** Mayle saw his initial action as a defensive end in his third year on campus... Participated in Commodore victory over Alabama A&M... Did not register a defensive statistic. **2016** Mayle did not see action as a defensive line candidate... Participated as defensive tackle on scout teams during the season.

**2015** Mayle joined the Commodores prior to the 2015 season as a walk-on prospect... Did not see game action, participating as a scout team lineman.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year varsity letterwinner... Two-year player - OL, DE, DL and LB - as senior... Earned All-League and All-District as senior, and participated in All Ohio-West Virginia All-Star Game... Also lettered in basketball and track & field... Class valedictorian and president of National Honor Society.

**ACADEMICS** Mayle is working toward a degree in engineering science. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Kade Stephen Mayle... Son of Wendell and Stephanie Mayle... Born Aug. 27, 1998... Has one brother, Karsen... Mom is a teacher... Enjoys hunting and fishing.

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## 50 Sean McMOORE

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-4 • 305**

**Kapolei, Hawaii ★ Kapolei HS**

**2017** McMoore saw limited action on the offensive front as a redshirt freshman... Initial collegiate snaps came in Commodore victory over Alabama A&M... Served as reserve center behind starter Bruno Reagan.

**2016** Vanderbilt's first scholarship player from Hawaii, McMoore did not see action as a freshman offensive lineman... He contributed as the scout team center during his first year.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain... Three-year starter on offensive line for school located on the island of Oahu... As senior starting at center and left tackle, registered 33 pancake blocks, the second highest total in school history... Also did not allow a QB sack or tackle for loss during senior season... Earned first-team All-State and All-Region honors as senior, then impressed in postseason appearances in Semper Fidelis All-American Game and Polynesian All-American Bowl... Set school's bench press record.

**ACADEMICS** McMoore is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. He is majoring in sociology.

**PERSONAL** Toleafoa-lokepa Sean McMoore... Born March 29, 1998 in Maui... Son of Paul Okimoto and Nia Okimoto... Has an older brother, William, and two younger sisters, Suzy and Akesa... Dad works as carpenter; mom works in guest relations with Marriott Corp... Brother is a freshman lineman at Utah



## 63 Grant MILLER

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-4 • 290**

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ★ St. Thomas Aquinas HS**

State... Another cousin, Micah Kapoi is starting tackle at Wisconsin.

**2017** Miller did not see game action as a true freshman... Showed plenty of promise during the season as an offensive lineman on scout teams... Used first year on campus to add strength and weight.

**HIGH SCHOOL** As senior transfer, started at offensive tackle for one of nation's top prep programs... Helped St. Thomas Aquinas to 13-2 mark and 2016 7A state title, the Raiders' third straight championship, and appearance in postseason GEICO State Champions Bowl played in Texas... As senior, credited with 28 knockdown blocks, 11 pancake blocks and just one sack allowed, earning First Team All-State and All-Area honors from *Miami Herald*... Also did not commit a single penalty during his senior year... Invited to participate in postseason Offense-Defense All-American Game... Started as junior on offensive line at another powerful Florida private school, IMG Academy... Also lettered in baseball.

**ACADEMICS** Miller is working toward a degree in human & organizational development.

**PERSONAL** Grant Warren Miller... Born Sept. 22, 1998 in St. Louis... Son of Kim Miller and Fred Miller... Has a younger brother, Evan... Mom is an author; dad is retired from NFL where he started for more than a decade at offensive tackle.



## 48 Andre MINTZE

**Outside Linebacker**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-3 • 240**

**Philadelphia, Pa. ★ Imhotep Institute HS**

**2017** Mintze contributed for the first time as a redshirt freshman for the Commodores... Played in 11 of 12 regular season games, participating as outside linebacker... Finished the year with four solo tackles, five total stops and 1.5 tackles for loss... Posted single-game high with two solo tackles, including one resulting in minus yards, at South Carolina... Also shared in tackle for loss in victory over Western Kentucky.

**2016** Mintze did not see action as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year defensive starter for Philadelphia public school power... As senior DE/LB, helped Panthers to 15-0 overall mark and PIAA 3A state championship, becoming city's first public league team to claim state title... Registered 14 QB sacks and 23 tackles for loss among more than 53 tackles during undefeated season, earning 3A All-State and All-Metro honors... Started as junior, but missed much of Imhotep's push to 3A playoffs due to injury... Transferred to Imhotep from West Catholic after sophomore season... Invited to postseason Big 33 Football Classic... National Honor Society member.

**ACADEMICS** Mintze is working toward degrees in cinema & media arts and medicine, health & society. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Andre Rasheen Mintze... Born Sept. 10, 1998... Son of Andre and Catrina Mintze... Has two sisters, Awtum and Alycia... Dad is a barber; mom is an associate client representative... Spent May 2018 in Australia, studying biodiversity along the Gold Coast and Great Barrier Reef.

### Mintze's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QH	FF/FR
2017	4-1-5	1.5-3	0.0-0	0	0/0





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## 7 Dimitri MOORE

**Linebacker**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-3 • 225**

**Cedar Hill, Texas ★ Cedar Hill HS**

**2017** Just as Moore earned a playing role, injuries prematurely ended his campaign... One of six true freshmen to contribute, Moore saw his only collegiate action against Florida, then suffered a season-ending injury in practice the following week.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-time team captain... Starter at outside linebacker for one of top programs in Dallas-Fort Worth area... Helped Cedar Hill to 34-7 overall record as three-year letterwinner, including one 6A state title and three playoff appearances... As senior, posted 12 quarterback sacks and 18 tackles for loss among 90 tackles, helping Longhorns to 11-3 mark and deep run in state playoffs... Posted 28 tackles and four sacks for 9-2 squad as junior... Honorable mention All-State as senior... Contributed on Cedar Hill's state title as sophomore... Accumulated 15 career sacks.

**ACADEMICS** Moore is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Dimitri Deontae Moore... Born Sept. 29, 1998... Son of Valesca Moore... Has three brothers: Herman, Richard and Jalon; and a sister, Jasmine... His brother Richard played linebacker at Texas A&M... Plays the piano... Enjoys billiards... Enrolled at Vanderbilt during January 2017.



## 31 Alim MUHAMMAD

**Cornerback Back**

**Graduate Student ★ 5-10 • 170**

**St. Louis, Mo. ★ Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day/Holy Cross**

**COLLEGIATE CAREER** Earned 31 career starts as cornerback for Holy Cross (Mass.) Crusaders... Amassed 94 solo tackles, three interceptions, a forced fumble and 12 passes defended in Crusader secondary... As senior in 2017, posted 32 solo tackles and an interception... As junior, contributed 23 tackles and an interception, and averaged 21.7 yards as kick return specialist... Missed most of sophomore year due to injury... Earned nine starts as true freshman cornerback/return specialist in 2014.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for St. Louis private school... Earned All-State and All-Metro honors as a senior... Two-time All-Conference pick... Also lettered in basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Muhammad earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Holy Cross University in May 2018. He is working toward a Masters of Marketing at Vanderbilt's Owen Management School.

**PERSONAL** Alim Muhammad... Son of Debra Colquitt and Aziz Muhammad... Has a younger brother, Amir, and younger sister, Jala... Dad works in pharmaceutical sales; mom is social worker... Dad played basketball at Lincoln (Mo.) University... Enjoys playing golf.

### Muhammad's Career Defensive Statistics (at Holy Cross)

	TACKLES	TFL	INTS	PD	FF/FR
2017	32-8-40	1.0-4	1-0	5	1/0
2016	23-7-30	0.0-0	1-(-5)	1	0/0
2015 (redshirt)	13-1-14	0.0-0	1-0	2	0/0
2014	26-6-32	0.0-0	0-0	4	0/0
<b>Career</b>	<b>94-22-116</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>3-(-5)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1/0</b>



## 34 Dare ODEYINGBO

**Defensive End**

**Senior ★ 6-2 • 282**

**Irving, Texas ★ Cistercian Prep**



**2017** Odeyingbo became one of the most productive players on the Commodore defensive front as a junior... Played in all 12 games, earning 11 starting assignments at defensive end... Established numerous single-season highs, including 36 total tackles, 23 unassisted stops, four hurries two defended passes and a forced fumble... Topped the team with 11 tackles for loss and ranked second with four quarterback sacks... Registered at least two tackles in 10 of 12 games... Started the year with two sacks and a forced fumble in season-opening win at Middle Tennessee, then capped the campaign with a pair of tackles for loss in team's victory in finale at Tennessee... Posted season-high five tackles at Georgia... Had four stops against Kansas State, Alabama and Missouri.

**2016** Odeyingbo enjoyed his best year in a Commodore uniform as a

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sophomore... Played in all 13 games, earning starts at defensive end against Georgia, Auburn and Missouri... Finished the season with 21 total tackles, 10 solo stops, four tackles for loss and a quarterback sack... Also contributed a fumble recovery and defended pass... Established a game high with four tackles at Auburn... Also produced multiple stops against South Carolina, Georgia Tech and Georgia... Posted a sack against Georgia Tech.

**2015** Odeyingbo participated in eight games as a true freshman, seeing action on special teams and as a defensive end... Concluded his first

## Dare Odeyingbo's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 5 (2x), most recently vs. Missouri, 11/18, 2017

**SOLO TACKLES:** 3 (3x), most recently vs. Ole Miss, 10/14/2017

**QB SACKS:** 2, at Middle Tennessee, 9/2/2017

season with a pair of tackles, including a tackle for loss, all coming in the Commodores' win over Austin Peay.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain for Dallas-Fort Worth metro area private school... Started all four years at RB... Also started at DE and LB as junior

and senior... Two-time Texas-Okla. Private School All-State and All-Area recipient... As senior, rushed for 1,178 yards and seven touchdowns... Rushed for 1,791 yards and 23 TDs as a junior... Amassed 5,456 rushing yards and 74 total TDs during four-year varsity career... Helped squad to state playoff appearances in 2012 and 2013... Also earned letters in basketball and track & field... National Merit Semifinalist.

**ACADEMICS** Odeyingbo is expected to complete a degree in medicine, health & society this May.

**PERSONAL** Oluwadamilare Odeyingbo... "Dar-A Oh-DANG-bow"... Born Nov. 25, 1996 in New York... Son of Gary and Betty Odeyingbo... His younger brother, Dayo, is a Commodore sophomore defensive end... Parents are natives of Nigeria... Dad works as software consultant; mom is a nurse practitioner... Avid soccer fan.

## Odeyingbo's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QH	FF/FR
2017	23-13-36	11.0-46	4.5-30	4	1/0
2016	10-11-21	4.0-12	1.0-7	1	0/1
2015	0-2-2	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0/0
Career	33-26-59	15.5-59	5.5-37	5	1/1



## 10 Dayo ODEYINGBO

**Defensive End**

**Sophomore ★ 6-6 • 270**

**Irving, Texas ★ Carrollton Ranchview**

**ODEYINGBO**

**2017** Odeyingbo was one of five true freshmen to participate for the Commodores... Odeyingbo played in all 12 games, seeing action at defensive end... Finished the year with 20 tackles, including 10 solo stops, 4.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 quarterback sacks and an interception... Registered multiple tackles in eight games... Best outing came in victory over Western Kentucky, setting career highs with four solo tackles, five total stops, 2.5 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks... Also added 1.5 tackles for loss and shared in a sack in finale at Tennessee... Interception came on deflected pass against Alabama A&M.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner for Dallas-Fort Worth metro power... Two-year starter at defensive end and offensive tackle... As senior, registered 20 tackles for loss and seven quarterback sacks among 47 total tackles and added three forced fumbles, helping Wolves to 7-4 record and 4A state playoffs for three straight years... On offense, posted 25



knockdown blocks as left tackle... Two-time All-District recipient... Lettered as hurdler and shot put/discus thrower on track & field squad.

## Dayo Odeyingbo's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 5, vs. Western Kentucky, 11/4/2017

**SOLO TACKLES:** 4, vs. Western Kentucky, 11/4/2017

**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 2.5, vs. Western Kentucky, 11/4/2017

**QB SACKS:** 2, vs. Western Kentucky, 11/4/2017

**ACADEMICS** Dayo Odeyingbo is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Temidayo Jordan Odeyingbo... (DI-oh Oh-DANG-bow)... Born Sept. 24, 1999 in Brooklyn, NY... Older brother,

Dare, is a rising senior defensive end with the Commodores... Dad works as software engineer; mom is a nurse practitioner... Parents are natives of Nigeria... Enjoys cooking.

## Dayo Odeyingbo's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QH	INTS	FF/FR
2017	10-10-20	4.5-20	2.5-16	0	1-0	0/0





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## 88 Michael OWUSU

**Outside Linebacker**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-5 • 230**

**Ventura, Calif. ★ Oaks Christian HS**

**2017** Owusu did not play as a true freshman defender... Displayed explosive abilities as a scout team linebacker/defensive end during the regular season.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter for one of Southern California's top private schools... Two-way starter for Lions, appearing at linebacker, defensive line and wide receiver... As senior, helped 8-3 Oaks Christian reach CIF So. California Division 2 state playoffs, contributing 28 solo tackles among 54 total stops, and four quarterback sacks... Earned All-Region recognition as senior... Started at wide receiver as a junior, contributed 15 catches for 11-1 squad that reached Division 2 state quarterfinals... Standout forward in basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Owusu is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Michael Mulivai Owusu... Born Oct. 29, 1998... Son of Francis and Luaiva Owusu... Youngest of five siblings, all of whom have participated in collegiate athletics: Francis and Chris, football players at Stanford; Brian, a football player at Harvard; and Crystal, a basketball player at Columbia... Dad was 400-meter sprinter on Ghanaian Olympic team.



## 9 Caleb PEART

**Linebacker**

**Redshirt Junior ★ 6-1 • 235**

**Chandler, Ariz. ★ Hamilton HS**

**2017** Peart played in all 12 games, earning starts at outside linebacker in early-season victories against Alabama A&M and Kansas State... Ended the season with 11 total tackles, including a tackle for loss... Contributed career high with four tackles at Florida.

**2016** Peart made appearances in 11 of the 'Dores' 13 regular season games, seeing action at outside linebacker as a redshirt freshman... Concluded the regular season with five total tackles, including three

unassisted stops... Made collegiate debut in victory over Middle Tennessee.

**2015** Peart did not see game action as a true freshman, participating as a linebacker on defensive scout units.

### Peart's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 4, at Florida, 9/30/2017  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 2, at Middle Tenn., 9/10/2016

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and three-year defensive end starter for Phoenix-area power... Recipient of NFF's 2014 Curley Culp Award given to Arizona's top high school defensive lineman... Three-time recipient of All-State and All-Region DL honors... Team's defensive MVP as senior after posting 82 tackles, 15 quarterback sacks and two forced fumbles for 12-2 squad that played in state's D-AIA state title... Participated in prestigious Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl... Helped Hamilton to state title as a sophomore.

**ACADEMICS** Peart is majoring in medicine, health & society. He is a 2016 and 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Caleb Jamal Peart... Born Nov. 13, 1996... Native of Phoenix metro area... Son of Jacqueline and Carl Peart... Has a younger sister, Keturah... Mom is a personal trainer; dad is a general contractor... Spent May 2018 in Australia, studying biodiversity along the Gold Coast and Great Barrier Reef.



### Peart's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	PBU	FF/FR
<b>2017</b>	1-10-11	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0/0
<b>2016</b>	3-2-5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0
<b>Career</b>	4-12-16	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0/0



## 19 Chris PIERCE

**Wide Receiver**

**Sophomore ★ 6-4 • 215**

**Smithfield, Va. ★ Smithfield HS**

**2017** Pierce was one of five true freshmen to make an appearance for the Commodores... Played in nine games as reserve wide receiver and special teams contributor... Did not register a catch at receiver, but developed into one of team's top coverage players on special teams, finishing with four tackles, including two stops against Kentucky.

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**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year team captain... Four-year starter for Packers... Team offensive MVP as senior... Topped district as senior with 43 receptions, good for 709 yards and 11 touchdowns, helping Smithfield to 8-3 record and 4A East Region playoffs... Also posted 47 solo tackles, six tackles for loss and an interception as senior linebacker... Registered 45 receptions for 776 yards and 13 scores during junior season... Three-time All-Region recipient... Standout four-year starter on Smithfield hoops team that captured district title in 2016... Two-time All-Region forward on basketball squad.

**ACADEMICS** Pierce is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Christopher Alphonso Pierce Jr... Born Nov. 2, 1998... Son of Christopher and Doreatha Pierce... Has two older brothers, Jaquon Goodman and Deljuan Goodman... Dad works in transportation; mom is a librarian.



## 80 Jared PINKNEY

**Tight End**

**Redshirt Junior ★ 6-4 • 255**

**Norcross, Ga. ★ Norcross HS**

**2017** Pinkney put together another solid year in his second season with the Commodore offense...

Played in every game, earning nine starts at tight end... Served as team's top receiving threat among tight end corps... Finished the year virtually matching stats from previous season – 22 receptions, 273 receiving yards, three touchdowns... Posted single-game high with two touchdown catches in early-season win over Alabama A&M, then registered an impressive six-catch, 119-yard receiving performance late in the year against Missouri... Also had three catches in opening win over Middle Tennessee and a pair of key receptions in victory over nationally ranked Kansas State.

**2016** As first-year contributor, Pinkney played in every game, providing the Commodores with a quality receiving threat at the tight end position...

### Pinkney's Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 6, vs. Missouri, 11/18/2017  
RECEIVING YARDS: 119, vs. Missouri, 11/18/2017  
LONGEST CATCH: 38, vs. Kansas State, 9/16/2017

and two touchdowns... Posted multiple catches in seven games... Registered season highs with five receptions and 50 receiving yards in win over Tennessee State... Played key role as a receiver in late-season wins over Ole Miss and Tennessee, combined for 82 receiving yards against those SEC rivals... Contributed touchdown catches against TSU and Auburn.

**2015** Pinkney looked to have a bright future at tight end before injuries quickly curtailed his true freshman campaign... After working his way into a playing role after an impressive preseason camp, Pinkney suffered a season-ending injury in the opener against Western Kentucky.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multiple-year captain and standout WR/HB for one of north Georgia's top programs... Received team's "Iron Man" Award after senior season... Earned three varsity letters, helping Blue Devils to 2012 and 2013 Class AAAAAA state titles... As senior WR, caught 32 passes for 480 yards and three touchdowns for 7-4 squad, earning All-Region honors.

**ACADEMICS** Pinkney is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. He is majoring in communication studies.

**PERSONAL** Jared B. Pinkney... Born Aug. 21, 1997... Lifelong resident of Georgia... Son of Anika Bowles-Pinkney and Horace Pinkney... Oldest of three siblings: a brother, Jalen, and sister, Alayna... Mom is an event planner, dad works in restaurant management.



### Pinkney's Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2017	22	279	12.7	3	38
2016	22	274	12.5	2	28
Career	44	553	12.6	5	38





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## 22 Austin QUILLEN

**Safety**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 5-11 • 195**

**Jenks, Okla. ★ Jenks HS**

**QUILLEN**

**2017** Quillen participated in five games as a redshirt freshman defensive back... Saw action on special-team coverage units and as safety... Registered a special teams tackle in victory over Tennessee in regular season finale.

**2016** Quillen did not play as a true freshman, contributing during the regular season as a scout team defensive back.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year varsity letterwinner for one of Oklahoma's strongest programs... Three-year defensive starter, helping Jenks capture four straight 6A-I state titles... As senior linebacker/safety, contributed seven QB sacks and five tackles for loss among 93 tackles for 11-1 Trojans squad... Second-team All-State, All-Metro and All-League recipient... Posted 103 tackles, seven sacks, three forced fumbles and an interception during 11-2 campaign in 2014... Helped Jenks to 14-0 mark as a sophomore safety, registering 21 tackles and an interception.

**ACADEMICS** Quillen is majoring in human & organizational development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Austin Conner Quillen... Born Aug. 28, 1997 in Tulsa... Son of Sean and Cheri Quillen... Has a brother, Tristan... Dad is a business owner.

### Quillen's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2017	1-0-1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0



## 61 Bruno REAGAN

**Offensive Line**

**Senior ★ 6-3 • 315**

**Clarksville, Tenn. ★ Clarksville HS**

**REAGAN**

**2017** After starting 15 consecutive games at guard entering the season, Reagan became the team's

starting center and leader on the offensive front as a fourth-year junior...

Started all 12 games at center, running his consecutive starts streak to 27 games... Played virtually every meaningful offensive snap for the Commodores and registered 20 domination blocks during the season...

Part of offensive line that allowed 19 quarterback sacks during the season, 13 less than the previous year... Earned SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors after a dominant performance in season finale win at Tennessee in which the Commodores produced 33 first downs, 529 total yards and 42 points.

**2016** Reagan started all 13 regular season games in his third season as a Commodore... Played nearly 90 percent of the team's offensive snaps at right guard, providing solid run blocking for improved ground attack... Reagan and the line played a huge role in RB Ralph Webb becoming Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher and QB Kyle Shurmur producing in the passing game... Reagan and the line helped the Commodore offense improve in nearly every category from 2015, including points scored, first downs, total yards and red zone efficiency where the unit produced points on 43-of-46 possessions.

**2015** Reagan earned his way into the Commodores' starting offensive line corps during his second year on campus... Played in several games on special team conversion units, and enjoyed OL action in eight others, including the final games... Started at right guard in late-season conference games against Texas A&M and Tennessee... Registered 12 pancake and 10 domination blocks while playing 210 snaps.



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**2014** Reagan did not see action as a true freshman... Participated as an offensive lineman on scout teams during fall practice.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year letterwinner, two-year starter on OL... Earned 5A All-State and All-Region honors as a senior... Finalist for 2013 Harry Galbreath Lineman of the Year Award... Played in Tennessee East-West All-Star Game... Ranked among Tennessee's top prep wrestlers... As a junior, was state heavyweight champion, finishing with a 57-0 individual record... Earned national recognition in wrestling and judo competitions.

**ACADEMICS** Reagan is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, and is majoring in communication studies.

**PERSONAL** Bruno Ricardo Reagan... Born May 24, 1996... Son of Mackel and Isabel Reagan... Has one brother, Eduardo, and one sister, Gabriela... Dad works as a state recreation consultant; mom works as a nurse... Parents participated in collegiate sports at Austin Peay: dad as a football player; mom as an All-Ohio Valley Conference volleyball player.



## 26 Andrew RECTOR

**Linebacker**

**Senior ★ 6-0 • 210**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Father Ryan HS**

**2017** Rector's third year on campus was hindered by injuries... Participated in eight games, playing on special teams and as a linebacker... Contributed four tackles on the season, including three coming in the Commodore victory over Alabama A&M... Also posted a blocked kick on special teams.

**2016** Rector participated in three games as a sophomore safety and special teams contributor this season... Registered tackles in early-season games



against South Carolina and Georgia Tech... Also saw action in victory against Florida.

**2015** Rector saw action in nine games as a true freshman, participating as a reserve safety and special teams contributor... Punt block late in Kentucky game was key play in eventual win over Wildcats.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain, three-year starter for Nashville private school... Started at CB as sophomore, then moved to safety prior to junior season... As senior, registered 56 tackles, three INTs and three forced fumbles while playing six games... Earned Division II-AA first-team All-State DB honors as senior... Also played WR/RB... As junior, recorded 38 tackles and six INTs.

**ACADEMICS** Rector is majoring in human & organizational development in the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Andrew Hardisen Rector... Born Jan. 25, 1997 in Nashville... Son of Steve and Suzanne Rector... Oldest of three siblings: a sister, Ally, and a brother, Wyatt... Dad works in health care administration... Dad played collegiately at Western Kentucky.

### Rector's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INTS	PBU	FF/FR
2017	3-1-4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0
2016	2-0-2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0
2015	0-2-2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0
<b>Career</b>	<b>5-3-8</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>



## 94 Rutger REITMAIER

**Defensive Line**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-3 • 275**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Lipscomb Academy**

**2017** Originally signed with University of Oregon out of high school... Sat out the fall 2017 semester and transferred to Vanderbilt for spring semester in January 2018... Impressed on practice field as defensive line prospect during Vanderbilt spring drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and multi-year two-way line starter for Nashville private school... Helped lead Mustangs to district title and 9-3 record in 2016... As senior in 2016, contributed 56 tackles, including seven quarterback sacks and 24 tackles for loss... Earned Tennessee Division II All-State honors in 2016... Two-time Division II Mr. Football Lineman finalists... Three-time All-District recognition 2014-16... Played in the US Army All-American game following senior campaign... Also lettered in hockey and track & field... Captured state shot put championships.

**ACADEMICS** Reitmaier is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. He is undecided on a major.

**PERSONAL** Rutger Reitmaier... Born May 8, 1998 in Nashville... Son of Alice and Rik Reitmaier... Has an older sister, Alex, and a younger brother, Ian... Mother is a senior vice president in human resources; father is a chief investment officer.





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## 66 Cameron ROBINSON

**Defensive Tackle**  
**Redshirt Freshman** ★ 6-0 • 295  
**Mobile, Ala. ★ Kearney HS**

**2017** Robinson did not see game action as a true freshman... Walk-on prospect showed abilities during the season as a contributor on the scout team defensive line.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-time captain as two-way line starter for Mobile public school... Named team's MVP lineman as senior... Two-time All-Region... Earned three varsity letters on football team.

**ACADEMICS** Robinson is undecided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Cameron VaShawn Robinson... "Big Cam"... Born May 11, 1999... Son of Fletcher and Chantaye Robinson... Dad is a retired veteran and minister; mom is a high school teacher and pianist... Has an older brother, Keandre, who played football at University of South Alabama, and older half-sister, Kenya... Enjoys singing and playing the piano.



## 57 Josiah SA'O

**Defensive Tackle**  
**Redshirt Sophomore** ★ 6-2 • 300  
**San Diego, Calif. ★ Kearney HS**

**2017** Sa'o saw his initial collegiate action as a red-shirt freshman, participating in six games as a defensive interior tackle... Registered a tackle in victory over Alabama A&M... Also appeared in reserve role to starting nose tackle Nifae Lealao against Middle Tennessee, Kansas State, Georgia, Missouri and Tennessee.

**2016** Sa'o did not see game action as a true freshman defensive line candidate, participating during the regular season as a scout team defensive tackle.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year team captain... Started on both sides of the ball (DT and OT) as junior and senior... As senior DT, contributed 102 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, seven QB sacks, four forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries, helping Komets capture Central League title and reach second round of CIF Division IV playoffs... Earned All-League as senior... Participated in two postseason games: the Polynesian All-American Bowl and Spanos Classic All-Star Game.

**ACADEMICS** Sa'o is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a degree in sociology.

**PERSONAL** Josiah Tusiofo Sa'o... Last name is pronounced "sah-O"... Born Sept. 1, 1998... Son of Letitaia and Lilieni Sa'o... Originally from Hawaii... Dad works with the Merchant Marines... Youngest of eight siblings... Has two brothers, Jarret and Jedidiah; and five sisters, Pala, Bella, Jasmine, Jennifer and Tiare... Eight relatives have played collegiate football.

### Sa'o's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QH	FF/FR
2017	0-1-1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0



## 47 Tommy SCHIAGER

**Snapper/Fullback**  
**Redshirt Sophomore** ★ 6-0 • 220  
**Portland, Ore. ★ Sunset HS**

**2017** Schiager ended the season handling the Commodores' snapping responsibilities for conversions and punts... Did not participate until the final four games when graduate transfer Scott Sypniewski was lost for the season due to injury.

**2016** Schiager did not play as a walk-on during his first year on campus, participating in the regular season as a snapper and fullback on scout teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-time captain... All-State, All-Region and team MVP as senior fullback-linebacker... Contributed nearly 150 tackles during senior season... Played in Schwab Invitational All-Star Game... Also earned four letters in baseball... High academic achiever.

**ACADEMICS** Schiager is working toward a degree in economics. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Thomas J. Schiager... Born Oct. 27, 1997... Son of Bill and Lisa Schiager... Dad works in sales; mom is an accountant... Dad played collegiately at Azusa Pacific (Calif.) University... Has two older sisters, Lindsey and Haley... Enjoys bowling.



## 21 Donovan SHEFFIELD

**Cornerback**  
**Senior** ★ 6-0 • 190  
**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Ensworth HS**

**2017** Sheffield saw action in all 12 games in the defensive secondary, playing both cornerback and nickel back... Finished with 14 total tackles, including seven solo stops, and a defended pass... Posted single-game highs with three solo tackles and five total tackles in victory over Alabama A&M... Also had multiple tackles against Alabama, Florida and Ole Miss.

**2016** Sheffield played in every game as a sophomore defensive back, earning a larger role as the season progressed... Played both nickel back and cornerback in the Commodore secondary... Concluded the season with seven total tackles, including four solo stops... Posted multiple tackles against Middle Tennessee and Missouri.

**2015** Limited early in the year, Sheffield finished the season as an important contributor in the Commodore secondary as true freshman... Played in the final six games, contributing at cornerback and nickel back... Finished the year with five total tackles,

### Sheffield's Career Highs:

TOTAL TACKLES: 5, vs. Alabama A&M, 9/9/2017  
SOLO TACKLES: 3, vs. Alabama A&M, 9/9/2017  
PASSES DEFENDED: 2, vs. Texas A&M, 11/21/2015

including four solo stops.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and three-time starter for one of Tennessee's most powerful private schools... As two-way starter, helped Ensworth to 34-3 overall record, Division II-AA state titles in 2012 and 2013, and the D-II state title game in 2014... As senior, registered 33 tackles and six INTs as CB, and posted 16 touchdowns as RB, earning D-II first-team All-State and All-Midstate honors... Named to *Tennessean's* Dandy Dozen All-Region team... Ended prep career with 12 INTs, 121 tackles and 21 defended passes on defense, and 23 total TDs and more than 2,000 rushing

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yards on offense... Captured state triple jump title with 46'11" leap.

**ACADEMICS** Sheffield is working toward a degree in human & organizational development. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Donovan Alexander Sheffield... Born May 31, 1997 in Nashville... Son of Robert and Tamara Sheffield... Has four siblings: three sisters, Symone, Mykah and Jai; and a brother, Ryan... Dad played cornerback at Vanderbilt from 1993-96... Third-generation college football player in family.

## Sheffield's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2017	7-7-14	0.0-0	0-0	1	0/0
2016	4-3-7	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0
2015	4-1-5	2.0-9	0-0	2	0/0
<b>Career</b>	<b>15-11-26</b>	<b>2.0-9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0/0</b>



## 14 Kyle SHURMUR

**Quarterback**

**Senior ★ 6-4 • 225**

**Philadelphia, Pa. ★ La Salle College Prep**

**2017** Shurmur produced one of the top seasons ever by a Commodore signal caller in his third year guiding the offense... The junior started every game, running his consecutive starts streak to 28 games... Finished the regular season completing 220-of-380 passes (57.9 percent) for 2,823 yards, 26 touchdowns and just 10 interceptions... Shurmur's touchdown total established a new single-season team record, breaking Whit Taylor's former record of 22 touchdowns set in 1982... Shurmur's passing yardage total ranks as the third highest single-season total in team history... Missouri's Drew Lock was the only Southeastern Conference quarterback to throw for more yards and touchdowns... Opened the season hitting 20-of-28 passes for 296 yards and three touchdowns in victory at Middle Tennessee, then passed for four touchdowns against



Alabama A&M... Threw for three touchdowns at Florida... In last five games of the season, averaged 292.5 yards and threw 12 touchdowns... Threw for 333 yards and four scores at South Carolina, 308 yards and a score at

Kentucky and 348 yards and a score against Missouri... In season finale, earned helped Commodores to a road victory at Tennessee by throwing for 283 yards and four scores.

**2016** Shurmur put together one of the most productive seasons ever by a Commodore quarterback... Showing progress

with each game, Shurmur was one of the SEC's top quarterbacks in the final weeks of the season... Starting all 13 games, Shurmur finished the regular

## Shurmur's Career Highs:

ATTEMPTS: 52, vs. Missouri, 11/18/2017  
 COMPLETIONS: 30, vs. Kentucky, 11/11/2017  
 PASSING YARDS: 416, vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016  
 TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 4 (3x), most recent at Tennessee, 11/25/2017  
 LONGEST PASS: 76 yds., vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016

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## Where Shurmur stands on Vanderbilt career lists:

CATEGORY	TOTAL ENTERING 2018	RANK	ALL-TIME LEADER
PASSING YARDS	5,735	5th	Jay Cutler, 8,697
TOUCHDOWN PASSES	40	4th	Jay Cutler, 59
PASS ATTEMPTS	858	5th	Jay Cutler, 1,242
PASS COMPLETIONS	468	5th	Jay Cutler, 710
TOTAL OFFENSE	5,489	6th	Jay Cutler, 9,953

season completing 204 of 375 passes (54.4 percent) for 2,409 yards and nine touchdowns... He also did an excellent job limiting turnovers, throwing an interception every 47 passes... His 2,409 passing yards broke the team's sophomore passing record previously set by Jay Cutler in 2003... Shurmur was superb in the last month of the regular season, combining to complete 79 of 129 passes (61.2%) for 1,162 yards and five touchdowns against SEC foes Auburn, Missouri, Ole Miss and Tennessee... In the win over Tennessee, Shurmur set a career high with 416 passing yards, the fifth highest single-game total in team history... He also threw for 273 yards against Ole Miss and 251 yards at Missouri... Shurmur's campaign also included leading last-minute comeback wins at Western Kentucky and Georgia... Completed 19 passes for 158 yards against NC State in Camping World Independence Bowl.

**2015** Shurmur ended his true freshman campaign as the Commodores' starting quarterback... Shurmur played and started in five games, making his initial Commodore appearance in October against Missouri... Shurmur guided the squad to victories over Missouri and Kentucky in his first two starts against SEC teams... Finished the year completing 44-of-103 passes for 503 yards and five touchdowns... Was combined 23-of-46 for 255 yards, two TD passes and no interceptions against Missouri and Kentucky... In season finale at Tennessee, threw for 209 passing yards and three touchdowns.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starting QB for Philadelphia private school, helping Explorers to 16-6 overall record and two Class AAAA runner-up finishes... As senior, completed 180 of 307 passes for 2,472 yards and 25 touchdowns, earning AAAA first-team All-State and All-League honors... Named Maxwell Club's Pennsylvania Player of the Year as senior... Played in 2014 Semper Fidelis All-American Game... Passed for 4,996 yards and 53 TDs as two-year starter... Standout swimmer, helping team to 2014 state title... Member of state record-setting 200-medley relay... Transferred to La Salle College Prep as junior.

**ACADEMICS** Shurmur is working toward a degree in economics. He is a 2016 and 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2014-15 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Kyle Patrick Shurmur... Born Nov. 6, 1996... Son of Pat and Jennifer Shurmur... Has three sisters: Allyson, Erica and Claire... Dad is entering his first year as head coach of the New York Giants NFL franchise... A former offensive coordinator for Minnesota Vikings and Philadelphia Eagles, he also is a former head coach for Cleveland Browns... Dad played football and mom swam at Michigan State.

## Shurmur's Career Quarterback Statistics

	ATT-COMP-INT	YARDS	PCT.	TD	LONG
2017	380-220-10	2823	57.9	26	73
2016	375-204-10	2409	54.4	9	76
2015	103-44-3	503	42.7	5	37
Career	858-468-23	5735	54.6	40	76



**58 Justin SKULE**

**Offensive Tackle**

**Senior ★ 6-6 • 318**

**Clifton, Va. ★ Centreville HS**

**2017** Skule started all 12 games, running his consecutive starts streak to 25 games... As a junior, moved to left tackle, serving as the blind-side protector for quarterback Kyle Shurmur... Played in 98 percent of team's 751 offensive snaps... Credited with 19 domination blocks from his tackle position... Part of offensive line that permitted just 19 quarterback sacks, more than a dozen less than previous year... Also contributed on special team conversion units.

**2016** Skule started all 13 regular season games as a sophomore... Played more than 90-percent of team's offensive snaps at right tackle... Skule and the line played a huge role in RB Ralph Webb becoming Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher and QB Kyle Shurmur producing in the passing game... Skule and the line helped the Vanderbilt offense improve in nearly every category from 2015, including points scored, first downs, total yards and red zone efficiency where the unit produced points on 43-of-46 possessions.

**2015** As a true freshman, Skule showed excellent promise, becoming a starter on the offensive line only to suffer a midseason injury that prematurely ended his campaign... Played in seven games, earning starts at right tackle in victory against Austin Peay and at Ole Miss... Registered 20 pancake blocks while playing 233 offensive snaps... Missed the Florida, Kentucky, Texas A&M and Tennessee games due to injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter at LT for Northern Virginia power... Helped Wildcats to 27-3 overall record, including 2013 Class AAA

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state championship and 2014 state title appearance... As senior, registered nearly 30 pancake blocks as Wildcats' Wing-T offense produced nearly 4,600 rushing yards... Named to sportswriters' first-team AAA All-State and *Washington Post's* prestigious All-Metro Team as senior... Registered more than 50 pancake blocks and allowed just one QB sack as two-year starter... Threw shot put and discus on track & field team as junior.

**ACADEMICS** Skule is majoring in economics. He is a 2016 and 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2015 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Justin Grant Skule... Pronounced "School"... Born Nov. 23, 1996... Son of Josh and Christy Skule... Dad works for the FBI; mom is an office assistant... Has three siblings: two brothers, Jackson and Joe, and a sister, Taylor... Dad played offensive line at the U.S. Naval Academy.



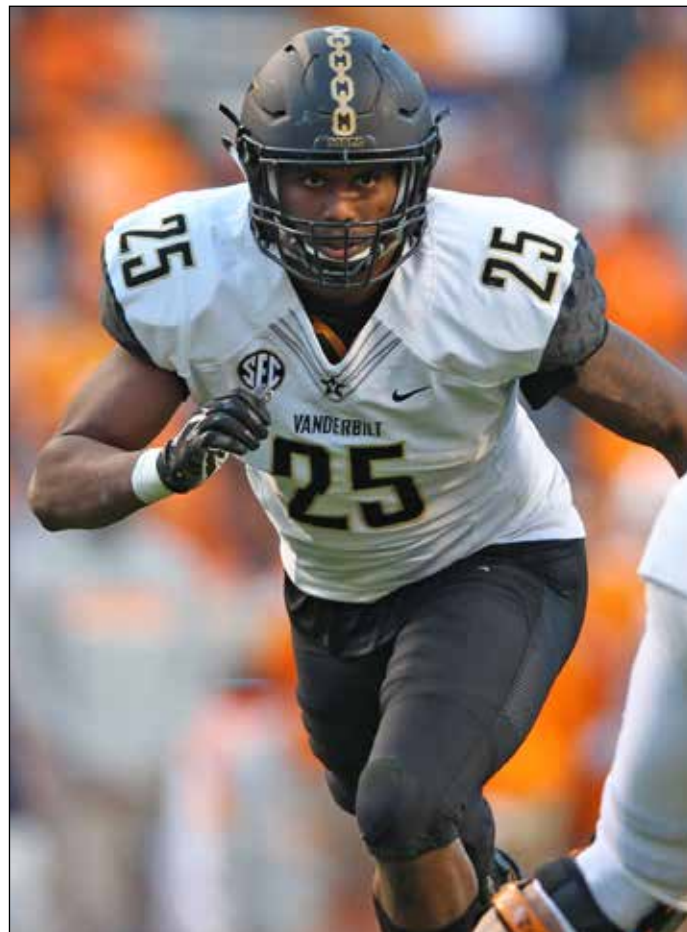
## 25 Josh SMITH

**Linebacker**

**Senior ★ 6-4 • 242**

**Murfreesboro, Tenn. ★ Oakland HS**

**2017** Smith put together his best statistical year as a junior... Participated in all 12 games, contributing at outside linebacker and on special teams... Ended year establishing new single-season highs with 21 total tackles, 11 solo stops, two quarterback sacks and four tackles for loss... Sacks came in victories against Alabama A&M and Western Kentucky... Best game of the year came against Missouri when he registered seven total tackles against the Tigers... Also produced multiple tackles against Alabama A&M, South Carolina and Kentucky.



**2016** Smith was hampered by injuries, but finished the regular season on a high note by starting at outside linebacker in the victory over Tennessee... During course of the season, Smith played both inside and outside linebacker, seeing action in nine games...

### Josh Smith's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 7, vs. Missouri, 11/18/2017  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 4, vs. Missouri, 11/18/2017

Smith concluded the year with three total tackles, including an important quarterback sack against Tennessee, quarterback hurry and pass breakup.

**2015** Smith saw action in every game as an outside linebacker during his first year on campus... Finished the season with seven total tackles... Posted two stops against three opponents – Western Kentucky, Austin Peay and Florida... Also registered a tackle for loss in the opener against Western Kentucky.  
**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and two-year starter at linebacker for one of Tennessee's top public schools... Posted 128 tackles, nine quarterback sacks, four forced fumbles and 25 tackles for loss as senior, leading team to 14-2 record and 6A state title... Named *Daily News Journal's* Defensive Player of the Year as senior... Played in prestigious U.S. Army All-American Game as senior... Two-time first-team All-State and All-Region selection... As junior, registered 81 tackles, helping Oakland to 12-0 regular season.  
**ACADEMICS** Smith is working toward a degree in environmental sociology. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.  
**PERSONAL** Joshua D. Smith... Born Feb. 25, 1997 in Nashville... Son of Demetrius and Stephanie Smith... Older brother, Emmanuel, played linebacker for the Commodores and enters 2018 as a rookie free agent with the Atlanta Falcons... Dad is a police officer, mom works in factory management... Dad played football at Middle Tennessee State. senior season... Earned three varsity letters for Seton Hall Prep... Spent May 2018 in Australia, studying biodiversity along the Gold Coast and Great Barrier Reef.

### Josh Smith's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QH	FF/FR
2017	11-10-21	4.0-10	2.0-8	1	0/0
2016	2-1-3	0.5-3	0.5-3	1	0/0
2015	1-6-7	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0/0
Career	14-17-31	5.0-14	2.5-11	2	0/0



## 71 Jared SOUTHERS

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Junior ★ 6-5 • 315**

**South Orange, N.J. ★ Seton Hall Prep**

**2017** Southers played in 11 games, participating as an offensive guard and on special team conversion units... Opened the season as starter at right guard against Middle Tennessee, Alabama A&M, Kansas State and Alabama... Registered five domination blocks during the season.

**2016** Southers participated in the final 10 games of the regular season as a redshirt freshman offensive lineman... Saw action as an offensive tackle and on special teams.

**2015** Southers did not play as a true freshman offensive lineman.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter on offensive line for New Jersey private school power... As senior OT, registered 83 pancake blocks for 6-4 Seton Hall Prep squad... Also saw action on defensive line as senior... Named second-team All-State and first-team All-Private School recipient after senior season... Earned three varsity letters for Seton Hall Prep... Also earned letter in wrestling... National Honor Society member.





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**ACADEMICS** Southers is working toward a degree in economics. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Jared Daniel Southers... Born May 14, 1997 in New Jersey... Son of Virginia and David Southers... Has one older sister, Arianna... Mom is an attorney; dad is a social worker... Enjoys cooking... Spent May 2018 in Australia, studying biodiversity along the Gold Coast and Great Barrier Reef.



## 46 Keithian STARLING

**Wide Receiver**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-0 • 185**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Nashville Christian HS**

**2017** Starling did not see action as a walk-on receiver candidate during his first year on campus.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Started at receiver and cornerback after transferring to Nashville Christian for senior season... As senior, helped school to 10-3 record, district title and third round of Class 1A state playoffs... Also lettered in basketball and track & field... National Honor Society member.

**ACADEMICS** Starling is working toward a degree in engineering science from the School of Engineering.

**PERSONAL** Keithian Starling Jr... Born on July 8, 1999... Son of Shundra Harris and Keithian Starling... Moved to Nashville as second grader from Georgia... Enjoys watching movies.



## 51 Brett STARR

**Linebacker**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-0 • 220**

**Brentwood, Tenn. ★ Montgomery Bell Acad.**

**2017** Starr did not participate last year... Joined the program in spring drills action as a walk-on

linebacker candidate during his first year on campus.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Defensive co-captain... Two-year starter at inside linebacker for Nashville private school... Produced 113 tackles and four INTs, helping Big Red make deep runs in II-AA playoffs... Also lettered in baseball.

**ACADEMICS** Starr is working toward majors in economics and human and organizational development.

**PERSONAL** Brett Michael Starr... Born Oct. 21, 1998... Son of Richard and Suzanne Starr... Has two siblings, Katie and Kyle... Mom works as administrative officer at Vanderbilt's Diabetes Center... Student body president... Enjoys playing golf and video games.



## 73 Jonathan STEWART

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-7 • 315**

**Lawrenceville, Ga. ★ Mountain View HS**

**2017** Stewart did not see game action as a true freshman... Lengthy offensive tackle showed plenty of

abilities as a scout team offensive lineman during the regular season.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior co-captain... Two-year starter on offensive line for north Georgia public school... As senior, contributed 29 knockdown blocks as starting left tackle, leading Mountain View squad to 8-3 overall record and 7A state playoffs... Stewart's blocking helped Bears' offense average 32.1 points and produce nearly 4,000 total yards... As senior, named All-Region and All-County... Played in postseason Gwinnett County All-Star Game... Started every game as a junior, his first year to participate in organized football... Honors student.

**ACADEMICS** Stewart is undecided on a major, and is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Jonathan Kordell Stewart... Born Feb. 4, 1999 in Maryland... Son of Patrick Stewart and Angela Collins... Has three brothers: C.J., Shane and Thomas... Mom works as a counselor.



## 11 Alex STUMP

**Wide Receiver**

**Redshirt Junior ★ 6-3 • 208**

**Cleveland, Ohio ★ St. Edward HS/(Ohio State)**

**2017** Stump did not see game action after transferring to Vanderbilt from Ohio State prior to the season...

Showed excellent receiving skills as a scout team wide receiver during the regular season.

**AT OHIO STATE (2015-16)** Stump spent 2015-16 seasons at Ohio State before deciding to transfer to Vanderbilt last winter... In 2016, played sparingly as a redshirt freshman, catching one pass for eight yards.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner at one of metro Cleveland's top

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powers... Regarded among the Midwest's top receivers coming out of high school... Started three seasons at wide receiver at St. Edward... Helped Eagles to 2014 state championship though missed several games due to injury... As a junior, earned honorable mention All-State and all-conference after posting 57 receptions for 987 yards and 14 TDs.

**ACADEMICS** Stump is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a degree in communication studies.

**PERSONAL** Alex B. Stump... Son of Mike and Laura Stump... Born Aug. 19, 1996 in Cleveland... Has two older brothers, Erik and Adam... Dad works in management for Bendix CVS; mom is business development director in sustainable energy field... Enjoys playing golf.



## 4 Donaven TENNYSON

**Wide Receiver**

**Junior ★ 5-10 • 174**

**Richmond, Va. ★ Benedictine Preparatory**

**2017** In his second year on campus, the speedy Tennyson developed into a valuable offensive weapon for the Commodores, utilized as a running and receiving threat... Played

in nine games as wide receiver... Finished the year with eight receptions for 116 yards and 63 yards on three reverses... Three of Tennyson's 11 touches resulted in explosive plays of at least 25 yards... Posted multiple catches against Alabama, Kentucky and

### Tennyson's Career Highs:

**TOTAL RECEPTIONS:** 2 (3x), most recently vs. Missouri, 11/18/2017

**RECEIVING YARDS:** 35, at Florida, 9/30/2017

**LONGEST CATCH:** 35, at Florida, 9/30/2017

**LONGEST RUSH:** 48, vs. Ole Miss, 10/14/2017

Missouri... Had receptions of 35 yards at Florida and 25 yards at Tennessee... First rush of the year resulted in 48-yard gain at Ole Miss.

**2016** The speedy Tennyson was one of six true freshmen to see action, playing in eight games... Rushed four times for 28 yards during regular season... Longest rush was 13 yards against Tennessee State... He did not register a catch.



**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter for one of Richmond's top private powers... Helped Benedictine to back-to-back VISAA Division I state titles in 2014-15, marking first such achievement in school history... As a senior, hauled in 38 passes for 698 yards and 11 touchdowns... Two-time VISAA Division I first-team All-State and All-Conference pick... As a junior, posted 41 catches for 836 yards and eight TDs... Also returned three kicks for TDs as junior... Produced 498 all-purpose yards as sophomore WR at nearby Manchester HS.

**ACADEMICS** Tennyson is working toward a degree in human & organizational development. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Donaven Coleon Tennyson... Born March 9, 1998... Son of the late Frank Tennyson and Yolanda Tennyson... Born and raised in Richmond... Has two brothers, Franklin and Dillon... Dad was a financial advisor; mom is a senior insurance analyst... Enjoys travel and playing ping-pong.

### Tennyson's Career Offensive Statistics

	REC-YDS	LONG	RUSH-YDS	AVG	LONG
2017	8-116	35	3-63	21.0	48
2016	-	-	4-28	7.0	16
<b>Career</b>	<b>8-116</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7-91</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>48</b>



## 93 Parker THOME

**Punter**

**Graduate Student ★ 6-4 • 215**

**Hortonville, Wis. ★ Hortonville HS/Columbia**

**COLLEGIATE CAREER (at COLUMBIA)** Named first-team

All-Ivy League during the 2017 season after leading the Ivy League and ranking 11th nationally with a 42.9 yards per punt average... Earned team's Special Teams Award after regular season, given to one player who stands out on special teams... Helped Lions rank third nationally in punt return defense (3.3) and 13th nationally in net punting (38.6)... Also served as team's holder on field goal and extra point attempts.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Lettered three years at Hortonville HS where he earned first-team All-Bay Conference and All-Region as a punter... As senior, averaged 46.5 yards as punter and caught six passes for 282 yards and four touchdowns... Lettered in basketball and baseball, earning All-Area on the diamond as an outfielder... Class valedictorian... National Honor Society.

**ACADEMICS** Thome completed a bachelor's in biological sciences from Columbia in May 2018... Named to NFF Hampshire Society and nominated for CoSIDA Academic All-America honors. He is working toward a Masters of Marketing from the Owen School of Management.

**PERSONAL** Parker Alan Thome... Born Aug. 11, 1995... Son of Paul and Allison Thome... Has one older brother, Christopher... Worked as a research assistant at the University of Wisconsin Department of Surgery... Will become third Columbia punter in two years to kick for a SEC school, joining Cameron Nizialek (Georgia 2017) and Matthew Panton (Kentucky 2017)... Avid jazz musician.

### Thome's Career Punting Statistics (at Columbia)

	PUNTS-YDS	AVG.	LONG	I-20	50+
2017	50-2,146	42.9	66	23	10





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Cameron  
TIDD

**Defensive Line**  
**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-3 • 290**  
**Greenwood, Ind. ★ Center Grove HS**

**2017** Tidd developed into a key contributor on the Commodore defensive front as a redshirt freshman... Earned three starts at tackle against South Carolina, Missouri and Tennessee... Played in all 12 games... Ended year with 16 total tackles, seven solo stops, a quarterback sack and a forced fumble... Posted

season high with two unassisted stops, five total tackles and forced fumble against Kentucky... Registered four tackles against Alabama... Contributed quarterback sack at Ole Miss.

### Tidd's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 4, vs. *Alabama*, 9/23/2017  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 2, vs. *Kentucky*, 11/11/2017  
**SACKS:** 1, at *Ole Miss*, 10/14/2017  
**FORCED FUMBLES:** 1, vs. *Kentucky*, 11/11/2017

**2016** Tidd did not play as a true freshman, participating as a scout team defensive lineman.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter for 6A Indiana power... As a senior starting DT, helped Center Grove to 14-0 mark and 6A state title... Contributed eight QB sacks and 19 tackles for loss among 66 total tackles, earning first-team All-State and All-Region honors... Also blocked four field goal attempts... Invited to participate in the Blue-Grey All-American Game... As junior, helped Trojans to 9-4 record and state semifinals, registering six tackles for loss among 45 tackles... Played tight end as freshman and sophomore... Four-year letterwinner as thrower in track & field... State champion in the discus.

**ACADEMICS** Tidd is working toward a degree in medicine, health and society. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Cameron Brock Tidd... Son of Brock and Carla Tidd... Born June 10, 1997... Has two younger brothers, Bryce and Caleb... Dad played collegiate football and baseball at Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis (IUPUI)... Dad works for Eli Lilly; mom works as a secretary.

### Tidd's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QH	FF/FR
2017	7-9-16	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	1/0



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Ke'Shawn  
VAUGHN

**Running Back**  
**Redshirt Junior ★ 5-10 • 222**  
**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Pearl-Cohn HS/(Illinois)**

**2017** Vaughn did not contribute during the regular season after transferring from the University of Illinois... Displayed excellent abilities as a scout-team back during regular-season practices. **AT ILLINOIS (2015-16)** Two-year letterwinner as running back at Illinois... Earned eight career starts... In two years, amassed 1,024 rushing yards and nine touchdowns on 217 carries... As a freshman in 2015, Vaughn

### Vaughn's Career Highs:

**RUSHING YARDS:** 180, vs. *Purdue*, 11/7/2015  
**RUSH ATTEMPTS:** 24, vs. *Nebraska*, 10/3/2015  
**LONGEST RUSH:** 78, vs. *Purdue*, 11/7/2015  
**MOST RECEPTIONS:** 6, vs. *Purdue*, 11/7/2015  
**LONGEST CATCH:** 61, at *Rutgers*, 10/15/2016

was named squad's Offensive Newcomer of the Year after rushing for team-high 723 yards and six scores... Rushed for 180 yards and two touchdowns, including a 78-yarder, in victory over Purdue as freshman... As a sophomore, contributed

301 rushing yards on 60 carries.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for Nashville metro power... Four-year varsity letterwinner... As senior, captured 2014 Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year and Mr. Football 4A Back of the Year awards winner at Pearl-Cohn in Nashville... Rushed for 2,646 yards and 45 touchdowns as senior, leading Firebirds to 11-3 record and state semifinals... Also surpassed 2,000 rushing yards as junior... Two-time All-State, Midstate and All-Region recipient... Standout sprinter in track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Vaughn enrolled in Vanderbilt classes last summer after transferring from the University of Illinois where he was a Big Ten All-Academic recipient. He is majoring in sociology.

**PERSONAL** Ke'Shawn LaMonte Vaughn... "Ke"... Born May 4, 1997 in Nashville... Son of Keith Vaughn and Tameka Dennis... Has two brothers, Dominique Trotter and Ke'Juan Vaughn; and two sisters, Ke'Osha Vaughn and Sydnee McGee... Enjoys playing basketball.

### Vaughn's Career Rushing Statistics

	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2017 (at Vanderbilt)	-	-	-	-	-
2016 (at Illinois)	60	301	6.0	3	65
2015 (at Illinois)	157	723	4.6	6	78
<b>Collegiate career</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>78</b>

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## 29 Louis VECCHIO

**Defensive End**

**Graduate Student ★ 6-5 • 260**

**Orange, Calif. ★ Villa Park HS/IPennsylvania**

**VECCHIO**

**COLLEGIATE CAREER (at PENN)** Vecchio lettered four seasons at Penn, earning first-team All-Ivy League in back-to-back seasons in 2016 and 2017... Amassed 21.5 tackles for loss and 8.5 quarterback sacks among 83 total tackles playing defensive end for the Quakers... Also deflected eight passes and forced three fumbles at Penn... As a senior, played in all 10 games, making 36 tackles in 2017, leading the team and ranking seventh in the Ivy League with 8.5 tackles for loss... As a junior in 2016, contributed a single-season career high of 10.5 TFLs to lead the team... Also ranked sixth in the conference with a team-leading 5.5 quarterback sacks... Named Ivy Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against ranked Harvard during the 2016 season... Missed virtually entire sophomore season with injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner in football and basketball at Villa Park... On the gridiron he was a two-time All-Section, two-time All-County, two-time All-League and two-time Century League Lineman of the Year winner... Named his team's MVP, Rookie of the Year and Most Improved honors on the hardwood... Earned school's Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award as senior.

**ACADEMICS** Vecchio completed a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania in May 2018. He is enrolled in graduate studies on the Vanderbilt campus, seeking a Masters of Marketing from the Owen Management School.

**PERSONAL** Louis Nicholas Vecchio... Born May 5, 1996 in Bellflower, Calif.... Son of Bonita and Louis Vecchio, Jr.... Has one younger brother, Lance... Coming out of high school was recruited by Vanderbilt head coach Derek Mason, then defensive coordinator at Stanford.

### Vecchio's Career Defensive Statistics (at Penn)

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	PD	FF/FR
2017	27-9-36	8.5-24	3.0-16	4	1/0
2016	27-8-35	10.5-38	5.5-28	4	2/0
2015	0-1-1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0
2014	8-3-11	2.5-9	0.0-0	0	0/0
<b>Career</b>	<b>62-21-83</b>	<b>21.5-71</b>	<b>8.5-44</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3/0</b>



## 32 Jamauri WAKEFIELD

**Running Back**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-1 • 220**

**Jacksonville, Fla. ★ Providence HS**

**WAKEFIELD**

**2017** Wakefield served as one of the top Commodores behind career leading rusher Ralph Webb... Played in 11 of 12 games as a redshirt freshman... Concluded the season with 28 carries for 115 rushing yards, and three receptions for 15 yards... Season highs of 15 rush attempts and 64 yards came in win over Alabama A&M... The A&M performance also included 13-yard carry, his longest of the year...



Also concluded the year with positive outing in win over Tennessee.

**2016** Wakefield did not play as a true freshman, but impressed during the spring as a running back prospect.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-time team captain... Three-year starting RB... Two-

### Wakefield's Career Highs:

**RUSHING YARDS:** 64, vs. Alabama A&M, 9/9/2017  
**RUSH ATTEMPTS:** 15, vs. Alabama A&M, 9/9/2017  
**LONGEST RUSH:** 13, vs. Alabama A&M, 9/9/2017

time 3A All-State and All-Region selection... Accumulated 5,112 rushing yards and 67 total TDs during Providence career... As a senior, rushed for 1,885 yards and 23 TDs... Named to

Times-Union Super 24 and finalist for 3A Mr. Football Award... Invited to play in Blue-Grey All-American Bowl... As a junior, rushed for 2,537 yards and 37 TDs for 8-3 squad, including a record-setting 469-yard effort in regular season... Rushed for 690 yards and seven TDs as sophomore... Earned letters in basketball and track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Wakefield is working toward a degree in political science from the College of Arts and Science. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Jamauri Lamar Wakefield... Born Oct. 21, 1997... Son of Darryl Wakefield Jr. and Chandra Wakefield... Born and raised in Jacksonville... Has a younger brother, Jamal... Dad works as mortgage consultant; mom is insurance analyst... Music enthusiast who plays jazz piano.

### Wakefield's Career Rushing Statistics

	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDs	LONG
2017	28	115	4.1	0	13





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LaDarius  
WILEY

Safety

Graduate ★ 6-1 • 209

Los Angeles, Calif. ★ Cathedral HS

**2017** Wiley enjoyed his finest season as a Commodore, ranking among team and Southeastern Conference leaders in two defensive categories... Earned starting assignments at safety in all 12 games... Finished the year with a team-leading 88 total tackles and 58 solo tackles... Also contributed a tackle for loss, an interception, a forced fumble, and

### Wiley's Career Highs:

TOTAL TACKLES: 14, vs. Alabama, 9/23/2017  
SOLO TACKLES: 9, at Ole Miss, 10/14/2017  
INTERCEPTIONS: 1, vs. Kansas State, 9/16/2017  
DEFENSED PASSES: 2, vs. Kansas State, 9/16/2017

five defended passes... Solo tackle total ranked No. 6 in the SEC... Produced the most tackles by a Commodore defensive back since Kenny Ladler's 90-tackle total in 2013... Remarkably consistent through the season, registering at least four tackles in 11 of 12 games... Posted double-digit tackle totals against four opponents, topped by 14-tackle effort against Alabama... Earned Bednarik Award National Defensive Player of the Week honors for his stellar performance in win over nationally ranked Kansas State – 11 tackles, a game-sealing interception and two defended passes... Notched season high with nine solo tackles at Ole Miss... Also contributed 11 stops at Florida... Had seven tackles and a forced fumble against Kentucky.

**2016** Wiley enjoyed his finest season in his third year on campus... As a seven-game starter at safety who played in all 13 contests, Wiley became one of the Commodores' most productive defenders... Concluded the season second on team with 50 solo tackles and 76 total tackles... Also had 2.5 tack-

les for loss, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, and four defended passes... Registered 10 total tackles at Florida... Had a tackle for loss and seven stops at Georgia, and seven solo tackles against Tennessee... Contributed forced fumbles against Tennessee State and Auburn, and recoveries versus MTSU and Missouri.

**2015** Wiley participated in every game, contributing at cornerback, nickel back and special teams... Concluded year with eight total tackles, one tackle for loss and a fumble recovery... Registered fumble recovery against Missouri.

**2014** Wiley saw limited action during early-season games, but was forced to the sidelines for much of the season by injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain for Los Angeles private school... Two-way starter at CB and WR... As senior CB, posted 35 tackles, five interceptions and 18 passes defended for Phantoms' squad that finished 6-5... As junior, helped Cathedral to Division IV state playoffs and 10-3 mark by contributing 38 tackles, two interceptions and five forced fumbles... Earned team's co-Offensive MVP as junior... Also lettered in track & field and basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Wiley completed an undergraduate degree in medicine, health & society last May. He is working toward a Masters of Education in Vanderbilt's Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** LaDarius R. Wiley... Born on June 3, 1996... Son of Sue Markham Wiley and Lincoln Wiley Jr... Has five brothers: Larry, Lincoln, London, Logan and LaVario... Dad works for Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway; mom works for U.S. Postal Service... Spent May 2018 in Australia, studying biodiversity along the Gold Coast and Great Barrier Reef.

### Wiley's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2017	58-30-88	1.0-3	1-11	4	1/0
2016	50-26-76	2.5-16	0-0	3	2/2
2015	5-3-8	1.0-1	0-0	0	0/1
<b>Career</b>	<b>113-59-172</b>	<b>4.5-20</b>	<b>1-11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3/3</b>





# THE PLAYERS



## 8 Joejuan WILLIAMS

**Cornerback**

**Junior ★ 6-3 • 210**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Father Ryan HS**

**2017** In his second year on campus, Williams took control of the cornerback role across from senior Tre Herndon... Williams started every game at cornerback in the Commodore secondary... Established several single-season highs, including 33 solo stops, 39 total tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, 10 defended passes and a forced fumble... Defensed pass total ranked second on team... Registered at least two tackles in last 10 games... Posted career-high eight tackles in win against Kansas State and against Alabama... Had seven solo stops in win over Western Kentucky.

**2016** One of six true freshmen to see action, the talented Williams played in all 13 games... Enjoyed his finest moments late in the season when he was contributing in the team's primary cornerback rotation with Tre Herndon and Torren McGaster... Concluded the year with 14 solo tackles among 19 total

### Williams' Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 8 (2x), most recently vs. Alabama, 9/23/2017  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 7, vs. WKU, 11/4/2017

stops and a defensed pass... Enjoyed his finest game in the season finale, registering three solo stops and a tackle for loss among four tackles in Independence Bowl..

**HIGH SCHOOL** Did not play as senior after hardship appeal was denied by state high school governance association... Transferred to Hendersonville (Tenn.) HS as a senior after playing two years at Father Ryan HS in Nashville... As junior at Father Ryan, registered 48 tackles, two interceptions and 11 pass breakups as in 2014, earning All-State and All-District honors... Contributed 21 tackles and an INT return for TD as sophomore... Participated in basketball and track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Williams is majoring in sociology. He is a 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Entered Vanderbilt classes in January 2016... Joejuan Lamont Williams... Born Dec. 6, 1997... Son of Stephanie Robertson... Has an older brother, Deontre... Prep teammate of Commodore safety Andrew Rector.



### Williams' Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2017	33-6-39	2.5-11	0-0	10	1/0
2016	14-5-19	1.5-5	0-0	0	0/0
<b>Career</b>	<b>47-11-58</b>	<b>4.0-16</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1/0</b>







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## 13 Jackson WINROW

**Wide Receiver**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-1 • 195**

**Shawnee, Okla. ★ Shawnee HS**

**2017** Winrow saw limited action in his second season with the Commodores... Wide receiver enjoyed his initial collegiate action in victory over Alabama A&M, registering a 13-yard reception.

**2016** Winrow did not see action in his first season, participating instead as a receiver on scout teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starting WR for 5A school located east of Oklahoma City... Also contributed as DB for Wolves squad... As a senior, hauled in 52 receptions, good for 1,052 yards and 12 TDs in nine-game season... Registered two interceptions as senior DB... Named 5A All-State WR by state coaches association and All-Conference... As a junior, helped Wolves to second round of 5A state playoffs with 720 receiving yards and six TDs... Multi-year standout for basketball team... Finished fifth at state track meet in long jump.

**ACADEMICS** Winrow is working toward a degree in sociology from the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Jackson Cordell Winrow... Born Sept. 23, 1997... Hometown of Shawnee is located just east of Oklahoma City... Son of Randy and Teresa Winrow... Has two older sisters, Shante and Sheena.

### Winrow's Career Offensive Statistics

	REC-YDS	LONG	RUSH-YDS	AVG	LONG
2017	1-13	13	0-0	0/0	0



## 11 Charles WRIGHT

**Linebacker**

**Senior ★ 6-3 • 240**

**Irvine, Calif. ★ Beckman HS**

**2017** Wright enjoyed an All-Southeastern Conference caliber campaign in his first year as a starter on the defense... Started all 12 games at outside linebacker, playing through midseason injuries... Topped the Commodores – and shared league lead – with nine quarterback sacks, the second highest total in team history behind only Alan Young's 12-sack

total in 1993... Established several other single-season highs, including 43 total tackles, 18 solo stops and 10.5 tackles for loss... Opened the season in sensational style, contributing three quarterback sacks among four

### Wright's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 7, vs. Alabama A&M, 9/9/2017  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 4, at Middle Tennessee, 9/2/2017  
**QB SACKS:** 3, at Middle Tennessee, 9/2/2017  
**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 3, at Middle Tennessee, 9/2/2017

tackles at Middle Tennessee, a sack and seven tackles against Alabama A&M and two sacks against Kansas State... Also posted two sacks in win over Western Kentucky... Registered six tackles against Alabama and Missouri... Ended the season with a sack in win at Tennessee.

**2016** Wright enjoyed his biggest role as a Commodore, contributing in 12



games at outside linebacker... He finished the year with 13 total tackles, including nine solo stops, 3.5 tackles for loss, two QB hurries, a forced fumble and fumble recovery... Produced multiple tackles against four opponents: Florida, Georgia, Ole Miss and NC State in the Camping World Independence Bowl... Forced fumble came in the win over Tennessee, fumble recovery came against South Carolina.

**2015** Wright saw action in every game as a redshirt freshman outside

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linebacker and special teams contributor... Posted three tackles, including a sack, in victory over Austin Peay.

**2014** Wright did not see action as a true freshman linebacker.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and defensive starter... As senior DE, posted 7.5 quarterback sacks and 13 tackles for loss among 74 total tackles... Also posted a touchdown among eight receptions as TE... Team MVP and Southern California All-State DL recipient... As a junior, registered 46 total tackles, including four sacks... Earned All-State honors as a power forward in basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Wright is majoring in human & organizational development with a focus on leadership and organizational effectiveness. He is a 2016 All-SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Charles Eugene Wright... "Chuck"... Born May 24, 1996... Adopted son of Ryan and Tyra Wright... Dad is an engineer; mom is a financial analyst... Has one brother, Ryan Jr.

## Wright's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	FF/FR	QH
<b>2017</b>	<b>18-25-43</b>	<b>10.5-67</b>	<b>9.0-65</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>9-4-13</b>	<b>3.5-14</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>1-2-3</b>	<b>1.5-5</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>28-31-59</b>	<b>15.5-86</b>	<b>10.0-69</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>6</b>



**YOUNG**

## 56 Saige YOUNG

**Offensive Line**

**Junior ★ 6-5 • 305**

**Versailles, Ky. ★ Woodford Co. HS**

**2017** Young became a starter on the Commodore offensive front in his first year with the team... Played in nine games, earning starts at left guard for Commodores' last eight games... Also contributed on special team conversion units... Brought toughness and physicality to offensive front... First career start came against nationally ranked Georgia... Played every offensive snap against Georgia, Ole Miss, South Carolina, Western Kentucky and Kentucky... Accumulated 18 domination blocks during his last six games... Part of an offensive line that allowed just 19 sacks, 13 less than the previous year.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and three-year starter on offensive line for 5A school located just west of Lexington... Earned honorable mention All-State as senior.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE** Started at offensive line in 2016, his only season at Dodge City... Earned honorable mention All-Conference at guard for Conquistadors' squad that finished with a 7-4 record.

**ACADEMICS** Young is majoring in medicine, health and society.

**PERSONAL** Saige Caden Young... Born Jan. 11, 1998... Son of Leroy Young and Lisa Mitchell... Has an older brother, Landen, and younger sister, Emmaria... Born and raised in Kentucky... Mom works in residential health care; dad is municipal worker... Enjoys fishing.





# FRESHMAN SIGNEES

SIGNEES	POSITION	HT	WT	RESIDENCE	HIGH SCHOOL/OTHER
Amir Abdur-Rahman	Wide Receiver	6-3	207	Atlanta, Ga.	Mays HS
BJ Anderson	Defensive Back	6-1	180	Andalusia, Ala.	Andalusia HS
CJ Bolar	Wide Receiver	6-1	190	Purvis, Miss.	Purvis HS
Ben Bresnahan	Tight End	6-4	240	Cumming, Ga.	West Forsyth HS
Dan Dawkins Jr.	Offensive Line	6-3	300	Staten Island, N.Y.	The Peddie School
Tre' Douglas	Defensive Back	6-2	195	McDonough, Ga.	Eagles Landing Christian Academy
Brendon Harris	Defensive Back	6-1	205	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Baylor School
Dashaun Jerkins	Defensive Back	6-0	185	Woodbridge, Va.	Woodbridge HS
Cam Johnson	Wide Receiver	6-0	190	Brentwood, Tenn.	Brentwood Academy
Ja'Veon Marlow	Running Back	5-11	185	Winter Haven, Fla.	Winter Haven Senior HS
Salua Masina	Linebacker	6-3	220	Salt Lake City, Utah	Brighton HS
Elijah McAllister	Linebacker	6-6	245	Rumson, N.J.	Rumson Fair Haven HS
Alston Orji	Linebacker	6-2	235	Rockwall, Texas	Rockwall HS
Javan Rice	Placekicker	6-2	190	Miami, Fla.	Belen Jesuit Prep
Gavin Schoenwald	Tight End	6-4	230	Brentwood, Tenn.	Brentwood Academy
Tyler Steen	Offensive Line	6-5	302	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas HS
Lorenza Surgers	Defensive Line	6-5	235	Cary, N.C.	Panther Creek HS
Allan Walters	Quarterback	6-2	210	Chatham, N.J.	The Peddie School
Max Worship	Defensive Back	6-1	200	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Cardinal Gibbons HS

## AMIR ABDUR-RAHMAN

Wide Receiver • 6-3, 207

Atlanta, Ga.

Mays HS



ABDUR-RAHMAN

### HIGH SCHOOL

Helped Mays HS to an 11-2 record and regional championship as a senior, catching 35 passes for 810 yards and 17 touchdowns... Earned second-team All-State and first-team All-Region honors serving as a team captain

**87** last fall... Named team's MVP... Lettered in football, swimming and track.

### PERSONAL

Born Amir S. Abdur-Rahman... Born Feb. 4, 1999... Son of Jamese Swinney and Shaheed Abdur-Rahman... Mother played high school basketball at Mays HS as well.

## BJ ANDERSON

Defensive Back • 6-1, 180

Andalusia, Ala.

Andalusia HS



ANDERSON

### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered four times in football and basketball with one in track... Served as team captain earning All-State and All-Region honors helping the Bulldogs to back-to-back regional titles in 2016-17... Caught 65

**16** passes for 1297 yards and 15 TDs with 28 tackles and seven interceptions... Member of the National Honor Society.

### PERSONAL

Bridges Dale Anderson Jr.... Born Dec. 7, 1999 in Mobile, Ala.... Son of Victoria and Bridges Anderson... Has one older sister, Amber... Both parents work in education at the high school and college levels... High school teammates with current Vanderbilt DB Allan George.

## CJ BOLAR

Wide Receiver • 6-3, 190

Purvis, Miss.

Purvis HS



BOLAR

### HIGH SCHOOL

Earned All-State honors twice and All-District three times at Purvis HS... Caught 45 passes for 896 yards and 11 TDs as a senior... Two-time member of the All-Area team... Helped Tornadoes to 2015 District title... Four-time honor roll member and

**83** Martin Luther King Jr. Award winner.

### PERSONAL

Cornelius Jayvon Bolar... Born March 21, 2000... Son of Nellisha and Desmond Bolar... Has two younger siblings, brother Desmond Jr. and sister Noa... Mother played basketball at Southern Miss and father played football at Pearl River (Miss.) CC... Enrolled at Vanderbilt during January 2018 and participated in spring drills on campus.

# FRESHMAN SIGNEES

## BEN BRESNAHAN

Tight End • 6-4, 240

Cumming, Ga.

West Forsyth HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in football, baseball and track at West Forsyth HS earning All-Region honors his final three years... Recorded 742 yards receiving and six receiving TDs along with 100 yards rushing and four more scores as a senior...

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Member of National Honor Society.

### PERSONAL

Benjamin Connor Bresnahan... Born Feb. 15, 2000 in Atlanta, Ga.... Son of

Sally and Brian Bresnahan... Has one sister, Meredith... Mother is a teacher and father works in sales and marketing... Uses dedicated as the one word to describe himself... Lists his three-touchdown performance in a win over South Forsyth and committing to VU as his most memorable athletic moment... Enrolled at Vanderbilt during January 2018 and participated in spring drills on campus.

## BRENDON HARRIS

Defensive Back • 6-1, 205

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Baylor School



### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in football, basketball and track at Baylor School, serving as football team captain... Earned All-State and All-Region honors in 2016 and 2017... Named Red Raiders' Defensive Player of the Year... Recorded 78

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tackles and rushed for 890 yards with 14 touchdowns... Named a semifinalist for Mr. Football in Tennessee... Ranked in ESPN 300, ninth-best prospect in Tennessee.

### PERSONAL

Brendon C. Harris.. Born Jan. 23, 2000 in Chattanooga, Tenn.... Son of Felicia and Dayton Harris... Has one older sister, Taylor... Mother works in health care and father works in security... Father coaches little league football in Chattanooga.

## DAN DAWKINS JR.

Offensive Line • 6-3, 300

Staten Island, N.Y.

The Peddie School



### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in football, baseball and wrestling at The Peddie School... Captained both the football and wrestling teams... Helped lead the Falcons to the 2017 MAPL championship and Big 3 Trophy in 2016 and 2017 with fellow

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VU signee Allan Walters... Two-time All-MAPL in 2015 and 2017... No. 8 center in nation according to ESPN.

### PERSONAL

Daniel James Dawkins Jr.... Born Feb. 22, 1999 in Staten Island, N.Y.... Son of Donna and Dan Dawkins... Has two older sisters, Dakota and Hunter... Mother is a registered nurse and father is a project specialist... Both sisters swam collegiately and are now EMTs... Prep teammate of fellow VU signee Allan Walters.

## DASHAUN JERKINS

Defensive Back • 6-0, 185

Woodbridge, Va.

Woodbridge HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

Captained Woodbridge HS twice, helping lead Vikings to 12-2 record in 2017, earning first-team All-State en route to a Regional championship... Earned a pair of All-Region honors in his career... Made 85 tackles, broke up five passes

33

and intercepted four more, returning one for a touchdown... Caught 46 passes for 509 yards and 11 scores.

### PERSONAL

Dashaun Maurice Jerkins... "DJ"... Born Oct. 25, 1999 in Woodbridge, Va.... Son of Latonya Jerkins... Has four siblings, two younger brothers, Dalacey and Ayden, and two older sisters, Daja and Catiana.

## TRE' DOUGLAS

Defensive Back • 6-2, 195

McDonough, Ga.

Eagle Landing Christian



### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered four years in football and baseball for the Chargers, earning All-State and All-Region honors three straight years on the gridiron... Named an All-State baseball player the past two years... Led team to an undefeated 14-0

20

record and state title in 2017, winning his third state championship and extending a 36-game winning streak...

Intercepted four passes as a senior... Ranked in ESPN 300.

### PERSONAL

Melvin Douglas III... Born Sept. 1, 1999 in Stockbridge, Ga.... Son of Jennifer M. and Melvin Douglas Jr.... Has two older sisters, Valida and Megan... Megan is a track & field athlete at Kennesaw State.

## CAM JOHNSON

Wide Receiver • 6-0, 190

Brentwood, Tenn.

Brentwood Academy



### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered four years in football, basketball and track at Brentwood Academy... Earned All-State honors three times and All-District four years... Won three straight football state titles, including 12-0 record in 2017... Caught 48 passes

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for 803 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior, returning two punts for touchdowns... Won four straight basketball

and track state titles, teaming up with fellow VU signee Gavin Schoenwald and VU basketball signee Darius Garland on the hardwood... Ranked in ESPN 300, seventh-best prospect in Tennessee.

### PERSONAL

Camron Blais Johnson... Born April 12, 1999 in Henderson, Ky.... Son of Ashley Fox and DJ Johnson... Has two younger sisters, De'Asia and De'Jaya... Mother is a credentialing specialist.



# FRESHMAN SIGNEES

## JA'VEON MARLOW

Running Back • 5-11, 185  
Winter Haven, Fla.  
Winter Haven Sr. HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered four years in football at Winter Haven Senior HS, serving as a team captain for the Blue Devils as a senior... Scored 15 TDs on the ground in 2017 running for 1,366 yards on 172 carries, added eight receptions for 100 yards...

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Suited up in the annual North vs. South FACA All-Star game... Two-time regional qualifier in weight lifting and track...

Member of the honor roll.

### PERSONAL

Ja'Veon William De'Mon Marlow... Born Sept. 25, 1999 in Lakeland, Fla.... Son of Tameka Brown and Ja'Veon Marlow... Mom works in customer service... Nickname is JJ.

## ALSTON ORJI

Linebacker • 6-2, 235  
Rockwall, Texas  
Rockwall HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in football, basketball and track for the Yellow Jackets... Made 87 tackles, 19.5 TFLs, 7.5 sacks, forced four fumbles and broke up five passes as a senior... Captained the team in 2017 and earned All-District in 2016... Won three

24

straight Bi-District titles and a District championship in 2015... Ranked ninth-best player in Texas by Rivals and eighth-best LB... Member of the honor roll, Community Improvement Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

### PERSONAL

Alston Chizoba Orji... Born Oct. 11, 1999 in Dallas, Texas... Son of Mariam and Willy Orji... Has two brothers, Anfernee and Alex... Mother is a surgeon and father is a computer engineer... Family heritage in Nigeria.

## ELIJAH MCALLISTER

Linebacker • 6-6, 245  
Rumson, N.J.  
Rumson Fair Haven HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered three times in football and four times in basketball at Rumson Fair Haven HS serving as a two-time captain on the football team and three-time captain for the basketball team... Recorded 23 tackles for loss, nine sacks, two forced

41

fumbles and six pass break-ups as a senior... Won four conference titles and a three state titles on the gridiron with a conference and state championship on the hardwood... Member of the honor roll.

### PERSONAL

Elijah Christian McAllister... Born April 14, 2000 in New Jersey... Son of Sharisa and Tyron McAllister... Has two brothers, Tyron II and Ashon, and two sisters, Sheriden and Addison... Comes from a family of singers with his father serving as a pastor and police officer.

## JAVAN RICE

Placekicker • 6-2, 190  
Miami, Fla.  
Belen Jesuit Prep



### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in football, soccer and volleyball at Belen Jesuit Prep, earning All-State in 2016 and All-District honors in 2016-17... Made of 3-of-6 field goals and 39-of-40 extra points in 2017 with 42-of-49 kickoffs going for touchbacks... Averaged 42 yards

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per punt on 22 kicks... Won state soccer title in 2015 and football district titles in 2016-17... 12th ranked kicker in nation by ESPN... Member of National Honor Society.

### PERSONAL

Javan Douglas Rice... Born Nov. 26, 1999 in Miami, Fla.... Son of Joanna Golden and Douglas Rice... Has two brothers, Tavish and Breton, and two sisters, Sloane and Broghan... Mother is the VP of a reality advisor company and father is a CPA... Brother Tavish is a kicker at Princeton and sister Sloane is a rower at three-time NCAA champ Wellesley College.

## SALUA MASINA

Linebacker • 6-3, 220  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Brighton HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

Tabbed All-State in Utah and All-Region twice at Brighton HS, lettering four times in football and once in basketball... Registered 67 tackles as a senior to help the Bengals... Recorded eight sacks in a game as a junior... Played

30

in the Polynesian All-Star Football Game in Hawaii.

### PERSONAL

Salua Chris Masina... Born July 30, 2000 in Salt Lake City, Utah... Son of Tamina and Uaea Masina... Has three older brothers, Loi, Uaea and Osa... Mother works as in physician staffing and recruitment and father drives for FedEx.

## GAVIN SCHOENWALD

Tight End • 6-4, 230  
Brentwood, Tenn.  
Brentwood Academy



### HIGH SCHOOL

Helped lead Brentwood Academy to three straight state titles, including a 12-0 mark in 2017 as the team's QB... Earned All-State honors as a TE in 2016 and QB in 2017... Passed for 1,592 yards and 19 touchdowns while adding 482

85

yards and six scores on the ground in 2017... Led Eagles to three straight basketball state titles alongside fellow VU signee Cam Johnson and VU basketball signee Darius Garland... No. 6 TE according to ESPN... National Honor Society member.

### PERSONAL

Gavin Mark Schoenwald... Born June 18, 1999 in Arlington, Texas... Son of Terri and Mark Schoenwald... Has an older brother, Brock, and younger sister, Blair... Father is the CEO of a book publishing company.

# FRESHMAN SIGNEES

## TYLER STEEN

Offensive Line • 6-5, 302  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.  
St. Thomas Aquinas HS



STEEN

### HIGH SCHOOL

Finished his career at Florida powerhouse St. Thomas Aquinas playing offensive and defensive line... Helped lead the Tigers to an 11-3 record along with District and Regional championships as a senior... Served as team captain in

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### 2017. PERSONAL

Tyler Maxwell Steen... Born June 24, 2000 in Miami, Fla.... Son of Samantha and Daris Steen... Has two younger brothers, Blake and Dylan... Father played at LSU and is a retired Marine... Grandfather is a Medal of Honor recipient for serving in Vietnam.

## LORENZA SURGERS

Defensive Line • 6-5, 235  
Cary, N.C.  
Panther Creek HS



SURGERS

### HIGH SCHOOL

Earned All-Region and captained his Panther Creek HS team... Named All-Conference in 2017... Lettered twice in football and once in wrestling... Student-athlete award honor roll member all four years of high school.

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### PERSONAL

Shaylor Lorenza Surgers... Born March 31, 2000 in Houston, Texas... Son of Sherri and Aubrey Surgers... Has two brothers, AJ and Caleb... Father is a veteran of the US Navy and works as a federal law enforcement agent; mother is a physician.

## ALLAN WALTERS

Quarterback • 6-2, 210  
Chatham, N.J.  
The Peddie School



WALTERS

### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered four years and captained Peddie School as a senior, leading Falcons to MAPL title, Big 3 trophy and Prep 1A championship... Named team MVP and offensive player of the year along with first-team All-State along with MAPL

15

Prep Player of the Year... Passed for 2,266 yards and 31 TDs while running for 138 yards and a score in nine games in 2017... Lettered in baseball... Prep

teammate of fellow VU signee Dan Dawkins Jr.

### PERSONAL

Allan Todd Walters Jr.... Born May 12, 1999 in Hackensack, N.J.... Son of Phyllis and Allan Walters... Has one younger sister, Victoria... Parents both work in technology sales... Uses charismatic as the one word to describe himself... Lists winning the 2017 MAPL championship as his most memorable athletic moment.

## MAX WORSHIP

Defensive Back • 6-1, 200  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.  
Cardinal Gibbons HS



WORSHIP

### HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in football and lacrosse at Cardinal Gibbons HS helping the Chiefs to an 11-2 mark in 2017... Earned All-County and All-District honors along with being named the top defensive player in

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Broward County... Team captain as a senior when he made 55 tackles, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble... Honor roll member all four years of high

school.

### PERSONAL

Maxwell Xavier Worship... Born Sept. 15, 1999 in Coral Springs, Fla.... Son of Victoria and Sean Worship... Has one sister, Domonique, who is a lawyer with the NBA... Mother was named one of 25 Most Influential Black Women in Business and Industry in south Florida in 2017.