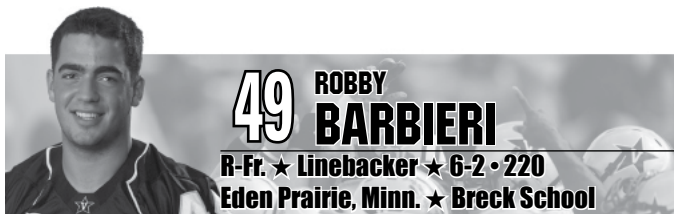




# THE PLAYERS



## TEAM ROSTER



**49 ROBBY BARBIERI**

**R-Fr. ★ Linebacker ★ 6-2 • 220**  
**Eden Prairie, Minn. ★ Breck School**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Barbieri will look to contribute on special teams and as a reserve linebacker in his second year with the program.

**2010** Barbieri did not participate as a first-year walk-on linebacker prospect... Contributed as defensive scout during fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Four-year letterwinner... Three-year defensive starter... Two-time all-conference... Played in Minneapolis-St. Paul Urban Bowl All-Star Game... Had 84 tackles and three INTs as a senior... Also was standout in baseball... Lettered in basketball... National Merit Scholar.

**ACADEMICS** Barbieri is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward majors in Economics and Chinese.

**PERSONAL** Robert Ryan Barbieri... Born Dec. 13, 1990... Son of Bob and Kathy Barbieri... Older sister, Kristen, is 2008 Vanderbilt graduate... Dad is a financial executive; mom is retired microbiologist... Dad played basketball at Drexel University... Enjoying playing guitar.



**6 BRANDON BARDEN**

**R-Sr. ★ Tight End ★ 6-5 • 246**  
**Lincolnton, Ga. ★ Lincoln County HS**

## MACKEY AWARD CANDIDATE

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Coming off a solid performance in spring drills, the 2010 All-SEC selection and Mackey Award preseason candidate will look to continue building on a career that should rank among the finest ever by a Commodore tight end. Barden needs 21 receptions and 501 receiving yards to become the team's all-time leader at the position. During spring, Barden also progressed as a blocking tight end.

**2010** Started all 12 games at tight end in third season as key performer for Commodore offense... Minutes increased when fellow junior Austin Monahan and sophomore Mason Johnston went down with season-ending knee injuries... Topped squad in several receiving categories, including receptions (34) and receiving yards (425), with both representing single-season career highs... Named second team All-SEC by Associated Press after the season...

### Barden Career Highs:

**RECEPTIONS:** 5, on five occasions, most recently at Connecticut, 10/2/2010

**RECEIVING YARDS:** 67, at Tenn., 11/21/2009

**LONGEST CATCH:** 43, twice, most recently vs. Tennessee, 11/20/2010

high with five receptions against LSU and Connecticut... Had four catches for 63 yards and a TD in opener vs. Northwestern... Had TD receptions against Connecticut and Arkansas... Matched career-long receptions (43 yards) against Tennessee... Finished season as team's active career leader in catches (91), receiving yards (991) and TD receptions (8).

**2009** Played in every game and earned eight starting assignments at tight end... Entered season sharing minutes and starts with fellow sophomore Monahan... Role increased significantly when Monahan went down with knee injury against Georgia... Concluded year with single-season highs in

Only receiver on squad to register a catch in every game, stretching his streak to 18 consecutive games with a reception... Had three or more catches in seven games, including matching previous career



receptions (29) and receiving yards (357)... Ranked second on team behind John Cole in both receiving categories... Set single-game career high with 67 receiving yards in finale at Tennessee... Matched previous game high in receptions (5) against both Georgia and Tennessee... Earned team's Offensive Player of the Week honor after 5-catch, 49-yard effort against Georgia that included 5-yard TD reception... Had two catches for 52 yards, including a career long reception of 43 yards, against South Carolina.

**2008** Former high school quarterback developed into one of the team's top receiving targets in first year of action... Played in every game at tight end, starting final 10 games after Austin Monahan suffered season-ending injury... Finished season as top freshman receiving TE in nation with 28 receptions... Named by coaches to All-SEC Freshman squad... Earned Freshman All-America recognition... Also saw action on punt coverage units... Made quick impact on offense, catching key 31-yard TD pass in victory over South Carolina... Posted at least two receptions in seven of final eight games... Catch in back of end zone provided winning points in victory over Auburn... Contributed season-high five catches and 53 receiving yards vs. Duke... Also had four receptions and superb 1-yard catch and TD in win at Kentucky... Notched Commodores' lone score in season finale, catching 5-yard pass from QB Larry Smith... Had one catch for four yards in Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl victory.

**2007** Did not play as redshirt freshman... Named Offensive Scout of the Week after Wake Forest game.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Versatile QB who helped pilot history-rich Georgia school to consecutive A state titles in 2005-06 seasons... As senior, passed for 520 yards, rushed for 604 yards and caught 10 passes for 181 yards... Played TE as sophomore... Named Most Valuable Player in baseball.

**ACADEMICS** Barden is working toward a degree in Special Education from the Peabody College. He is a 2010 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Brandon Michael Barden... Son of Mike Barden and Becky



Barden... Has an older sister, Brittany... Born March 15, 1989... Mom is principal of Lincoln County H.S.; dad is private constructor... Barden's alma mater produced former Georgia standout tailback Garrison Hearst... Originally signed and enrolled at Virginia Tech out of high school; left Blacksburg campus after one semester, transferring to Vanderbilt program.

## BARDEN'S CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2010	34	425	12.5	3	43
2009	29	357	12.3	1	43
2008	28	209	7.5	4	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>43</b>



**15 ARCHIBALD BARNES**

**R-Jr. ★ Linebacker ★ 6-4 • 225**  
**Tampa, Fla. ★ Berkeley Prep School**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Barnes continued to improve last spring under new position coach Brent Pry, and enters camp this August competing for a starting role at outside linebacker. Barnes has worked in weight-room to add strength needed to effectively beat blocks at the line of scrimmage.

**2010** Barnes continued his development as a sophomore outside linebacker... Played in all 12 games, seeing action as LB and special teams contributor... Earned first career start against LSU... Finished season with 11 total tackles, including one resulting in five-yard loss... Posted two solo tackles against Northwestern, LSU and Wake Forest... Also forced fumble in loss to LSU.

**2009** As redshirt freshman, Barnes

participated in every game, contributing on various coverage units... Minutes increased after midseason injury to Tristan Strong and late-season ailment to Patrick Benoist... Played substantial minutes in SEC games against Kentucky and Tennessee... Finished with 11 solo tackles and 15 total stops... Set highs in total tackles (5) vs. Kentucky... Earned team's Specialist of the Week honor at Georgia Tech game.

**2008** Barnes spent his first year on the Vanderbilt campus as a redshirt, working at several defensive positions on the practice squad.



**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and starter... Played QB as senior, rushing for more than 1,000 yards and passing for 600 yards... Also saw action as OLB and safety as senior... Played safety in Hillsborough County All-Star Game... Started at WR as junior at Berkeley Prep... Standout in basketball and track... All-European WR and outstanding soccer goalie as sophomore competing in Germany.

**ACADEMICS** Barnes is working toward a degree in Communication Studies from the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Archibald Cornelius Barnes... Son of Russell and Marie Barnes... Born May, 19, 1990 in New York... Dad is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel... Parents are business co-owners... Enrolled at Berkeley Prep after family moved from Germany... Has three brothers: Russell, Tim and Reggie.

## BARNES' CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	7-4-11	1.0-5	0.0-0	0-0	1/0	0
2009	11-4-15	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>18-8-26</b>	<b>1.0-5</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>0</b>

## In Memoriam

### RAJAAN J. BENNETT

Oct. 20, 1991 – Feb. 18, 2010

Powder Springs, Ga. • McEachern HS

**Bennett, a top running back prospect, died tragically just days after signing with Vanderbilt on National Signing Day 2010. His death shocked the McEachern community and entire Atlanta area.**



**80 CHRIS BOYD**

**R-Fr. ★ Wide Receiver ★ 6-4 • 203**  
**Roswell, Ga. ★ Roswell HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Boyd continued to develop during spring drills, and is expected to contend for playing time among wide receiving corps. Boyd showed solid receiving abilities and physicality on the practice field during spring practice.

**2010** Boyd did not play as a true freshman... As a redshirt, he worked to add strength while impressing teammates and coaches with his receiving abilities on the practice field.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior co-captain for Hornets squad that finished 10-2, advancing to third round of AAAAAA playoffs... Two-year starter at WR... Honorable mention All-State, first team All-Region... Playing in run-oriented scheme, had 43 receptions and nine TD catches in 2009, including OT score in playoffs... Posted 733 receiving yards... Played in Georgia postseason North/South All-Star Classic... Also started on basketball team... Leadership and academic award recipient.

**ACADEMICS** Boyd is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Christopher Maurice Boyd... Son of Steven and Kim Boyd... Born Dec. 16, 1991... Dad is real estate developer; mom is an IBM program manager... Has two brothers, Steven Jr., and Julian... Earned Eagle rank in scouting.



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## TEAM ROSTER



**52 ANDREW BRIDGES**

**R-Fr. ★ Offensive Tackle ★ 6-6 • 270**  
**Atlanta, Ga. ★ Westminster School**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** With a year of maturity and growth behind him, Bridges showed athleticism, quality quickness and agility, and improved fundamentals during spring drills. Commodores coaches believe Bridges has an exciting career ahead at either tackle position.

**2010** Bridges did not play as a true freshman, using the year to concentrate on adding strength and bulk in the weight room... Worked as offensive tackle on scout units during fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for Atlanta private power... Voted team's postseason MVP for Wildcats... Two-way starter as senior, helping Wildcats to 9-4 record and second round of AA playoffs... As senior DE, contributed 45 total tackles, five QB sacks and four forced fumbles... Posted 43 pancake blocks as starting OT... Earned first team AA All-State DL by *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and All-State OL by Associated Press writers... Started at DE and TE as junior, helping squad to 11-2 record and state playoffs... Threw discus in track... AP Scholar Award winner... Named recipient of Character Award from Sports Champions of Greater Atlanta.

**ACADEMICS** Bridges is enrolled in the School of Engineering, working toward a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

**PERSONAL** Andrew Russell Bridges... Son of William and Lisa Bridges... Born April 24, 1992 in Atlanta... Has two brothers, William and Joe... Dad, who played football at Virginia, owns Cadillac and Buick GMC dealerships... Three relatives, including grandmother, have graduated from Vanderbilt; a cousin is also enrolled at the university... Plays the guitar.



**88 BRADY BROWN**

**R-So. ★ Wide Receiver ★ 6-4 • 195**  
**Argyle, Texas ★ Argyle HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Coming off a redshirt season, Brown put together his best Spring Practice, impressing coaches with his route running and receiving abilities. A third-year Commodore, Brown's spring progress has him in line to compete for role at wideout during camp.

**2010** Brown did not play during his second year on campus, spending the season improving strength in the weight room.

**2009** One of seven true freshmen to see game action, Brown played limited minutes at wide receiver in four early-season games before being sidelined for rest of season by lower leg injury... Did not post a reception.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Captain and team MVP as senior... Three-year starter at wide receiver... Two-time Associated Press 3A All-State recipient, including first-team selection as senior... Also received All-Region recognition... Posted 73 catches for 1,164 yards and 13 TDs in spread offense as senior, helping Eagles to district title and second round of 3A Division II playoffs... Holds numerous Argyle receiving records, including career catches (197), receiving yards (2,637) and TD catches (29)... Set school mark with 95 receptions as junior... Also earned two letters in basketball and competed as sprinter/jumper on track squad.

**ACADEMICS** Brown is majoring in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Brady Jackson Brown... Son of Kevin and Vandi Brown... Has two brothers, Cole and Clint... Born April 12, 1991 in Dallas... Dad works in sales... Dad played football at North Texas... Enjoys fishing, go-kart racing and juggling.



**50 MYLON BROWN**

**R-So. ★ Offensive Tackle ★ 6-5 • 300**  
**Tribly, Fla. ★ Pasco County HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** The offensive line will benefit greatly if Brown develops into more of a contributor at either guard position in his third season on campus. Naturally athletic, Brown used added repetitions during spring drills to improve fundamentals and gain confidence.

**2010** Brown saw little action as a redshirt freshman offensive guard... Played minimal offensive snaps in six games.

**2009** Rangy lineman did not play as freshman... Used redshirt season to improve overall strength while working with offensive practice squad... Blocking skills and mobility as a scout tackle impressed coaches.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter for 3A school north of Tampa... Opened senior campaign as two-way starter (OT and DT) but suffered injury early in the season... Contributed 2.5 QB sacks in limited action for Pirates' 12-2 squad that captured regional championships and advanced to 3A state semifinals... Named all-conference as senior... In first year as a varsity letter winner, started at OT as junior... Also earned letters in basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Brown is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Mylon Jamar Brown... Son of Harold Brown and Jennifer Dunnwood... Born on July 18, 1991... Youngest of four siblings: a brother, Rodney; and two sisters, Fonia and Jennifer... Dad is a truck driver; mom is a school teacher... His uncle is the late Jerome Brown, a former Philadelphia Eagles' All-Pro DT... Enjoys singing; plays saxophone and drums.



**57 JABO BURROW**

**R-Jr. ★ Offensive Guard ★ 6-4 • 292**  
**Morris, Ala. ★ Mortimer Jordan HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A returning starter at guard who has played on the offensive line for just two seasons, Burrow is one of the unit's most physical lineman. Coaches expect Burrow will continue to progress as he develops more sound fundamentals and benefits from game experience.

**2010** Working on the offensive line for the first full season, Burrow became a mainstay on the Commodore interior front... Athletic and agile, Burrow spent much of the season working with position coach Herb Hand getting a grasp on the responsibilities and techniques needed for effective play at the unfamiliar position... While seeing action in every game at left guard, Burrow also earned nine starting assignments for line corps that entered season lacking depth and game experience... First career start came in opener against Northwestern... Missed starts against Ole Miss, Connecticut and Eastern Michigan... Started last seven games of the year.

**2009** Burrow demonstrated solid work ethic as scout team defensive tackle/end while continuing to add bulk during second year on campus... Named team's top defensive scout after practices leading to Mississippi State game... During the season, Burrow moved to offensive line, impressing coaches with his blocking abilities.

**2008** Burrow redshirted this season, his first on the Vanderbilt campus... Worked as defensive end on practice squads.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Named postseason captain... Four-year varsity letter-winner; three-year starter at DE... Posted 138 total tackles and nine QB sacks as senior... Accumulated nearly 400 tackles in career... Helped squad to state playoffs in 2006... Two-time All-State and two-time area Defensive Player of the Year... Lettered in basketball, baseball and track... Regional winner of prestigious Bryant-Jordan Scholarship.







**ACADEMICS** Burrow is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** John Allen Burrow... Son of Mike and Vivian Burrow... Born Nov. 20, 1989... Has an older sister and two younger brothers... Dad coaches at Jordan H.S.; mom is an editor... Father also was All-SEC offensive lineman at Auburn, drafted by Buffalo Bills... Plays the piano.



**28 KARL BUTLER**

So. ★ Safety ★ 6-0 • 200  
New Orleans, La. ★ Brother Martin HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A freshman second-team safety, Butler will compete with Kenny Ladler for a starting job. Butler is one of the Commodores' most physical hitters in the secondary and valued for his coverage abilities on special teams.

**2010** Played in every game on special teams and as safety during first year on campus... One of 13 true freshmen, including five players in the secondary, that saw action... Earned early reputation for punishing hits in preseason camp... Ended season with three total tackles... Top performance came against Florida where he posted two tackles and an INT returned for 33 yards... Also contributed on kickoff coverage units.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Voted by teammates as senior captain... Recipient of Bob Conlin Award, school's top scholar-athlete honor... Earned four varsity letters in strong New Orleans private Catholic league... Started at CB since sophomore season... As senior, contributed 31 tackles, one INT and eight defended passes, helping Brother Martin to first round of playoffs... Named honorable mention All-State and All-Metro DB as senior... Posted 36 tackles, five INTs and 12 defended passes as junior, garnering All-State recognition... Two-time All-Region as high jumper in track, with 6'6" PR.

**ACADEMICS** Butler is majoring in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Karl Allen Butler... Son of Carl and Joyce Butler... Born Sept. 30, 1992... Dad is an attorney... Has an older sister, Kayla... Summer jobs included working at dad's law office.

## BUTLER'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	1-2-3	0.0-0	1-33	0/0	1



**12 STEVEN CLARKE**

So. ★ Defensive Back ★ 5-10 • 196  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. ★ Boyd Anderson HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** One of four freshman defensive backs to play last year, Clarke is expected to compete for a starting job opposite Casey Hayward at cornerback. The aggressive and agile Clarke provides solid coverage skills with the ability to contribute on several special team units.

**2010** Talented freshman who displayed the versatility to play either defensive back or running back... Moved to RB during last two weeks of summer camp when injuries piled up in the offensive backfield... Coaches returned Clarke to secondary before the opener where he saw action in 11 games... Also aided Commodore coverage units... Ended season with 16 total tackles, including 10 solo stops, a quarterback sack, and a QB hurry... Posted career highs in solo tackles (4) and total tackles (8) in loss vs. South Carolina... QB sack and three tackles came one week later at Arkansas.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Captain as junior and senior... Two-year starter in secondary... As senior, earned honorable mention All-State and All-County honors as versatile DB/WR/RB... Helped Cobras to 6-6 record and second round of 5A state playoffs as senior, contributing 87 tackles, two QB sacks, four INTs, eight defended passes and three forced fumbles... Rushed for 115 yards and three TDs and had one TD reception in limited offensive role... Impressed at Dade vs.

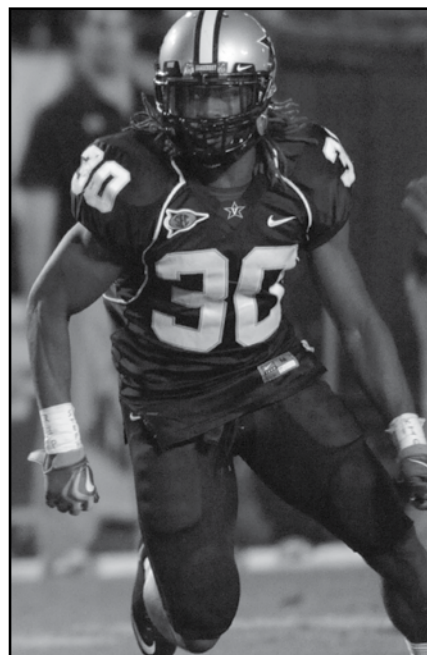
Broward All-Star Game, posting two INTs and three defended passes... Among region's top sprinters, finishing fifth in 100-meter dash in Florida 5A state meet as senior... Ran 100-meter PR of 10.61.

**ACADEMICS** Clarke is majoring in Human & Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Steven Clarke... "Steve" or "Steve-O"... Son of Keith Clarke and Jascat Clarke... Born April 19, 1991... Native of Jamaica... Has brothers, Nicholas and Donte, and a sister, Stacy-Ann... Dad works in construction; mom works as a nurse.

## CLARKE'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	10-6-16	1.0-1	1.0-1	0-0	0/0	1







# THE PLAYERS

## TEAM ROSTER



**83 JOHN COLE**

**R-Jr. ★ Wide Receiver ★ 5-11 • 180**  
**Somerset, Ky. ★ Somerset HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Cole enters camp looking for an injury-free campaign after failing to get an opportunity to impress the new staff during spring drills. A smart route runner, Cole is the team's second leading active receiver and should battle several younger Commodores for a starting job at wideout. Cole

also adds the ability to return punts on special teams.

**2010** A mainstay in the Commodore passing game for the last two years, Cole played through pain to see action in all 12 games at WR... Started every game except South Carolina encounter when Commodores opened with two-TE set... Production fell off previous year levels... Concluded campaign second on the team – and

wideouts – with 25 receptions, good for 317 yards and one TD... Had four receptions (season high) on four occasions... Top effort came in victory

### Cole Career Highs:

**RECEPTIONS:** 7, at Rice, 9/26/2009

**RECEIVING YARDS:** 103 yards, vs. Eastern Michigan, 10/9/2010

**LONGEST CATCH:** 57 yards, vs. Eastern Michigan, 10/9/2010

(36) and receiving yards (382)... Played last seven weeks with surgically repaired hand after suffering bone fracture against Rice... Shared team's Offensive Player of the Week honors after setting career highs in receptions (7) and receiving yards (67) at Rice... Also scored 31-yard reverse for touchdown on first career rush against Rice... Posted at least two receptions in nine games... Had five catches against both Army and Kentucky... Longest reception (21 yards against Kentucky) also resulted in first career touchdown pass reception.

**2008** Expected to contribute at receiver, Cole only played in the season opener... Missed the final 12 games after sustaining a knee injury at Miami (Ohio)... Returned two punts for 22 yards, including a long of 13 yards at Miami, though did not have a catch.



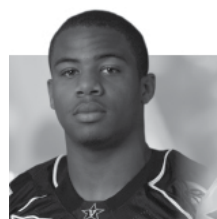
**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Concluded career as one of finest receivers in state history, setting receiving marks for single-season TDs (28), single-season yards (1,896), career TDs (69) and career yards (5,031)... Had 237 career receptions... Team enjoyed three straight 3A state playoff appearances... As senior, had 78 catches for 1,623 yards and 23 TDs... As junior, caught 86 passes for 1,896 yards and 28 TDs... Career included eight returns for TDs... Named to Gatorade's Kentucky Football Player of the Year and coaches' First Team All-State as senior... Two-time 3A-District 5 Player of the Year... Won state 100-meter title as senior.

**ACADEMICS** Cole is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development. He is a three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient, earning recognition in 2008-10. Cole also earned CoSIDA District IV Academic All-America honors last year.

**PERSONAL** John Stanton Cole... Son of Stan and Gretchen Cole... Born on Oct. 31, 1989... Dad is physician... Youngest of four siblings, all of whom were involved with collegiate sports: Adam played basketball at Transylvania, Andy played baseball at Georgia Southern, Sarah ran track at Arkansas.

### COLE'S CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2010	25	317	12.7	1	57
2009	36	382	10.6	1	21
<b>Career</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>



**18 DEXTER DANIELS**

**R-Jr. ★ Defensive End ★ 6-1 • 245**  
**Brantley, Ala. ★ Brantley HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Moved from linebacker to end midway through spring drills by new defensive coaches, Daniels contributed a quarterback sack and effective minutes at the position during the Black and Gold Game. The staff is looking for Daniels to compete for contributing role at end during preseason camp.

**2010** Daniels served as reserve linebacker for second straight year... Also contributed on special team coverage units... Ended season with six solo tackles, each coming in separate games.

**2009** Saw action in 11 of 12 games as redshirt freshman... Contributed on special team coverage units for much of season... Enjoyed more time at linebacker in latter stages of season... Finished year with five total tackles... Season highs in total tackles (3) and solo tackles (2) came at Tennessee... Twice earned team's Defensive Scout of the Week award, getting recognized after South Carolina and Georgia games.

**2008** Redshirted as a true freshman... Showed plenty of talent during fall practice, earning team's top defensive scout award after Georgia game.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter... Contributed 114 tackles and 15 QB sacks in 2007... Became school's first 1A Lineman of the Year Award winner... First team All-State as senior... Team won state title and reached playoffs each year of career... Double-digit scorer in basketball... Student council and class president.

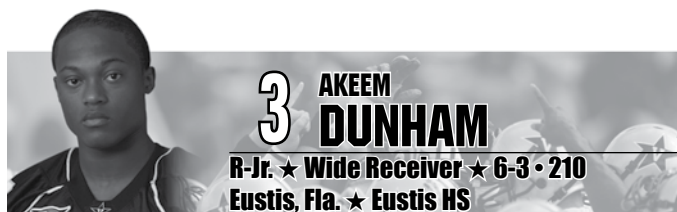
**ACADEMICS** Daniels is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a degree in Sociology.

**PERSONAL** Dexter Alexander Daniels... Son of Eddie Calloway and Elaine Daniels... Born on Feb. 1, 1990... Has one brother, Teven, and two sisters, Jessica and Erica... Participated in Youth Leadership Conference.

### DANIELS' CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	6-0-6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0/1	0
2009	4-1-5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>10-1-11</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0</b>





## 3 AKEEM DUNHAM

R-Jr. ★ Wide Receiver ★ 6-3 • 210  
Eustis, Fla. ★ Eustis HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A fourth-year player with limited experience, Dunham needs to break through this August, and show first-year staff that he can be a big-play contributor at a position of need for the Commodores.

**2010** Dunham saw limited action as a third-year wide receiver... Participated in 11 games, but did not register a reception.

**2009** Dunham played in five games, participating as reserve receiver... Lone catch was 10-yarder at Florida.

**2008** Dunham showed promise during fall practices at wide receiver, but spent his first year on campus as a redshirt... Earned top offensive scout honors after Rice victory.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Captain and two-year starter at WR/DB... Played two years of football... Posted 32 receptions for 610 yards and eight TDs as senior... Named 3A second team All-State... Topped state as junior with school-record 12 INTs... Four-year starter as hoops guard... Standout high jumper, with PR of 6'8"... Named county's African-American Male Youth of the Year.

**ACADEMICS** Dunham is majoring in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Akeem Donte Dunham... Son of Sidney and Cynthia Dunham... Born Sept. 2, 1989... Has older sister, Tequila Hepburn, and younger brother, Jabari... Dad serves as Eustis' Manager of Recreation; mom is teacher/coach... Several relatives, graduated from Florida A&M where gymnasium is named in honor of grandfather.

### DUNHAM'S CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2010	-	-	-	-	-
2009	1	10	10.0	-	10
Career	1	10	10.0	-	10



## 34 ANDREW EAST

R-Fr. ★ Snapper/Linebacker ★ 6-2 • 225  
Indianapolis, Ind. ★ North Central HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** East saw extensive activity during Spring Ball as a prospective linebacker, but he is also essential to solid Commodore special teams as the likely snapper in punting situations. East will also get a close look as snapper on conversion attempts.

**2010** East redshirted as a freshman, using the time to get stronger in the weight room... Showed potential as versatile snapper in fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Team captain... Three-year starter on defense and special teams for 5A Indianapolis area school... As senior, contributed 64 tackles and seven QB sacks as first-year starter at DE... As sophomore and junior, started at LB, posting 110 tackles as a junior... Named all-conference... Also started as long snapper... Named to the postseason Indiana North-South All-Star Classic... Lettered in varsity rugby... Received Indiana Academic All-State honors.

**ACADEMICS** East is working toward a degree in the School of Engineering.

**PERSONAL** Andrew Dean East... Son of Guy and Marsha East... Dad is a construction consultant... Has three brothers: Guy, James and Grant; and a sister, Christine... Dad earned three varsity letters playing as TE/snapper at Purdue... Looking at engineering degree... Has participated in competitive cycling racing... Enjoys the outdoors... Earned Eagle badge in scouting.



## 72 KYLE FISCHER

R-Sr. ★ Offensive Guard ★ 6-6 • 308  
Columbia, S.C. ★ Spring Valley HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** The team's only senior offensive lineman, Fischer took another step forward this spring, exiting the Black & Gold Game with improved fundamentals and confidence. Versatile enough to play guard or tackle, Fischer pleased the new staff by accepting a greater leadership role on the offensive front.

**2010** Most experienced offensive lineman for the Commodores, Fischer started every game at right guard, gaining confidence and knowledge with each outing... Pushed consecutive starts streak to 17 games by finale... Performance improved during course of season... Along with LT Wesley Johnson, played virtually every offensive snap during the season... Entered year as team's only returning OL starter.

**2009** Versatile lineman developed into starter on the offensive front as redshirt sophomore... Played in every game, seeing action at both guard positions... First of six starts came at right guard for an injured Eric Hensley at Army; then moved across to left guard to start the final five games in place of injured Ryan Custer... Played more than 90 percent of offensive snaps during second half of season.

**2008** Earned starting assignments at both offensive tackle and guard in his first year as a contributor... Started final seven games of season: three at LT and four at LG... Played in every game... Named to All-SEC Freshman team by coaches... First career start came as LT at Georgia... Moved to starting LG for final three games, showing toughness and solid technique.

**2007** Sat out first year on campus as a redshirt freshman... Showed promise as a practice squad offensive lineman.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter at OT... Earned team's line MVP honor as junior and senior... Earned prep All-American honors after playing in Max Emfinger All-Star Bowl... Named All-State by SCVarsity.com as senior... Set team mark with 120 career knockdown blocks... Also participated in North-South All-Star Game... Lettered in wrestling and track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Fischer is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Kyle Marcus Fischer... Son of Ivey Gilliam and Debra Hamilton... Born June 16, 1988 in Germany... Youngest of five siblings: three sisters and a brother... Dad is policeman; mom works in medical industry... Participated in school-sponsored Dance Marathon fundraiser.





# THE PLAYERS



**26 REGGIE FORD**

**So. ★ Defensive Back ★ 5-9 • 165**  
**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Montgomery Bell**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A second-year walk-on, Ford finished off an impressive spring performance with sure tackles and tight coverage at the Black and Gold Game. Though undersized, Ford could find his way into a contributing role at nickelback on long-yardage passing situations.

**2010** Walk-on cornerback did not play, but impressed with a positive attitude and improving abilities on the practice field.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner for one of state's top private powers, playing safety and cornerback... Also lettered as sprinter in track.

**ACADEMICS** Ford is majoring in Economics from the College of Arts and Science. He is a 2010 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Reginald Dewayne Ford... Son of Tomeka Ford and Reggie Blair... Born on March 25, 1991... Has three brothers: Jarrett Love, Kevin Murphy, and Demorius Ford; and a sister, Secret Ford... Prep teammate of Vanderbilt OT Wesley Johnson and FB/TE Fitz Lassing.

earned starts against South Carolina, Georgia Tech, Florida and Kentucky... Used primarily as third defensive back in nickel defensive packages... Finished season with 17 total tackles, including 11 solo stops, two INTs, a QB sack and defended pass... Season high in tackles (4) came against South Carolina... Interceptions came against Rice and against Kentucky... Earned team's Specialist of the Week honor after effort against Florida.

## Foster Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 4, at So. Carolina, 10/24/2008  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 3, at So. Carolina, 10/24/2008

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter at defensive back for large public school power between Fort Worth and Dallas... Unanimous First Team All-District 5-5A

pick as senior... As senior, contributed as DB (51 tackles, two INTs), WR and KO returner (37.6-yard avg.) for 9-2 squad... Averaged 32.1 yards per catch and posted INT as junior prior to injury... Named district's top sophomore defensive player in 2006... Captured district 100-meter title as sophomore, with 100-meter PR of 10.6... Named Academic All-State in 2008.

**ACADEMICS** Foster is working toward a degree in Computer Engineering.

**PERSONAL** Eddie Poyo Foster... Son of Raymond and Francine Foster... Has two other brothers, Andrew and Dante, who played DB at Texas Tech... Born Nov. 29, 1990... Both parents are natives of the Republic of the Congo... Dad is airline mechanic; mom works as medical aide... Speaks French.



**16 EDDIE FOSTER**

**Jr. ★ Defensive Back ★ 5-10 • 170**  
**Colleyville, Texas ★ Heritage HS**

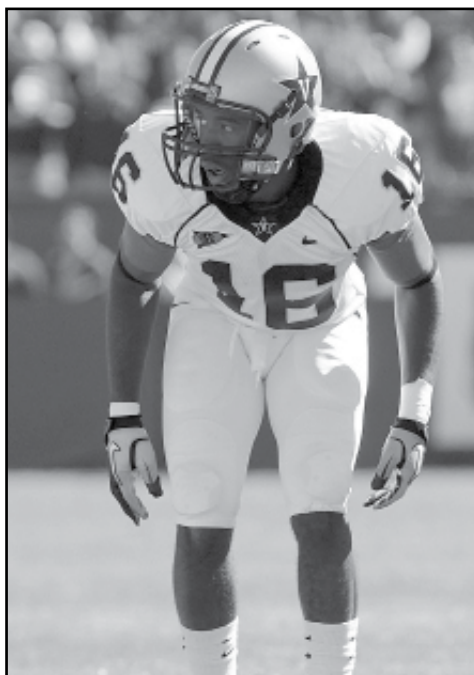
### ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP

A starter in 2010, Foster will compete for the cornerback role opposite Casey Hayward. The fast-reacting Foster has worked to improve his ability to make sure tackles in the open field.

**2010** As a second-year contributor, Foster became a consistent performer in the Commodore defensive secondary... Played in all 12 games, and earned starts in all but the season finale... Established single-season highs in virtually every stat category, including

solo tackles (36), total tackles (53), tackles for loss (6) and passes defended (5)... Started the season in superb fashion, winning team's Offensive Player of the Week honor against Northwestern after producing three tackles for loss and career-high eight total tackles... Two weeks later, repeated the team achievement in win over Ole Miss by taking INT 21 yards for early TD and posting five tackles... Added two tackles for loss against Tennessee... Contributed forced fumble vs. Wake Forest.

**2009** One of seven true freshmen to see action, Foster enjoyed more action than any other first-year Commodore defender... Played in every game, and



### FOSTER'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	36-17-53	6.0-11	0.0-0	1-21	1/0	4
2009	11-6-17	1.0-2	1.0-2	2-3	0/0	1
Career	47-23-70	7.0-13	1.0-2	3-23	1/0	5



**51 ERIC FRIEMAN**

**So. ★ Kicker ★ 5-10 • 175**  
**Scarsdale, N.Y. ★ Scarsdale HS**

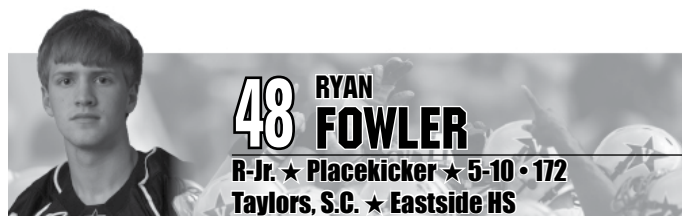
**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A second-year walk-on, Frieman brings excellent attitude to the team and improving kicking abilities to Vanderbilt kickoff and conversion units.

**2010** Walk-on participated in one game, kicking off after late TD in Commodores' victory over Eastern Michigan.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year varsity starter in soccer... Senior captain and all-league selection for squad that captured section title.

**ACADEMICS** Frieman is working toward degrees in Economics and Psychology. He is a 2010 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Eric Harrison Frieman... Son of Adam and Janie Frieman... Born Nov. 26, 1990... Brother, Jonathan, is infantry officer in U.S. Army... Participated in Olympic Development program as club soccer player that travelled Europe for several years... Transferred from Brandeis University.



**48 RYAN FOWLER**

**R-Jr. ★ Placekicker ★ 5-10 • 172**  
**Tailors, S.C. ★ Eastside HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Fowler will look to regain his form from 2009 when he tied a team mark with 16 field goals while converting at a 76 percent clip. Fowler is expected to compete with sophomore Carey Spear



for the team's placekicking duties. **2010** Fowler saw less opportunities as second-year starting placekicker... Ended with 47 points scored... Converted on eight of 13 field goals (61.5 percent), making eight of nine from within 35 yards... Attempted only FG (conversion from 22 yards) in midseason seven-game stretch... Also converted on 23 of 24 extra point attempts. **2009** Selected as placekicker to SEC All-Freshman squad by every poll, including coaches, Sporting News, Phil Steele's and Rivals.com... Despite a slow start, Fowler came back to

produce one of the finest seasons ever by a Commodore kicker during first year in role... Concluded season by converting 16 of 21 field goal attempts and all 20 extra point tries... Finished with 68 points scored, team's fifth highest total ever by kicker... Matched 25-year-old team record with 16 field goals... Became arguably SEC's most accurate kicker in last seven weeks of season, making 11 of last 12 field goal attempts... Was 7-of-7

## Fowler Career Highs:

FGS IN GAME: 3, twice, most recently at Tennessee, 11/21/2009  
LONGEST FG: 47, vs. Kentucky, 11/14/2009

from beyond 30 yards during that span... Hit field goals of 42 and 47 yards against Kentucky... Kicked three field goals against Rice and Tennessee... Made 41-yard field goal in closing seconds to send Army game into

overtime... Earned or shared Specialist of the Week honors after kicking performances against Rice, Army, Kentucky and Tennessee. **2008** Fowler sat out his first year on campus as a redshirt, though he showed promise as a placekicker in fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner as kicker/punter... Named 3A All-State as senior after converting five of six FG attempts, all 14 PAT attempts, and punting for 38-yard average... 90% of kickoffs resulted in touchbacks... Booted 31-yard FG for South Carolina squad in Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas All-Star Game... Earned one letter in soccer... National Honor Society recipient.

**ACADEMICS** Fowler is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development. He is a 2009 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Ryan Christopher Fowler... Son of John and Jeannie Fowler... Born on April 17, 1990... An only child... Dad is a systems analyst for United Health Care; mom is Merrill Lynch sales associate... Participates in Big Brothers-Big Sisters program... An accomplished pianist and singer, and second-degree black belt in Taekwondo.

## FOWLER'S CAREER PLACEKICKING STATISTICS

	FGS	LONG FG	PCT.	PAT	POINTS
2010	8-13	31	61.5	23-24	47
2009	16-21	47	76.2	20-2-0	68
Career	24-34	47	70.6	43-44	115



## 42 TIM FUGGER

R-Sr. ★ Defensive End ★ 6-4 • 250  
Oak Brook, Ill. ★ Montini HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** One of the team's most experienced defensive linemen, Fugger will likely hold down one of the starting roles at end as a fifth-year senior. The new staff expects Fugger to have a big-play impact on the field and provide veteran leadership to younger players at the position.

**2010** Developed into one of team's most consistent defensive performers as second-year starter... Earned 10 starts at DE, while seeing action in every game... Finished year with single-season career highs in tackles (22), tackles for loss (30), quarterback sacks (3) and forced fumbles (4)... Ranked among SEC and NCAA leaders in forced fumbles... Registered a

## Fugger Career Highs:

TOTAL TACKLES: 4, twice, most recently vs. Miss. State, 9/19/2009  
SOLO TACKLES: 4, vs. Duke, 10/25/2008

tackle in every game... Top performance might have come in season opener vs. Northwestern: four tackles, 1.5 QB sacks and forced fumble... Came up with forced fumbles in three of the four games.

**2009** Moved into a key role on the defensive line after

two-year starter Steven Stone was lost for two months after suffering a foot fracture in preseason camp... Played in all 12 games, earning eight starting assignments at defensive end before Stone reclaimed his role against Georgia Tech... Finished year with 21 total tackles, including 11 unassisted stops... Also posted two tackles for loss, including a quarterback sack and a fumble recovery... Set career high in solo tackles (3) at Army... Season high in total tackles (4) came against Mississippi State and Army... Fumble recovery came against Mississippi State... Also posted three tackles against SEC foes LSU, South Carolina and Florida.

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**2008** Slowed by injury to start the season, Fugger developed into one of the squad's top defensive ends as the season endured... Played in nine games, finishing with 14 total tackles, including eight solo stops... Posted four solo tackles, a career high, against Duke... Also contributed three tackles in win over Kentucky and season finale at Wake Forest... Forced first career fumble at Miss. State... Also contributed extra playing time in Commodores' Music City Bowl victory over Boston College.

**2007** Did not see action as a redshirt freshman, spending year adding bulk and strength through team's conditioning program... Opened as tight end in preseason, moved to end just before opener.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior starter at TE and DE, helping Broncos to 14th straight 5A playoff berth... Named all-conference as TE... Despite missing final three games, finished with 14 catches for 267 yards and two TDs... As DE, added 61 tackles and four sacks... Lettered in basketball and track as senior... As sophomore, played football at Bishop Kenny in Jacksonville.

**ACADEMICS** Fugger is earning a degree in Human and Organizational Development. He is a 2010 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Timothy Scott Fugger... Son of Karen Fugger and the late Peter Fugger... Born July 1, 1989 in San Diego... Family relocated to west Chicago suburbs from Jacksonville, Fla., after sophomore year... Has two brothers, Brian and Mark... Plays the guitar.

## FUGGER'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2010	13-9-22	5.0-30	3.0-27	0-0	4/0	1
2009	11-10-21	2.0-4	1.0-2	0-0	0/1	1
2008	8-6-14	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	1/0	0
Career	32-25-57	7.0-34	4.0-29	0-0	5/1	2



**36 CHASE GARNHAM**

So. ★ Linebacker ★ 6-3 • 225  
Fairhope, Ala. ★ Fairhope HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Coming off an impressive spring practice, Garnham will compete for a starting role at outside linebacker. The sophomore brings physicality at the point of tackle and athleticism to defend effectively against the passing game.



**2010** Garnham was the only true freshman linebacker to see action for the Commodores... Played in all 12 games as reserve LB and special teams contributor... Concluded season with eight total tackles, including one against Florida that resulted in loss of yardage... Posted pair of solo tackles against Kentucky.

## Garnham Career Highs:

SOLO TACKLES: 2, vs. Florida, 11/6/2010  
TOTAL TACKLES: 2, twice, most recently vs. Florida, 11/6/2010

**HIGH SCHOOL** Captain as senior... Three-year starter...

Started at safety as sophomore and junior, moving to LB as senior, helping 2009 squad to 11-1 record and second round of 6A playoffs... Two-time All-Area recipient... As senior, topped Fairhope with 135 total tackles, six QB sacks, five forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries and an interception...

As junior safety, contributed 102 total tackles, two interceptions and five sacks... High academic achiever and member of National Honor Society.

**ACADEMICS** Garnham is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Charles Keaton Garnham... Son of Lisa Garnham... Born Aug. 26, 1991 near Atlanta... An older sister, Caroline, is senior at University of South Alabama... Mom is kindergarten teacher... Enjoys various water sports and playing basketball.

## GARNHAM'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	3-5-8	0.5-1	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	0



**26 BLAKE GOWDER**

R-Fr. ★ Linebacker ★ 6-2 • 228  
Blairsville, Ga. ★ Union County HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A former H-back, Gowder showed potential during spring drills when moved to linebacker by the new coaching staff. Returning to a position he played in high school, Gowder gave coaches hope that he will compete for playing time this season. The redshirt freshman can also contribute on several special teams.

**2010** Gowder did not see action during his first season on campus... Spent extra time improving strength while rehabbing an arm injury that occurred in preseason camp... Practiced as an offensive player during fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Team captain as junior and senior... Named first team AA All-State by Georgia Sports Writers Association and *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and All-Region selection as TE... Earned four varsity letters... Helped school to 6-4 mark as senior, catching 72 passes for 1,237 yards and 14 TDs... As running back, he ran for more than 1,200 yards and scored 21 touchdowns... Posted highest totals – 77 receptions for 1,423 yards – as junior... As LB, added 76 tackles and an INT as senior... Concluded prep career with 225 catches... Started as forward in basketball... Standout combo pitcher/shortstop in baseball... Threw no-hitter as junior.

**ACADEMICS** Gowder is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Son of Mike and Gail Gowder... Born July 17, 1991 in Blairsville... Youngest of three siblings: brother, Brad; sister, Kayla... Dad is chief operating officer of Union General Hospital; mom is administrator for Union County Dialysis... Six immediate family members are health care professionals... Enjoys trout fishing.





highs... Also had 4.5 tackles for loss, a pair of quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and recovery, and two deflected passes... Earned team's Defensive Player of the Week honors after efforts against Western Carolina and Mississippi State... Posted nine tackles (career high) and sack against Mississippi State; and 5-tackle/sack/fumble recovery vs. WCU... **2008** Developed into key contributor along Commodore defensive front in redshirt freshman season... Played in every game, getting starts against South Carolina and Ole Miss... Named to First Team All-SEC Freshman squad by coaches... Finished the regular season with 33 total tackles, including 16 solo stops... Displayed quickness



**74 T.J. GREENSTONE**  
R-Sr. ★ Defensive Tackle ★ 6-3 • 290  
Lawrenceville, Ga. ★ Collins Hill HS

## ALL-SEC DEFENSIVE TACKLE CANDIDATE

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Greenstone looks to cap off a solid career with his finest season. The fifth-year senior is the team's most experienced interior defensive lineman, bringing effort, intensity and leadership to the Commodore unit. Greenstone is expected to compete with sophomore Jared Morse and Colt Nichter among others for a starting role at tackle.

**2010** Leg injuries limited the production of the co-captain and starting defensive tackle... Injury kept Greenstone out of three games, and severely hindered his performance for remainder of season... Earned eight starts at DT... Finished the year with 28 total tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss,

one sack and two QB hurries... Opened with three tackles and a blocked FG attempt vs. Northwestern, helping earn Specialist of the Week honors... Followed season-opening effort with

three tackles – and a QB sack – vs. LSU... After suffering the injury in Ole Miss game, Greenstone notched just three total tackles in following month... Impact was felt in final month of season Greenstone was able to play effectively on hurt ankle... Contributed at least four tackles in last four games, including a season-high seven-tackle performance at Kentucky. **2009** Active and productive defensive tackle who walked away with team's postseason Most Valuable Defensive Lineman Award... Considered a starter by coaches along with Greg Billinger and Adam Smotherman, but earned just one actual start (LSU)... Played in every game... Ended season with 19 solo tackles and 38 total tackles, both single-season career

### Greenstone Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 3, on several occasions, most recently vs. Florida, 11/6/2010  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 9, vs. Miss. State, 9/19/2009  
**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 2, at Miami (Ohio), 8/28/2008

off the ball and ability to penetrate opposing offense, tallying six tackles for loss... Played well in Vanderbilt's bowl victory over Boston College, matching a career high with four tackles, including one tackle for loss... Also came up with fumble recovery against Duke... In first game of career, posted two tackles for loss and four total tackles in win at Miami (Ohio)... Contributed 1.5 tackles for loss in solid effort at Mississippi State, earning team's Defensive Player of the Week honors... Also had season high of four tackles against Ole Miss and Duke.

**2007** Did not play as a first-year defensive tackle... Used campaign to add bulk... Impressed coaches on practice field, earning team's postseason Defensive Scout MVP award... Also recognized as team's Defensive Scout of the Week after victory over Miami (Ohio).

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain, two-year starter at DT for Eagles... Squad advanced to AAAAA state playoffs in 2005-06 campaigns... In 2006, Eagles went 7-4, losing to eventual co-state champion in first round... Two-time defensive MVP and defensive lineman of the year for team... All-district recipient... Named to *Atlanta Journal Constitution's* Gwinnett Super 11 Team... Atlanta Touchdown Club Lineman of the Week pick... Played in Georgia North-South All-Star Game... Posted 194 tackles, 19.5 QB sacks and three forced fumbles during career... Notched 12 sacks as senior... Standout thrower in track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Greenstone is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development. He is a three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Thomas Julius Greenstone Jr... Son of Thomas and Mary Beth Greenstone... Born Sept. 27, 1989... Dad played football at Edinboro University; mom played basketball at the same university... Older sister plays basketball for North Greenville (S.C.) University... Dad works in restaurant supply sales; mom is regional marketing manager... On the field, Greenstone still plays to honor a former prep teammate and best friend, Jarrett Boston, who died as a high school senior from cancer.

### GREENSTONE'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	FF/FR	QH	PBU
2010	13-15-28	4.5-16	1.0-1	0/0	2	0
2009	19-19-38	4.5-13	2.0-11	1/1	1	2
2008	16-17-33	6.0-11	0.0-0	0/1	1	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>48-51-99</b>	<b>15.0-40</b>	<b>3.0-12</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>





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## TEAM ROSTER



**23 ANDRE HAL**

**So. ★ Defensive Back ★ 6-0 • 184**  
**Port Allen, La. ★ Port Allen HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Part of a deep corps of defensive backs, Hal enters camp ready to compete for a potential starting role at cornerback opposite All-SEC candidate Casey Hayward with several candidates, including juniors Eddie Foster and Trey Wilson, and fellow sophomore Steven Clarke. Hal also can contribute effectively on special team coverage and return units.

**2010** One of five true freshmen to play in the Commodore secondary, Hal broke into the starting lineup late in the season after serving much of the year as a reserve defensive back and special teams contributor... Played in all 12 games, earning starts at cornerback against Florida and Wake Forest... Notched career-high tackle total (7) in first career start vs.

Gators... Also posted pair of tackles in win over Eastern Michigan, and in SEC games against Kentucky and Tennessee... As starting return specialist late in season, averaged 23.6 yards on 11 kickoff returns... Earned team's

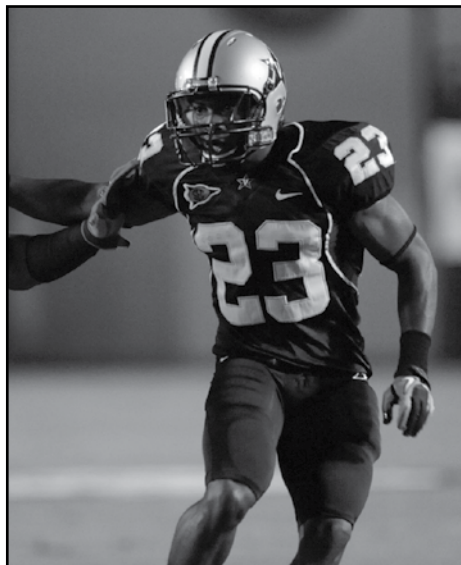
### Hal Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 2, vs. Florida, 11/6/2010  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 2, twice, most recently vs. Florida, 11/6/2010

Specialist of the Week honor after returning two Gator kicks for 58 yards. **HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter at DB... Named defensive MVP as senior for school located across Mississippi River from Baton Rouge... Shutdown CB as senior, helping Pelicans play for district title and advance to first round of 3A state playoffs... Contributed 53 total tackles and four INTs as senior, earning first team 3A All-State honors after returning five kickoffs for scores... Also had three TD receptions... Averaged nearly 40 yards as punt returner... Added All-District honors... As junior, posted five INTs... Standout in basketball and track & field... Former starter on hoops squad; member of 3A state champion 4x200-meter relay foursome that also set state record.

**ACADEMICS** Hal is undecided on a major.

**PERSONAL** Andre Jeroy Hal... "Dre"... Born May 30, 1992... Son of Lisa West and Andre Hal Sr... Has two older sisters, Tyguencia and Alancia... Mom owns two beauty salons, dad works in construction... Dad played college football... School produced current New Orleans Saints' cornerback Tracy Porter.



**19 CASEY HAYWARD**

**Sr. ★ Cornerback ★ 5-11 • 188**  
**Perry, Ga. ★ Perry HS**

## THORPE AND NAGURSKI AWARD CANDIDATE

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A preseason All-America and candidate for the Thorpe and Bednarik awards, Hayward ranks among the Southeastern Conference's top returning defensive backs. Coming off a six-interception season in '10, Hayward spent the spring working with position coach Wesley McGriff to enhance coverage skills. The senior should serve as an anchor at cornerback and provide needed leadership in the Commodore secondary.

**2010** One of the top defensive backs in the nation, Hayward continued his excellent play as a junior... Named second team All-SEC DB by both the league coaches and Associated Press writers... Started every game at

### Hayward Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 13, at LSU, 9/12/2009  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 8, twice, most recently vs. Tennessee, 11/20/2010  
**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 4, at LSU, 9/12/2009  
**DEFENSED PASSES:** 2, (4x), most recently vs. Tennessee, 11/20/2010

cornerback, pushing his consecutive starts streak to 24 games... Put together his finest year in Commodore uniform, setting single-season highs in interceptions (6), solo tackles (59), total tackles (70) and passes defended (17)... Ranked first in SEC – and third in NCAA – in passes defended... Interception total ranked second in SEC – and tied for

fifth nationally... Posted at least one pass defended in 10 of 12 games and at least three tackles in 11 of 12 games... Had eight tackles, including seven solo stops, to aid victory at Ole Miss... Picked off passes in four consecutive games – LSU, Ole Miss, UConn and Eastern Michigan... Also registered

### HAL'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	10-5-15	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	1



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INTs against South Carolina and Tennessee... Also posted nine tackles in Georgia, South Carolina and Arkansas.

**2009** Named team's postseason Most Valuable Defensive Back Award... Started every game at cornerback, though missed much of two games due to injury... Ranked fifth on team in total tackles (58) and solo tackles (40)... Also topped team with 8.5 tackles for loss, ranked second with seven defended passes and second with two INTs... Had three or more tackles in 11 of 12 games... Posted remarkable effort at LSU, contributing career high 13 total tackles and four tackles for loss, earning team's Defensive Player of the Week honor... Also claimed the weekly recognition after contributing six tackles and INT against Georgia.

**2008** One of three true freshmen to see action during the season, joining safety Sean Richardson and receiver John Cole... Played in every game, participating as nickel back in secondary and on special team coverage units... Played more in the Commodores' Music City Bowl victory than any other game... Finished the bowl game with a career-high three tackles and pair of defended passes... Also saw considerable action against Florida and Kentucky... Concluded season with eight total tackles and three defended passes... Contributed forced fumble in win at Ole Miss.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year team captain and four-year member of team's leadership Council... Three-year starter at QB; two-year starter at DB... Named senior MVP, helping to AAA quarterfinals... Rushed for 1,284 yards and 18 TDs; passed for 1,300 yards and 18 TDs... As DB, had four INTs, returning three for TDs... Region 4-AAA Offensive Player of the Year and All-State DB... Finished career with 39 TD passes and 36 rushing TDs... Standout in basketball and track.

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

**PERSONAL** Casey Hayward Jr... Son of Casey Sr., and Tish Hayward... Born Sept. 9, 1989... Dad is employed at Lowe's; mom works in residential health care... Has one brother, JeCavesia.

## HAYWARD'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	59-11-70	2.0-3	0.0-0	6-13	1/0	17
2009	40-18-58	8.5-21	0.0-0	2-6	0/0	9
2008	3-5-8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1/0	3
<b>Career</b>	<b>102-34-134</b>	<b>10.5-24</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>8-19</b>	<b>2/0</b>	<b>29</b>



**93 JOSH JELESKY**

**R-Jr. ★ Defensive Tackle ★ 6-5 • 265  
Naperville, Ill. ★ Naperville HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A former DE, Jelesky has worked hard adding strength in an effort to contribute at an interior tackle position. The fourth-year junior will look to build on that role while assisting special team conversion units.

## Jelesky Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES: 7, at UCONN, 10/2/2010**

Finished year with 15 total tackles, including two that resulted in losses... Had career-high seven tackles in extensive action at Connecticut.

**2009** Played in 11 games, participating on special teams and as a defense end... Credited with one assisted tackle against Florida.

**2008** Jelesky redshirted this season, showing promise as a defensive end on scout teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Moved to LB as senior after starting at DE

**2010** Undersized as a first-year DT, Jelesky managed to contribute effectively in limited action... Played in all 12 games, either as reserve DT or on special teams...



as junior... Played final five regular season games, helping Central to 8A playoffs... Contributed 83 tackles, four QB sacks as senior... In 2006, notched 97 tackles and four sacks... Earned letters in water polo and swimming.

**ACADEMICS** Jelesky is working toward a major in Economics. He has earned All-SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

**PERSONAL** Joshua Lee Jelesky... Son of Richard and Beth Jelesky... Born on May 17, 1990... Dad is regional sales manager; mom is hospital quality and risk director... Has an older brother, Chris... Grandfather earned undergraduate and medical school degrees from Vanderbilt; grandmother attended Peabody College... Mother was born at Vanderbilt Medical Center.

## JELESKY'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	FF/FR	QBH
2010	5-10-15	2.0-2	0.0-0	0/0	0
2009	0-1-1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0/0	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>5-11-16</b>	<b>2.0-2</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>



**46 BOBBY JEWELL**

**R-Sr. ★ Linebacker ★ 6-0 • 222  
Brentwood, Tenn. ★ Brentwood HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A third-year walk-on, Jewell will attempt to claim a reserve linebacker role and make his case for special teams action during preseason camp. Jewell has also worked hard in the weightroom to add necessary strength and bulk.

**2010** Moved to linebacker during preseason camp, contributing there in fall practices... Saw first career action, playing LB and on two games on special teams coverage units... Did not register a tackle.

**2009** Did not see action after joining the Commodore squad during preseason camp... Worked as practice squad DB.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter at Brentwood, helping team to pair of AAA state playoffs... Had more than 90 tackles as senior DB, and four TDs as WR... Also played varsity basketball and rugby.

**ACADEMICS** Jewell is working toward majors in Engineering Science and Spanish.

**PERSONAL** Robert Anthony Jewell... Born April 21, 1988... Son of Bob Jewell and Sherry Jewell... Has a younger sister, Brittany... Dad is a retired electrical engineer... Enjoys travel and playing the guitar... Transferred to Vanderbilt from Maryville College.

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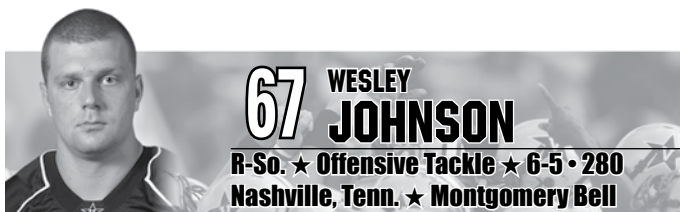






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**67 WESLEY JOHNSON**

R-So. ★ Offensive Tackle ★ 6-5 • 280  
Nashville, Tenn. ★ Montgomery Bell

## 2010 ALL-SEC FRESHMAN OFFENSIVE LINE

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Young but talented, Johnson is arguably the Commodores' most versatile lineman, possessing the skill to play all three positions. Showed solid skills at center last spring after moving to center for the Black & Gold Game. Still a bit undersized, Johnson is a superb technician and displays excellent understanding of team's new offensive scheme.

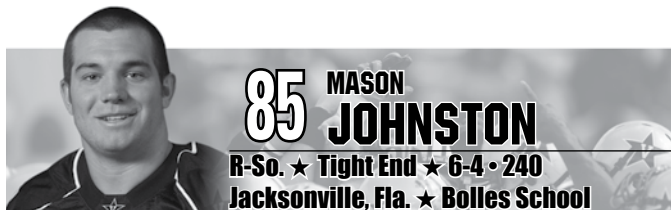
**2010** Undersized as a first-year starter, Johnson put together a solid season at left tackle, earning conference and national recognition... One of two linemen to start every game for Commodores... Earned SEC All-Freshman OL honors by postseason ballot of head coaches and several football publications... Named All-SEC freshman and second-team Freshman All-America by *Phil Steele's* magazine... Consistently graded among the top performers on Commodore line, despite being outweighed by virtually every opposing DE... Named SEC's Offensive Lineman of the Week after excellent blocking performance in Commodores' win at Ole Miss.

**2009** Despite redshirting during first year of campus, Johnson impressed coaches and teammates with his athleticism as an offensive line prospect... Showed coaches the ability to play all three positions on the offensive line... Named team's postseason Offensive Scout of the Year award, and also was singled out for his practice contributions after LSU game.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year letterwinner on the offensive line... Two-time Division II-AA All-State recipient, including unanimous recognition in 2008... Finalist for Division II Lineman of the Year... Named Division II All-State team by sports writers... Helped MBA to state playoffs in 2008 and 13-0 state championship in 2007... Standout discus thrower.

**ACADEMICS** Johnson is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, majoring in History. He is a 2010 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Wesley Vadnais Johnson... Son of David and Arlene Johnson... Born Jan. 9, 1991... Oldest of three siblings: sister, Joanna, and brother, William... Dad works in employee benefits industry... Dad also played baseball at Louisiana Tech... Grandfather briefly played for Baltimore Colts.



**85 MASON JOHNSTON**

R-So. ★ Tight End ★ 6-4 • 240  
Jacksonville, Fla. ★ Bolles School

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Johnston is expected to return for preseason camp healthy after missing contact during spring. As a redshirt freshman, Johnston was effective as a blocker and occasional receiving target from the tight end position.

Johnston's return to action this year, along with that of Austin Monahan, gives the Commodores quality depth behind All-SEC tight end candidate Brandon Barden.

**2010** Inserted after an injury to TE Austin Monahan, Johnston steadily improved in his first year on the field until suffering leg injury against Kentucky... Played in 10 games, and earned first career start vs. South Carolina... Had six receptions for 56 yards, including a TD catch in win over Eastern Michigan... Had three catches against Kentucky and two against Florida.



## Johnston's Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 3, at Kentucky, 11/13/2010  
REC. YARDS: 31, at Kentucky, 11/13/2010

**2009** Contributed as scout team tight end while redshirting during first year on campus... Made team's Offensive Scout of the Week after Kentucky game.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Four-year varsity letterwinner... As senior, started at tight end for 14-0 Florida 2A champion squad... Finished 2008 with 24 receptions, good for 330 yards while also helping to produce pair of 1,000-yard rushers as quality blocker... Selected to Florida Times-Union's Super 24 squad... Bolles went 39-1 in last three years, winning pair of 2A titles.

**ACADEMICS** Johnston is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a degree in History.

**PERSONAL** Karl Mason Johnston Jr... Son of Karl and Susan Johnston... Born Sept. 4, 1990... Has an older sister, Courtney, who plays volleyball at the University of North Carolina... Both parents are involved in real estate business... Enjoys scuba diving, surfing and skiing.

## JOHNSTON'S CAREER OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2010	6	56	9.3	1	21



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**47 DEANDRE JONES**

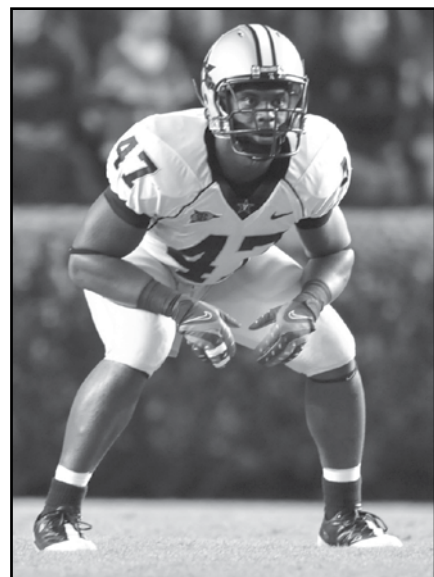
**R-Jr. ★ Linebacker ★ 6-0 • 232**  
**Memphis, Tenn. ★ University School**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Jones enters camp with arguably the best opportunity of his Commodore career to claim a substantial playing role at linebacker. A solid run-stopper, Jones brings plenty of experience to the corps. Though playing behind All-SEC candidate Chris Marve, Jones can potentially secure action at an outside linebacker slot. He also contributes

effectively on coverage units.

**2010** Slowed early in the season by injury, Jones came on during the campaign to contribute as reserve LB... Finished with single-season career high 13 tackles, including two tackles for loss... Played in seven games... Had career-high five tackles against Florida... Also registered pair of stops against Kentucky and Eastern Michigan.

**2009** Played in several games as redshirt sophomore, developing into one of Commodores' most consistent special teams contributors... Late



in the season, earned added snaps as interior linebacker... Posted pair of tackles in finale at Tennessee while seeing most action of the season... Finished with four tackles.

**2008** Jones served his first year on campus as a redshirt, but impressed teammates and coaches with linebacking abilities... Named team's Defensive Scout of the Week after victory over Rice.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Started two years at safety before moving to LB... 2007 finalist for Division II-AA Mr. Football Lineman of the Year and All-State representative... As senior, contributed conference-high 76 tackles, and eight QB sacks, helping

### Jones Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 2, vs. Florida, 11/6/2010  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 5, vs. Florida, 11/6/2010

MUS to state playoffs... Played for 2004-05 state title teams.

**ACADEMICS** Jones is working toward a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Jones is a 2010 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** DeAndre Lemond Jones... Son of Lisa Jones and Demetres Jones... Born Feb. 27, 1990 in Memphis... Dad works as distributor for Pfizer Inc.; mom is account manager at FedEx... Has two sisters, Quinisha and Nyla... Developed racial reconciliation program at school... Jones joined other Vanderbilt students in May studying abroad in Morocco.

### JONES' CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	9-4-13	2.5-7	0.0-0	0	0/0	0
2009	3-1-4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0	0
Career	12-5-17	2.5-7	0.0-0	0	0/0	0

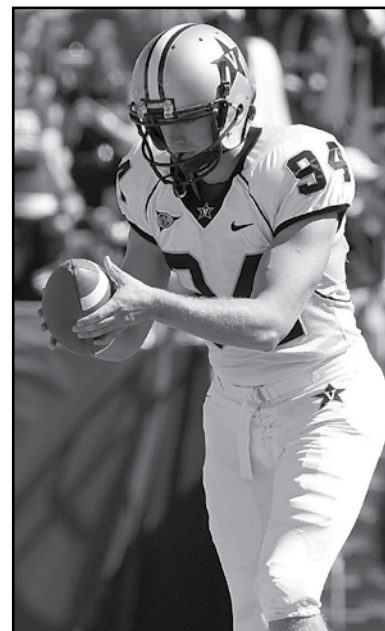


**94 RICHARD KENT**

**R-Jr. ★ Punter ★ 6-2 • 198**  
**Marietta, Ga. ★ Walton HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** After putting together one of the top seasons ever by a first-year Commodore punter, Kent returns this year firmly established at the position. Extremely busy in 2010, Kent used spring drills to focus on accuracy and leg strength.

**2010** In first year as of action on the field, Kent became the nation's most active punter, setting new team mark with 84 boots... Ended season with 41.8-yard average, tops by a first-year Commodore punter in nearly a decade... One of SEC's most efficient punters, opponents returned less than 33 percent of Kent's attempts... Kent had more punts downed inside the opponent 20-yard line (27) than punts returned by opponents (26)... Teams averaged just 6.8 yards in punt returns vs. Commodores... Also had just 10 punts that reached the opponent end zone... Boomed punts of at least 50 yards in 10 of 12 games, including a career-long 61 yarder at Arkansas... Three-time recipient of team's Specialist of the Week honors; coming after punting efforts against LSU, Connecticut and South Carolina.



**2009** Talented walk-on served second consecutive year as primary backup to senior punter Brett Upson...

### Kent's Career Highs:

**PUNTS:** 10, twice, most recently vs. Florida, 11/6/2010  
**BEST AVG:** 47.9, @ Arkansas, 10/30/2010  
**LONGEST:** 61, @ Arkansas, 10/30/2010

Did not see game action, but showed coaches plenty of leg strength and consistent form on practice field.

**2008** Kent did not play as a freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Played three years on varsity, starting as punter and placekicker for final two years... Helped squad to three AAAAAA playoff berths... Averaged nearly 40 yards as senior... President of Spanish Club and vice president of school orchestra.

**ACADEMICS** Kent is a double major, working toward degrees in Spanish and Corporate Strategy and Management. Kent is a 2010 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Richard Bradley Kent... Son of Brad and Barbee Kent... Born Aug. 17, 1989... Has a brother, William, is a thrower on the track and field squad at Air Force Academy... Dad is engineering manager for Lockheed Martin Co... Plays the cello.

### KENT'S CAREER PUNTING STATISTICS

	PUNTS	YARDS	AVG.	LONG	INSIDE-20	50+
2010	84	3511	41.8	61	27	18







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### 17 JONATHAN KRAUSE

So. ★ Wide Receiver ★ 5-11 • 182  
Snellville, Ga. ★ So. Gwinnett HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Krause is arguably the team's most explosive receiver and should continue to develop his skills as a sophomore. Krause has the leaping ability to attack the ball in air and the speed to turn mid-range catches into scoring opportunities for an offense that needs big-play options.

**2010** One of two true freshmen to play at wide receiver, Krause concluded the season as arguably the Commodores' most explosive offensive performer... Displayed sure hands as receiver and was threat to go the distance on infrequent reverses... Played in every game, with 10 starting

### Krause Career-Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 5, vs. Wake Forest, 11/27/2010  
REC. YARDS: 63 yards, at Kentucky, 11/13/2010  
LONGEST CATCH: 52, at Kentucky, 11/13/2010  
LONGEST RUSH: 45, at Kentucky, 11/13/2010

the season with five catches against Wake Forest, a career-high... Also had four receptions in opener vs. Northwestern... Had 44-yard reverse for TD and two catches at Connecticut... Compiled 108 total yards – 63 receiving and 45 rushing – at Kentucky, including career-long catch of 52 yards... Also had 21-yard reverse for TD at Arkansas... Earned team's Offensive Player of the Week honor for three-reception performance vs. South Carolina.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for Atlanta area AAAAA power... Three-year starter at WR, and ranks as school's all-time leader with 132 receptions... Honorable mention AAAAA All-State WR, Gwinnett Co. Receiver of the Year as senior... Caught 44 passes for 718 yards and 8 TDs in 2009, helping team to 10-2 record and second round of state playoffs... Posted nine catches in Rivalries of Gwinnett All-Star Game... As junior, had 62 receptions for 655 yards... MVP in track... Finished third in state long jump as senior with

school-record leap of 23'10.5" and helped 4x400 relay to title; finished fourth in 400 at state as juniors... Track PRs include 10.9 (100) and 22.0 (200).

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

**PERSONAL** Jonathan Alexander Krause... "Jon" or "Smoove"... Son of Harold Krause and Janice Krause... Born Jan. 18, 1992 in California... One of four siblings: sisters, Jasmine and Janel; brother, Jordan... Dad works in information technology; mom is accounts receivable clerk... Related to former 76ers guard Aaron McKie and former Chicago FB Jason McKie.

### KRAUSE'S CAREER OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

	REC.-YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LG	RUSH-YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LG
2010	24-243	10.1	0	52	6-121	20.2	2	45



### 1 KENNY LADLER

So. ★ Safety ★ 6-1 • 200  
Stone Mtn., Ga. ★ Stephenson HS

## 2010 ALL-SEC FRESHMAN DEFENSIVE BACK

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** After backing up a superb true freshman campaign with an impressive effort in spring drills, Ladler seems ready to become a standout in the Commodore secondary. Ladler's competition for the starting job next to Sean Richardson will come from junior Eric Samuels, and sophomores Andre Simmons and Karl Butler.

**2010** Developed into one of the nation's top young safeties in the nation, earning Freshman All-SEC recognition in postseason ballot of league coaches... Played in every game at strong safety... Earned nine starting assignments, including starts in the team's final eight games... Moved into starting lineup when Jay Fullam suffered shoulder injury... Ranked fifth on team in solo tackles (41) and total tackles (57)... Also registered 5.5 tackles for loss,



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a forced fumble and interception... Posted four or more tackles in eight of those contests... Career-high tackle total (8) came at Arkansas... Had key fumble recovery in win at Ole Miss... Interception came vs. Tennessee.

## Ladler Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 6, vs. *So. Carolina*, 10/23/2010  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 9, at *Georgia*, 10/16/2010  
**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 1.5, at *Kentucky*, 10/13/2010

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter in defensive secondary for AAAAA Atlanta power... As senior safety, helped team to undefeated regular season and second

round of state playoffs, contributing 80 tackles, 45 solo stops, four interceptions and a forced fumble... Scored on punt return, INT return and blocked punt during 2009 season... Named honorable mention All-State... Had INT and four tackles in postseason DeKalb County East-West All-Star Game... Posted 39 tackles as junior... Also sprinted on track squad.

**ACADEMICS** Ladler is enrolled in the Peabody College, and majoring in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Kenneth Alfonzo Ladler Jr... Son of Erica and Kenneth Ladler Sr... Born June 23, 1992... Raised in Atlanta area... One of four siblings: brother, Khalil; and sisters, Kenisha and Kaliah... Dad works in personal training; mom is registered nurse... Enrolled in classes in January.

## LADLER'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	41-16-57	5.5-11	0.0-0	1-0	1/1	6



## 38 FITZ LASSING

**So. ★ Tight End/Fullback ★ 6-3 • 236**  
**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Montgomery Bell**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Lassing brings value to the Commodore offense as either a blocking fullback or a reserve tight end, seeing action at both during Spring Ball. Lassing is expected to compete with Marc Panu at fullback, and several candidates at tight end.

**2010** As undersized true freshman, Lassing was inserted into the offense at TE after injuries to Austin Monahan and Mason Johnston... Played in

10 of 12 games, contributing at TE and on special teams... Missed Arkansas and Kentucky games to injury... Lone catch came vs. Wake Forest.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter at RB/FB, LB/DE and punter... As senior, produced 1,417 rushing yards, 212 receiving yards and 21 combined TDs as RB, posted 92 tackles at LB; and averaged 42 yards as punter... Named D-II Middle-East Region Player of the Year, two-time D-II All-State and All-Midstate by *Tennessean*... Contributed 283 rushing yards, 17 receptions and 32 tackles as junior... Contributed on



MBA's 2007 state title team... Also lettered in track & field (decathlete) and basketball (forward)... National Merit semifinalist.

**ACADEMICS** Lassing is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward degrees in Biological Sciences and Medicine, Health and Society.

**PERSONAL** John Lassing... Son of Chuck and Cindy Lassing... Born May 21, 1991... Oldest of three siblings: brother, Mac; and sister, Kelly... Dad is an officer with Reliant Bank... Six relatives, including dad and grandfather, attended Vanderbilt... Organized summer lacrosse youth camp for boys.

## LASSING'S CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2010	1	3	3.0	-	3



## 54 TAYLOR LOFTLEY

**R-Jr. ★ Defensive Tackle ★ 6-2 • 275**  
**Decatur, Ga. ★ Chamblee HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A fourth-year junior, Loftley needs a strong effort in preseason camp to secure a playing role at defensive tackle. He will compete with T.J. Greenstone, Colt Nichter, Jared Morse and Vince Taylor among others.

**2010** Saw first action of Commodore career as reserve defensive tackle... As redshirt, played in nine of 12 games, missing encounters with Northwestern, South Carolina and Wake Forest... Playing time increased as starting DTs Adam Smotherman and T.J. Greenstone suffered injuries... Finished year with seven total tackles, including four solo stops... Had career-high three tackles at Georgia... Also contributed pair of stops in win over Eastern Michigan.

**2009** Did not see action in second year on campus... Participated as practice squad defensive tackle...



## Loftley Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 3, at *Georgia*, 10/16/2010

Has added 20 pounds through weight room efforts in last year.

**2008** Redshirted as a true freshman, practicing during fall season at DT.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Named permanent captain after season... Started at DE and TE... Three-year DL starter... Earned four varsity letters... Team went 12-2 in 2007, most wins in school history, and advanced to AAA semifinals... As senior, contributed 45 tackles and four QB sacks... Two-time All-Area... Threw shot and discus in track.

**ACADEMICS** Loftley is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Paul Taylor Loftley... Son of Paul and Sandra Loftley... Born Nov. 7, 1989... Has an older sister... Dad is supervisor at MARTA public transit system; mom is a physical therapist... Worked on yearbook staff.

## LOFTLEY'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	FF/FR	QBH
2010	4-3-7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0/0	0







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### 84 ROB LOHR

**R-Jr. ★ Defensive Tackle ★ 6-4 • 290**  
**Phoenixville, Pa. ★ Phoenixville HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Lohr missed contact during spring drills but will return fully healthy for preseason camp where he will attempt to reestablish himself as a starter at defensive tackle. Lohr has the ability to make plays in the opponent backfield, exhibited by four sacks as a sophomore. He will compete with junior Colt Nichter among others for the starting job.

**2010** Lohr put together his finest Commodore season as a first-year starting interior tackle... Forced into an expanded role due to the injuries of DT co-captains, Lohr started every game and played more snaps than any other DT on the roster... Topped squad with four quarterback sacks and shared team lead with eight tackles for loss... Also set career highs in solo tackles (26), total tackles (35), and QB hurries (2)... Career high in tackles (6) and QB sacks came in victory at Ole Miss... Also produced sacks in consecutive SEC games against South Carolina, Florida and Kentucky... Named team's Defensive Player of the Week after performance at Wildcats.

### Lohr Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 6, twice, most recently vs.  
*Eastern Michigan, 10/9/2010*

**TOTAL TACKLES:** : 6, twice, most recently vs.  
*Eastern Michigan, 10/9/2010*

solo stops, a tackle for loss and quarterback hurry... Season high in tackles (3) and lone tackle for loss came against Georgia.

**2008** Like fellow freshman DT candidate Colt Nichter, Lohr stayed on depth chart for much of year, yet did not see action... Showed ability to become a contributor at DT after redshirt campaign.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter at TE and DE... Team MVP as senior, helping Phantoms to AAA state playoffs... Named Pioneer Conference Defensive Player of the Year, and All-Southeastern Pennsylvania team by Philadelphia Inquirer... Contributed 65 tackles and 15 QB sacks as

**2009** Played every game as part of four-player rotation at defensive tackle along with Greg Billinger, Adam Smotherman and T.J. Greenstone... Showed excellent intensity in first year... Finished year with 14 total tackles, including five

senior DE... Playing TE, hauled in 26 catches for 609 yards and five TDs... Nominated to play in Pennsylvania East-West Game... Won conference title in javelin throw... School's student-athlete Maxwell Award winner.

**ACADEMICS** Lohr is majoring in Economics from the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** James Robert Lohr, III... Son of Bob and Kim Lohr... Born on March 1, 1990... Dad is employed as a metrology technician; mom is a police clerk... Has one older brother... Volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in hometown.

### LOHR'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2010	26-9-35	8.0-33	4.0-23	0-0	0/0	2
2009	11-5-16	1.0-1	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	1
Career	37-14-51	9.0-34	4.0-23	0-0	0/0	3



### 31 JAVON MARSHALL

**R-So. ★ Safety ★ 5-10 • 196**  
**Huber Heights, Ohio ★ Wayne HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Marshall used the offseason conditioning effort on campus to add bulk after moving to safety during Spring Practice. He will compete for playing time with several other young safety prospects. He also contributes on special team coverage units.

**2010** Marshall saw action in eight games as reserve defensive back and special teams contributor...

Missed first four games of year with leg injury... Concluded season with four total tackles... Contributed two key plays against Florida, forcing a Gator fumble, then recovered a blocked Florida punt for a touchdown.

**2009** Contributed as scout team DB while redshirting during first year on campus... Showed solid potential on the practice field.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Voted as postseason senior captain by teammates... Two-year starter at defensive back for large Dayton-area school...

As senior, earned All-Southwest Ohio honors after contributing 128 tackles and three forced fumbles for 8-4 Warrior squad that advanced to Division 1 state playoffs.

**ACADEMICS** Marshall is majoring in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Javon Anthony Marshall... Son of Percy and LaWan Marshall... Born on Jan. 2, 1991 in Dayton... Has a younger sister, Jade... Dad is teen mentor in community; mom works in hospital human resources.



### MARSHALL'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	INTS	FF/FR	PBU
2010	1-3-4	0.0-0	0-0	1/0	1





**13 CHRIS MARVE**

**R-Sr. ★ Linebacker ★ 6-0 • 242**  
**Memphis, Tenn. ★ White Station HS**

## LOTT, BEDNARIK, NAGURSKI AWARD PROSPECT

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** The Southeastern Conference's active career leader in tackles and the latest in a long line of standout Vanderbilt linebackers, Marve looks to cap his Commodore career with another superb campaign. The coaches will look to the Lott Impact Trophy, Nagurski and Bednarik awards to provide needed leadership to a young corps of linebackers.

**2010** Dependable and physical linebacker continued his superb play for Commodore defense as a third-year starter... Started and played MLB in 11 of 12 games... Leg injury suffered at Connecticut forced Marve to sit out Eastern Michigan game, effectively ending his bid to post three consecutive seasons of 100 tackles or more... Earned postseason second-team All-SEC recognition from coaches... Ended season sharing team lead with eight tackles for loss, second in total tackles (80) and third in solo tackles (49)... Opened year with 11-tackle effort vs. Northwestern... Contributed to win at Ole Miss with 10 tackles... Had 11 stops, including 1.5 tackles for loss, against Connecticut... Came back three weeks later to earn team's Defensive Player of the Week honors after 10-tackle effort at Arkansas... Posted two sacks and 10 tackles vs. Florida.

**2009** Received team's Captain's Award and Most Valuable Linebacker Award at postseason banquet... Solid presence in middle of Commodore defense, Marve started every game at inside linebacker... Earned second team All-SEC by head coaches... Led the SEC with 10.1-tackle per game average... Tackle total (121) was second highest in conference, becoming first SEC player to produce more than 100... Marve become first SEC player since Vanderbilt's Jamie Winborn to post 100-plus tackles in freshman and sophomore seasons... Also

### Marve Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 11, vs. Ga. Tech, 10/31/2009  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 18, vs. Ga. Tech, 10/31/2009  
**QB SACKS:** 2, vs. Florida, 11/6/2010  
**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 2.5, vs. Duke, 10/25/2009  
**FORCED FUMBLES:** 2, at LSU, 9/12/2009

topped the Commodores with 57 solo tackles and three forced fumbles... Also contributed 6.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback sack... Posted double-digit tackles in seven of 12 games... Produced at least four tackles in every game... Career highs

in solo tackles (11) and total tackles (18) came against Georgia Tech... Also posted 15 tackles against Mississippi State and 13 tackles against Kentucky... In season opener, contributed quarterback sack and pair of forced fumbles in win over Western Carolina... Had 11 tackles and forced fumble at LSU and 11 tackles in finale at Tennessee.

**2008** Became one of the team's top defenders as redshirt freshman linebacker... Punishing tackler with nose for the football... Started all 13 games at MLB... Topped the SEC with four forced fumbles... Named First Team Freshman All-American by The Sporting News and Rivals.com, and First Team Freshman All-SEC by league coaches... Topped the Commodores – and ranked among the NCAA's best – with 56 unassisted tackles... Also ranked second among 'Dores in QB hurries (3), third in total tackles (105), fourth in sacks (3) and fourth in tackles for loss (6.5)... Contributed at least five tackles in 12 games... Topped the defensive effort in Music City Bowl win with 10 total tackles vs. Boston College... Showed talent early, contributing a sack in win at Miami (Ohio)... Produced remarkable outing in victory at Ole Miss, posting 11 tackles and the defensive play of the game – a forced fumble at the Vanderbilt 1-yard line in the closing minutes recovered



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by a 'Dore teammate... Also was instrumental in another failed Ole Miss drive, making a key open-field tackle at the 1-yard line... Contributed 2.5 tackles for loss, a sack and 16 total tackles in losing effort against Duke... Virtually duplicated the feat against Tennessee – two tackles for loss, a sack and forced fumble, and nine tackles.

**2007** Redshirted during first year on campus, but impressed as linebacker at practice... Team's Defensive Scout of the Week after win over Ole Miss.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year team captain and team MVP... Voted Tennessee 5A Mr. Football Lineman of the Year, first recipient ever from White Station... Named First Team All-State... Helped Spartans to 12-2 overall record in 2006 and 5A state semifinals... Achieved 178 total tackles, including 133 solo stops, four QB sacks and eight forced fumbles as a senior, earning Region 8-5A Most Valuable Player... Credited with 120 solo tackles as a junior... Earned four varsity letters... National Honor Society member.

**ACADEMICS** Marve is majoring in Human & Organizational Development from the Peabody College and Sociology from the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Christopher Ryan Marve... Son of Clayton Samuel and Robin Samuel... Born March 1, 1989 in Fort Worth, Texas... Dad is engineer; mom is Comcast supervisor... Oldest of seven children: has two brothers and four sisters... Marve is a leader of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity... Worked in the Vanderbilt Office of Admissions as a junior... Interned with Nashville law this summer.

### MARVE'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU	QH
2010	49-31-80	8.0-23	2.5-17	0	0/0	2	2
2009	57-64-121	6.5-22	1.0-8	0	3/0	0	0
2008	56-49-105	6.5-26	3.0-22	0	4/2	0	3
<b>Career</b>	<b>163-143-306</b>	<b>21.0-71</b>	<b>6.5-47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7/2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>





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## TEAM ROSTER



### 87 JORDAN MATTHEWS

So. ★ Wide Receiver ★ 6-3 • 202  
Madison, Ala. ★ Madison Academy

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Matthews picked up in spring drills where he left the 2010 season – making big plays at wide receiver. Coaches will look to the talented and enthusiastic sophomore to build on his freshman success and become an explosive contributor this fall.

**2010** One of four true freshmen receivers on preseason roster, Matthews worked his way into the starting lineup by season's end, proving himself as a top aerial target for Commodore QBs... Saw action in every game at WR, though playing time increased substantially by end of year... Started in finale

#### Matthews Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 7, vs. Wake Forest, 11/27/2010  
RECEIVING YARDS: 74, vs. Wake Forest, 11/27/2010

vs. Wake Forest... Concluded year with team's fourth leading receiver (15 catches), good for 184 yards and four TDs, which topped the receiving corps... Registered a TD catch in each of last four games... Named team's Offensive Player of the Week after five-reception effort vs. Tennessee... Concluded year with seven-catch, 74-yard effort vs. Wake Forest.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter at WR, helping team to 3A state playoff quarterfinals in 2009... As senior MVP, had 61 catches for 1,061 yards and 13 TDs as WR and eight INTs and 50 tackles as DB... Named first team 3A All-State WR by sportswriters... As junior, had 68 receptions for 1,357 yards and 14 TDs... Ended prep career with 181 receptions, 3,218 receiving yards and 38 TD catches... Standout in basketball, helping school to state title in 2007 and runnerup finish in 2008-09.

**ACADEMICS** Matthews is working toward a degree in Economics.

**PERSONAL** Jordan Armand Matthews... Son of Roderick and Brenda Matthews... Born July 16, 1992... Dad is contracts division manager; mom is systems engineer... Has an older brother, Justin... Cousin of legendary wide receiver Jerry Rice... Active in several leadership and community service projects... Spent 10 days on mission trip to Africa... Plays the piano.

#### MATTHEWS' CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2010	15	184	12.1	4	35



### 90 WALKER MAY

R-So. ★ Defensive End ★ 6-4 • 238  
Birmingham, Ala. ★ Briarwood Christian

## 2010 ALL-SEC FRESHMAN DEFENSIVE END

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** May is one of the Commodores' top edge rushers. May has worked hard during an aggressive offseason conditioning effort to add strength and bulk to his frame. He will compete with Johnell Thomas and Kyle Woestmann among others for a starting job at defensive end.

**2010** Arguably team's top rusher off the edge, May worked his way into the starting lineup as a first-year contributor, earning SEC All-Freshman honors from league coaches...

Appeared in eight games, earning first career start at DE against Florida... Injury that came in first series versus Gators ended season... Also saw action on special teams... Concluded year with 29 total tackles, including six stops for loss, 1.5 QB sacks and a pair of QB hurries... Matched career high in tackles (6) in win over Eastern Michigan and loss at Arkansas... Also aided EMU victory with first career sack... Had



#### May Career Highs:

TOTAL TACKLES: 6, twice, most recently at Arkansas, 10/30/2010  
TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2, at Arkansas, 10/30/2010

at least three tackles in seven straight games... Named team's Specialist of the Week after Georgia effort.

**2009** May was one of the team's most impressive scout team defensive players during his first year on campus, working primarily at defensive end.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and two-year starting DE for one of state's top 5A programs... Three-year letterwinner... As senior, contributed 93 tackles, 15 QB sacks and 17 tackles for loss for 10-3 Lion squad that advanced to second round of state playoffs... Caught game-winning TD in first round of 2008 playoffs... Named First Team 5A All-State Defense by sportswriters... Also earned Metro Defensive Lineman of the Year... Sprinter in track; ran on 4x400 relay that finished second at state.

**ACADEMICS** May is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Walker Beckham May... Son of George and Maureen May... Born Sept. 4, 1990... Has younger sister, Kristen... Dad works in the medical sales industry... Granddad played basketball and ran track at Villanova... Spent summers as high school student working as lifeguard.



## MAY'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2010	17-12-29	6.0-20	1.5-6	0	0/0	2



**99 THAD MCHANEY**

R-So. ★ Defensive End ★ 6-5 • 256  
Nashville, Tenn. ★ Brentwood Academy

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** McHaney looks to be healthy from troublesome leg injuries in the preseason. McHaney should compete at defensive end role with Johnell Thomas, Walker May and Kyle Woestmann among others.

**2010** McHaney's production as a redshirt freshman was limited by injuries... Saw action in five games, missing multiple encounters at the start and finish of the season... As a reserve DE, was credited with one tackle on the season... That stop vs. Kentucky resulted in tackle for loss.

**2009** McHaney was a hard worker in the weight room during his first year on campus... Showed athleticism at defensive end on scout teams during redshirt campaign... Named team's top defensive scout for practice effort during the week of LSU game.

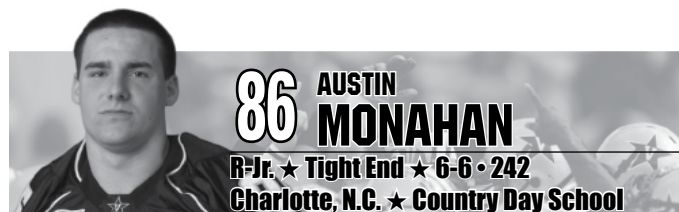
**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-way standout for one of top private schools in state... Started at TE since freshman year; started at DE/TE since junior campaign... As senior, helped Brentwood Academy to Division II semifinals and 8-5 record, contributing 35 tackles and five QB sacks as a defensive lineman and 10 receptions for 105 yards and 1 TD as a tight end... Named All-State by sportswriters... As junior, posted 42 tackles and 12 QB sacks... Started as post in basketball, helping team to state title as sophomore.

**ACADEMICS** McHaney is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Thad Cante McHaney... Born Oct. 15, 1990... Son of Howard McHaney and Chandra McHaney... Has a twin brother, Chad... Also has two older brothers, ReNauld and Johnny... Participated in school's Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and FCA chapter.

## MCHANEY'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2010	0-1-1	0.5-1	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	0



**86 AUSTIN MONAHAN**

R-Jr. ★ Tight End ★ 6-6 • 242  
Charlotte, N.C. ★ Country Day School

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** After missing all of the 2010 season and much of two previous campaigns, Monahan looks to enjoy a full year in 2011. The Commodore offense could use the services of the rangy Monahan who has proven to be a dependable receiving option. He will compete with All-SEC performer Brandon Barden at the tight end position.

**2010** Injuries continued to halt Monahan's career last year... Expected to share tight end duties with Brandon Barden, Monahan missed the entire season after suffering an injury.

**2009** Started season as key contributor at tight end before leg injury ended season prematurely for second consecutive season... Played in seven games, earning starts against Western Carolina, LSU, Ole Miss and



Army... Knee injury suffered against Georgia required season-ending surgery... Set single-season highs with 10 receptions and 92 receiving yards... Posted reception high (3) against Western Carolina and LSU.

**2008** Monahan was a starter and key offensive contributor early in the season until a shoulder injury at Ole Miss ended his season prematurely... Started four games at tight end... Contributed four catches, all for first downs, while in the lineup... Had

two receptions, a single-game high, in win at Ole Miss... Injured shoulder on 10-yard catch that positioned Commodores for game-deciding field goal against Rebels.

**2007** One of three freshmen to see action, Monahan played on special teams and as a reserve tight end... Participated in nine games, missing early season games against Richmond, Alabama and Ole Miss... Minutes increased as season developed... Lone reception of five yards came in Commodores' win at South Carolina... Also played on kickoff return units.

**HIGH SCHOOL/PREP SCHOOL** Two-way starter in 2006 as postgraduate student at Phillips Academy... Started at TE/DE for 7-1 Big Blue that lost in New England Prep School Athletic Conference championship to Salisbury... As TE, hauled in 36 receptions for 536 yards and seven TDs... At Charlotte Country Day, caught 48 passes for 896 yards and 14 TDs as senior, earning invite to play in Shriners Bowl of the Carolinas... Helped Charlotte school to 2004 state title... Also was standout in lacrosse, basketball and track & field at Charlotte Country Day School.

**ACADEMICS** Monahan is majoring in Economics from the College of Arts and Science. He is a three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Austin Beatty Joyce Monahan... Born Feb. 7, 1988 in Evanston, Ill... Son of Stephen and Mary Joyce Monahan... Has two brothers, Steve and Ryan... Dad is an investment banker; mom coaches middle school field hockey... Mentored youngsters through Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization in Charlotte.

## MONAHAN'S CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2010	DNP due to injury				
2009	10	92	9.2	0	14
2008	4	45	11.3	0	18
2007	1	5	5.0	0	5
<b>Career</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>





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## TEAM ROSTER



**97 JARED MORSE**

**So. ★ Defensive Tackle ★ 6-2 • 285**  
**Oxford, Ala. ★ Oxford HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** After playing as a true freshman, Morse will look to secure his key role at defensive tackle during August camp.

Morse's talents are best suited to helping stop the running game. He will compete with senior T.J. Greenstone, junior Colt Nichter and others for a starting job along the defensive front.

**2010** One of 13 true freshmen to see action, Morse played in eight games at tackle... Pressed into action when DT starters Adam Smotherman and T.J. Greenstone were injured... Finished year with seven tackles, including for a loss, and a pass defended... Had two tackles against Florida and Wake Forest.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... In 2009, contributed 88 tackles including 53 unassisted stops and 31 tackles for loss and seven QB sacks, helping team to 8-4 mark and 6A playoffs... Earned second team All-State DL honors... Had three sacks in post-season Ala.-Miss. All-Star Game.

### Morse Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 2, twice, most recently vs. Wake Forest, 11/27/2010

**PERSONAL** Jared Blake Morse... Son of Jonathan and Tammy Morse... Born Jan. 14, 1992 near Birmingham... Dad is truck driver; mom owns Quiznos sandwich outlet... Has an older brother, Austin... Grandfather played basketball at University of Alabama... Enjoys Guitar Hero.

### MORSE'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	FF/FR	PBU
2010	5-2-7	1.0-1	0.0-0	0/0	1



**58 COLT NICTER**

**R-Jr. ★ Defensive Tackle ★ 6-1 • 280**  
**Park City, Utah ★ Park City HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Nichter will look to earn a starting job at defensive tackle, competing with senior T.J. Greenstone and junior Rob Lohr among others. Nichter is one of the team's top run stoppers, and enters camp off a superb effort in the Black and Gold Spring Game.

**2010** Nichter put together his finest season... Played in every game at DT,



and earned five consecutive starts during midseason stretch injuries affected other players... Finished the season with career highs in solo tackles (17), total tackles (32), tackles for loss (5.5) and QB sacks (3)... Ranked second among DTs in most categories... Matched career high in tackles (5) against UConn and Tennessee... Also posted three tackles and sack vs. Northwestern.

### Nichter Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 4, at UCONN, 10/2/2010  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 5, vs. Tennessee, 11/27/2010

**2009** Played sparingly as redshirt freshman, seeing action in two games as defensive tackle... Credited with four total tackles on the season, posting a pair of

stops in victories over Western Carolina and Rice.

**2008** Remained on the two-deep at tackle for much of the season, yet never played, spending the season as a redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain for the Miners... Three-year starter at DT and OL... Helped Park City to 3A playoffs as senior... Posted 82 tackles and six QB sacks as senior... Named First Team All-State OL as senior after earning All-State DL as junior... Contributed 49 tackles as junior, helping team to 10-1 mark.

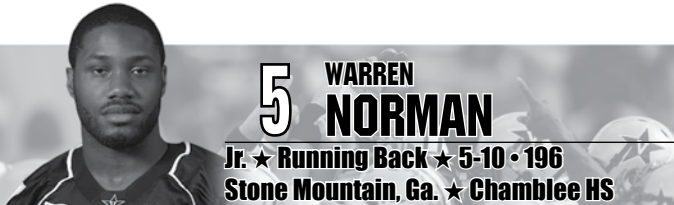
**ACADEMICS** Nichter is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development. He is a 2010 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Colton James Nichter... Son of Mike and Jodi Nichter.. Born on June 25, 1990... Has a younger brother... Dad is a sales manager; mom is a school counselor... Dad played football at Weber State... Moved to Utah from Southern California prior to ninth grade... Enjoys skiing and snowboarding.

### NICTER'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	FF/FR	QH
2010	17-15-32	5.5-24	3.0-20	0/0	3
2009	3-1-4	1.0-2	0.0-0	0/0	0
Career	20-16-36	6.5-26	3.0-20	0/0	3





**5 WARREN NORMAN**

**Jr. ★ Running Back ★ 5-10 • 196**  
**Stone Mountain, Ga. ★ Chamblee HS**

## 2009 SEC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** After missing contact last spring, Norman hopes to enter preseason camp healthy and ready to compete with Zac Stacy and Wesley Tate for the opening starting role at running back. The team's active career leader in rushing and all-purpose yards, Norman is a proven commodity as an effective rusher, receiving target out of the backfield, and game-changing return specialist.

**2010** Commodores' versatile running back/return specialist put together solid campaign between preseason and late-season injuries... Made six starts at RB in eight appearances... Missed last four games after hurting hand late in Arkansas game... Despite injuries, Norman topped the Commodores with 459 rushing yards and shared team lead with four rushing TDs... Also caught 11 passes

### Norman Career Highs:

**RUSHES:** 18, vs. Western Carolina, 9/5/2009  
**RUSH YARDS:** 119, at Rice, 9/26/2009  
**LONGEST RUSH:** 58, at Rice, 9/26/2009  
**RUSHING TDS:** 2, vs. Western Carolina, 9/5/2009  
**RECEPTIONS:** 4, at So. Carolina, 10/24/2009  
**RECEIVING YARDS:** 27, vs. Georgia, 10/17/2009  
**KO RETURN YARDS:** 184, vs. Ga. Tech, 10/31/2009  
**LONGEST KO RETURN:** 99, at So. Carolina, 10/24/2009

for 110 yards and continued outstanding results as kickoff returner, averaging 25.4 yards on 22 returns... Enters junior campaign ranked first on team charts in career KOR average (25.9 ypr) and sixth in career KOR yardage (1,608 yards)... Sparked win at Ole Miss with 111 rushing yards on 15 carries, including an 80-yarder for a TD that is tied for the second longest rush in team history... Also posted two rushing TDs and 75 yards in victory over Eastern Michigan... Posted four rushes of 40 or more yards... Top effort as kickoff returner came at Connecticut – 162 total yards on four returns... That performance included a 72-yard return.

**2009** Produced one of the finest seasons ever by a Commodore all-purpose athlete, becoming the second Vanderbilt player in history to capture SEC Freshman of the Year honors... Consensus pick as SEC's top freshman, earning recognition from coaches, Associated Press writers and Sporting News publication... Named Freshman All-America kickoff returner by numerous outlets, including American Football Coaches Association, Rivals.com, Sporting News and Phil Steele's... Also received team's postseason Offensive Back Award... Also recognized as SEC All-Freshman running back by Sporting News... Played in every game and earned seven starting assignments, the first coming at Army... Broke two SEC records: all-purpose yardage by freshman (1,941 yards; 161.8 ypg) and total kickoff return yardage (1,050 yards)... All-purpose yardage total also broke Corey Harris' former team mark set in 1991... Also became first SEC freshman since Georgia's Herschel Walker to lead league in all-purpose yards... Matched SEC record by returning three kickoffs for touchdowns... Topped Commodores with 783 rushing yards, second highest total ever by Commodore freshman... Ranked 7th among SEC rushers... Kickoff return average (26.2 yards) ranked fourth in SEC and is a new modern-day team mark... Topped Commodores with seven total touchdowns... Also produced 108 yards and a touchdown on 19 receptions... Started season with 105-yard, 2-touchdown effort in win over Western Carolina... In victory over Rice, produced 119 rushing yards and a touchdown... Made 62 rushing yards and 76-yard touchdown return in superb effort against Army that



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included a 80-yard touchdown rush nullified by penalty... 99-yard kickoff return at South Carolina ranks as No. 2 all-time among Commodores... Also had 266 all-purpose yards, including 80-yard kickoff return and a 11-yard touchdown catch, against Georgia Tech... Earned team's Offensive Player of the Week honor after Ole Miss and South Carolina performances, and Specialist of the Week recognition after efforts against Ole Miss, Army and South Carolina.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starting running back for public school power east of Atlanta... As senior, rushed for 1,010 yards and 11 TDs on 131 carries for Bulldogs, and caught 10 passes for 187 yards... Had two INTs in limited defensive duty... Earned First Team All-Region 5-AAA and All-DeKalb County honors as senior... All-State as junior, after rushing for more than 1,500 yards and 28 TDs and leading squad to 12-2 record and state semifinals... Compiled more than 300 all-purpose yards and six TDs in 2007 state playoff game... Started QB as sophomore... Sprinter in track, helping 4x100-meter relay to fifth place finish at state meet as junior.

**ACADEMICS** Norman is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, and is majoring in Sociology.

**PERSONAL** Warren Craig Norman Jr... Born Dec. 30, 1990... Son of Esther and Warren Craig Norman Sr... Has an older sister, Tanya Underwood, and younger brother, Art, who also starts at defensive end for the Chamblee football team... Mom works as an insurance agent; dad is a truck driver... Enjoys video games.

### NORMAN'S CAREER OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

	RUSH-YDS				AVG TD LG				REC-YDS				KOR-YDS			
2010	77	459	6.0	4	80	11	110	0	24	22	558	25.4	0	72		
2009	145	783	5.4	3	58	19	108	1	24	40	1050	26.2	3	99		
Career	222	1242	5.6	7	80	30	218	1	24	62	1608	25.9	3	99		





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## TEAM ROSTER



**37 AL OWENS**

**R-Jr. ★ Linebacker ★ 6-2 • 218**  
**Springtown, Texas ★ Springtown HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Owens made a good impression with new defensive coaches after moving to linebacker from safety during spring drills. He will compete for playing time at outside linebacker and looks to contribute on special team coverage units.

**2010** Owens saw limited action during his third year on campus... Played in one game as safety, but was not credited with a defensive stat.

**2009** Played in every game, contributing on coverage units of special teams and as reserve safety, during redshirt freshman campaign... Credited with three total tackles on season, including a pair of solo stops in season-opening win over Western Carolina... Added first forced fumble of Commodore career during the victory over WCU..

**2008** Owens redshirted during his initial year at Vanderbilt, contributing as a safety on practice scout units.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter in secondary... Also started as TB for 2007 squad that advanced to AAAA playoffs... As senior, contributed 58 tackles, one INT and three forced fumbles... As junior, collected 80 tackles and two INTs... Track sprinter with PR of 22.13 (200).

**ACADEMICS** Owens is majoring Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College. He is a 2010 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Almon Marcus Owens... Son of Mark and Lisa Owens... Born on Oct. 23, 1989... Born and raised in Fort Worth area... Has an older sister, Autumn... Dad is chief hydrogeologist; mom is VP of research for engineering and environmental consulting firm... Enjoys film making.

### OWENS' CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
<b>2010</b>	-	-	-	-	-/-	-
<b>2009</b>	3-0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1/0	0
<b>Career</b>	3-0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1/0	0



**45 MARC PANU**

**R-Jr. ★ Fullback ★ 6-1 • 240**  
**Mableton, Ga. ★ Whitefield Academy**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** With the importance of the fullback role enhanced in Vanderbilt's new offense, Panu enters camp believing he has a potential lead blocking role for the offense. A dependable, high-effort walk-on, Panu moved from linebacker during spring drills.

**2010** Second-year walk-on played in 11 of 12 games, contributing on special teams and as reserve linebacker... Only missed the Connecticut encounter... Earned one tackle as coverage unit member... Also served as valuable member of defensive scout team during fall practices.

**2009** Did not play during season, but was one of team's top defensive scouts, working at linebacker and defensive end... During postseason banquet, received the team's Defensive Scout MVP Award.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Earned four letters in football... Three-year starter and team captain, helping Whitefield to its first regional title.... Received All-State and All-Region honors as senior after posting 118 tackles and 19 QB sacks... Team's Defensive MVP as junior and senior... Also lettered in wrestling and track & field... Excellent academic student, National Honor Society member.

**ACADEMICS** Panu is working toward a degree in Chemical Engineering. He

is a 2009 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Marc-Daniel Mukendi Panu... Son of Al and Judith Panu... Born Nov. 11, 1990... Dad serves as dean of math and science at Gainesville (Ga.) State College... Dad is native of Congo, mom is from Trinidad and Tobago... Has a older brother, Sylvain, and younger sister, Anna... Enjoys cooking and playing the piano.



**20 MICAH POWELL**

**R-Jr. ★ Running Back ★ 6-0 • 205**  
**Tarpon Springs, Fla. ★ East Lake HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Given plenty of snaps during spring drills, Powell enters August in contention for a possible role at running back. Powell impressed the new offensive coaches with his effort and tough-rushing style. He also contributes on special team coverage units.

**2010** A former safety and linebacker, Powell moved to running back during the preseason after injuries depleted the Commodores' rushing corps... Did not have a rushing attempt during the season, but did play in six games on kickoff coverage units, earning two tackles.

**2009** Played in 11 games as redshirt freshman, contributing on coverage units and as reserve safety... Finished the season with 12 total tackles, including eight unassisted stops... Posted career high of three tackles against both Georgia Tech and Florida... Also credited with a pair of solo tackles in victory over Rice.

**2008** Powell did not see game action, using his first year on campus to redshirt. He served as a safety on defensive practice squads.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter for school northwest of Tampa... Starting TB for three years; on defense, played DB, safety and LB... Named team's Offensive MVP as senior, helping East Lake to first round of 5A playoffs... Rushed for 723 yards as senior while contributing 72 tackles and three INTs on defense... First team All-Pinellas County... Had eight tackles in postseason Pinellas County All-Star Classic... Also played guard in basketball and ran hurdles in track.

**ACADEMICS** Powell is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Micah Adam Powell... Son of Chris and Claudette Powell... Born on Sept. 17, 1989... Has an older brother and sister... Dad works in construction; mom is a nurse... Plays the clarinet and flute.



ESPN College GameDay hosts Lee Corso (left) and Kirk Herbstreit treat 'Dore fans to the "VU" hand gesture frequently displayed by fans.





## POWELL'S CAREER STATISTICS (as defensive player)

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	2-0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0
2009	8-4-12	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0
Career	10-4-14	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0



**9 TRENT PRUITT**

**R-Fr. ★ Wide Receiver ★ 5-9 • 180**  
**Fitzgerald, Ga. ★ Fitzgerald HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** The son of a prep coach, Pruitt possesses solid hands and excellent route-running skills. Pruitt will look to impress coaches during preseason camp as an open competition looms within the Commodores' youthful wide receiving corps.

**2010** One of four true freshman receivers on the roster, Pruitt did not play during his first year on campus... As a redshirt, he served as valuable offensive scout wideout during fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Team captain as senior, helping Purple Hurricanes to 13-1 mark in 2009 and consecutive berths in AA state semifinals.. Four-year varsity starter for south-central Georgia power... Started at WR as freshman, moving to halfback-slotback as sophomore... Named first team All-State, All-Middle Georgia by *Macon Chronicle*, South Georgia Offensive Player of the Year as senior... As halfback, rushed for 921 yards and 17 TDs as halfback... Also caught 49 passes for 835 yards and eight TDs in 2009... Shortstop in baseball... School's Wendy's High School Heisman winner.

**ACADEMICS** Pruitt is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Joseph Trenton Pruitt... Son of Robby and Jill Pruitt... Born March 6, 1991... Dad is head football coach at Fitzgerald HS; mom serves as guidance counselor at school... Has two older brothers, Tyler and Tucker... Both brothers played collegiately at Valdosta State... Avid ping pong player.



**21 SEAN RICHARDSON**

**Sr. ★ Safety ★ 6-2 • 220**  
**Linden, Ala. ★ Linden HS**

## ALL-SEC SAFETY CANDIDATE

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** One of the team's top performers and leaders, Richardson looks to close his Commodore career in outstanding fashion. The SEC's top active career tackler among defensive backs, the imposing Richardson possesses the physicality to help defense against the run game and the athleticism to protect the deep middle against opponent passes. The All-SEC candidate has improved every year he has been on campus.

**2010** Ran consecutive start streak to 18 games as third-year contributor in defensive secondary... Key leader in Commodore defensive backfield... Regarded as one of top safeties in Southeastern Conference, Richardson started every game at free safety... Set single-season career highs in virtually every statistical category as junior, including solo tackles (67), total tackles (98), tackles for loss (7), QB hurries (3) and passes defended (7)... Finished the season as the Commodores' leader in all tackle categories, and ranked fourth in the SEC in solo tackles (5.2 per game)... Posted four or more tackles in every game, topped by 11-tackle efforts vs. Ole Miss and South Carolina... Earned team's Defensive Player of the Week honors after nine-tackle effort against Tennessee... Opened the season in superb fashion, netting 2.5 tackles for loss and eight total stops against Northwestern, then registering double-digit tackle totals in consecutive games against LSU, Ole Miss and Connecticut... Lone QB sack came in double-digit tackle effort against South Carolina... Contributed three passes defended and two QB hurries against Arkansas and Eastern Michigan, respectively... Enters final season trailing only senior LB Chris Marve on team and SEC active career lists in total tackles (193).

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**75 GRANT RAMSAY**

**R-Fr. ★ Offensive Line ★ 6-5 • 282**  
**Marietta, Ga. ★ Pope HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** After missing his first year on campus to injury, Ramsay came back during spring drills to see action at offensive guard. Ramsay's continued development and work in the weightroom could add greatly to the Commodores' offensive line depth.

**2010** Ramsay did not play during his first year on campus, and missed much of the fall practice after suffering leg injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year team captain for north Atlanta AAAAA school... Three-year offensive line starter for Greyhounds... Started as punishing guard in run-oriented offense as junior and senior... Helped 2009 squad to 6-4 record, school's first winning season in nearly a decade... Named honorable mention AAAAA All-State OL, first team All-Cobb County and Cobb Touchdown Club... Played in Georgia North-South All-Star Classic, held in late December.

**ACADEMICS** Ramsay is majoring in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Grant Alan Ramsay... Son of Patrick and Leila Ramsay... Born Aug. 20, 1991 in Illinois... Middle of three siblings: sister, Elizabeth, and brother, Patrick... Dad is president/CEO of 4Sight Marketing... Enjoys playing basketball.





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**2009** Physical team leader earned squad's prestigious Hustle Award at postseason banquet... Started 10 starting assignments at safety... Played in every game despite undergoing hand surgery after Mississippi State game... Saw limited action against Rice and Ole Miss... Ranked second on team with 43 solo tackles and had 84 total tackles, third among defenders... Also posted 4.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble... Richardson's 7.0-tackle average ranked among SEC DB leaders... Contributed double-digit tackles in four games... Career highs in solo tackles (7) and total tackles (12) came at South Carolina... Had 10 tackles against early-season SEC foes LSU and Mississippi State... Forced fumble came in Mississippi State contest... Added 11 total tackles against Kentucky, earning team's Defensive Player of the Week honors for effort.



### Richardson Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 10, vs. LSU, 9/11/2010  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 12, at So. Carolina, 10/24/2009  
**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 2.5, vs. Northwestern, 9/4/2010  
**DEFENSED PASSES:** 3, at Arkansas, 10/30/2010

**2008** Richardson was one of three true freshmen to see action this season, and served as the second team strong safety behind Reshard Langford... Contributed one of the biggest plays of

season, recovering Brett Upson punt that touched Boston College player in Commodore endzone for only Vanderbilt touchdown in Gaylord Music City Bowl victory... Played in every game, contributing 11 total tackles to Commodore defensive effort... Named squad's top special team player after Florida and Kentucky games.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Team went 10-3, advancing to third round of playoffs for second time in history... Named first team All-State by sportswriters as senior... Two-way starter since sophomore year... As senior safety, contributed 101 tackles and three INTs... Top rebounder as forward on on hoops squad... Also lettered as sprinter/jumper in track... Recipient of school's leadership award.

**ACADEMICS** Richardson is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Seandre Antonio Richardson... Son of Darnell and Sandra Richardson... Born on Jan. 21, 1990... Dad is a teacher and coach; mom is a nurse... Has two siblings: brother, Darnell Jr., and sister, Shonedra.

### RICHARDSON'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
<b>2010</b>	<b>67-31-98</b>	<b>7.0-19</b>	<b>1.0-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>43-41-84</b>	<b>4.5-15</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>3-8-11</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>113-80-193</b>	<b>11.5-34</b>	<b>1.0-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>7</b>



### 11 JORDAN RODGERS

**R-Jr. ★ Quarterback ★ 6-2 • 205**  
**Chico, Calif. ★ Butte JC/Pleasant Valley HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Rodgers enters camp with plenty to prove. Possessing excellent knowledge of the new scheme, the junior college transfer will compete with two-year starter Larry Smith for the team's signal-calling duties. Rodgers has also worked hard since spring drills to enter camp fully healthy for the first time since arriving on campus.

**2010** Rodgers spent his first year on campus without seeing action at quarterback... Though he did not play, Rodgers traveled with the Commodore squad.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE/HIGH SCHOOL** Played QB for two years at Butte JC... Instrumental in helping Butte claim 2008 outright junior college national title, starting against five NorCal Conference opponents in Butte's 12-0 campaign, first undefeated season in school history... Threw for 810 yards and 10 TDs in 2008... As sophomore, broke Butte record with 2,512 yards of total offense, earning All-NorCal honors after throwing for 2,219 yards and 19 TDs... Earned academic honors at Butte... Started at QB as Pleasant Valley, helping team to 8-3-1 record and state sectionals as junior... Also lettered in basketball and track.

**ACADEMICS** Rodgers enrolled at Vanderbilt in January 2010, and is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development. He is a 2010 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Jordan Edward Rodgers... Son of Ed and Darla Rodgers... Born Aug. 30, 1988... Youngest of three brothers: Luke and Aaron, who earned Super Bowl MVP honors last February leading Green Bay Packers to world championship... Dad is a chiropractor in Chico... Enjoys golf.



### 96 THOMAS RYAN

**R-Fr. ★ Defensive End ★ 6-3 • 230**  
**Marathon, Fla. ★ Marathon HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** After working hard to add bulk and increase speed as a redshirt, Ryan needs a strong August camp to put himself in the mix for playing time among a young corps of defensive ends.

**2010** Ryan did not play during first fall on campus, spending campaign building strength and contributing as defensive end on scout squads.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Started as end, tackle and linebacker on Marathon defense; also started at tackle on offense as junior and senior... Two-time Class A All-State as a defensive end and All-Region recipient... Twice named team's Defensive Player of the Year... As senior DE, produced 102 tackles, 10 QB sacks and a pair of forced fumbles... As junior, had 82 tackles and 12 sacks... Played in the "Team USA vs. The World" High School All-American Game.

**ACADEMICS** Ryan is majoring in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Thomas John Ryan... Son of Regina and Douglas Morgan... Born Jan. 23, 1992 in Bay Shore, N.Y... One of five children: brothers, John Ryan



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and Patrick Ryan; sisters, Alyssa Morgan and Krista Morgan... Dad is dive boat captain in Marathon, small community located between Key West and Key Largo; mom is high school office manager... Dad also wrestled at SUNY-Farmingdale... Avid scuba and free diver... Plays trumpet and french horn... Once operated his own live bait and fishing supply business.



**82 JAMESON SACKEY**

**R-Jr. ★ Wide Receiver ★ 6-1 • 208  
Mableton, Ga. ★ Lovett School**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** After showing improvement as a route runner during spring drills, Sackey needs to build on that foundation as he competes for playing time in receiving corps that needs big-play contributors to step forward.

**2010** Walk-on did not see action in third year with program, contributing instead as an offensive scout wide receiver during fall practices.

**2009** Sophomore saw limited action in opener against Western Carolina... Did not have a catch... Effective practice player for Commodores, earning team's Offensive Scout of the Week after Rice and Georgia Tech games.

**2008** Did not see action, serving as scout receiver during first year.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Played two years on varsity, seeing action as WR and safety... Missed senior season due to knee injury, serving as student coach... As a junior, started at safety... Two-year starter in basketball; standout triple jumper in track.

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

**PERSONAL** Jameson Earl Sackey... Son of Kingsley and Kim Sackey... Middle of three brothers... Born on June 20, 1990... Moved to Atlanta at young age... During summers, worked as camp counselor at Lovett.



**22 ERIC SAMUELS**

**Jr. ★ Safety ★ 6-0 • 195  
Eustis, Fla. ★ Umatilla HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** One of the Commodores' top athletes, Samuels has the ability to contribute effectively as a defensive back, offensive weapon or return specialist. After playing two positions, it looks as if Samuels will focus as safety under the new coaching staff. He will compete with sophomores Kenny Ladler, Karl Butler and Andre Simmons among others at strong safety.

**2010** Arguably team's most versatile player as sophomore, seeing action as defensive back, running back and kickoff return specialist... Played in

all 12 games, though did not earn starting assignment... Opened season in defensive backfield, then added running back duties after injuries depleted rushing corps... Knack for being around ball as cornerback

## Samuels Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES: 3, at Arkansas, 10/30/2010**  
**TOTAL TACKLES: 6, at Arkansas, 10/30/2010**  
**RUSHES: 5, vs. Wake Forest, 11/27/2010**  
**RUSH YARDS: 27, vs. Wake Forest, 11/27/2010**

showed with 27 total tackles, including 15 solo stops... Also contributed pair of fumble recoveries, a forced fumble and three passes defended... As kickoff returner, averaged 20.3 yards... Earned team's Specialist of the Week honor after performances against Arkansas and Tennessee... Had six tackles (a career high) at Arkansas... As RB, rushed for 43 yards on 10 carries... Rushed for 27 yards in finale vs. Wake Forest.

**2009** One of seven true freshmen to see action, Samuels played in four



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games, contributing as reserve DB and on coverage units... Missed LSU and MSU games after suffering an injury during 19-yard INT return against Western Carolina... Sat out the final six games of season... Notched four total tackles, including three solo stops... In addition to pick against WCU, Samuels also added a fumble recovery... Shared team's top specialist honor after opener vs. WCU.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter at RB and DB... Team's leading rusher, receiver and scorer as senior... Contributed 43 total tackles and three INTs in 2008... Two-time team offensive MVP... Posted INT in Central Florida All-Star Game... Two-year starter in basketball... District 200-meter champion as junior; PRs of 10.8 (100) and 22.1 (200).

**ACADEMICS** Samuels is majoring in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Eric Damon Samuels Jr... Son of Eric Samuels and Tina Quashie... Has two brothers and a younger sister... Born May 9, 1991... Elected as school's homecoming king... Received school's highest student-athlete award.

## SAMUELS' CAREER STATISTICS

	RUSH-YDS.	AVG.	LG	TACKLES	INT	FF/FC	PBU
<b>2010</b>	<b>10-43</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15-12-27</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2009</b>	-	-	-	3-1-4	1-19	0/1	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>10-43</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18-13-31</b>	<b>1-19</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>3</b>

## FRANKLIN: TRYOUTS FOR STUDENTS

*Just weeks after accepting the Vanderbilt job, Coach Franklin visited dorms and fraternity houses promoting tryouts for students interested in being members of the football team. On Feb. 15, seven students participated in the tryouts. Six prospects made the cut and participated in spring practice: quarterback John Townsley, defensive backs Nick Aguirre, Jarron Lewis and Jarrett Wadler, and receivers Daniel Hagaman and Jeff Gendelman.*







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**62 RYAN SEYMOUR**  
**R-Jr. ★ Offensive Tackle ★ 6-5 • 300**  
**Kingsland, Ga. ★ Camden Co. HS**

## ALL-SEC OFFENSIVE LINE CANDIDATE

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Seymour has All-Southeastern Conference talents and enters his fourth season as a Commodore off a superb Spring Practice and offseason conditioning effort. The tackle has all the skills needed to become an elite lineman as a third-year starter: excellent size, abundant strength and quality agility.

**2010** As talented as any 'Dore offensive linemen, Seymour increasingly exhibited that ability during his second year in a Commodore uniform... After just one start the previous year, Seymour never lost his starting assignment at right tackle after claiming the role after the team's second game... Earned 10 consecutive starts... Athletically gifted for his size yet lacking extended game experience, Seymour matured during the course of the season.

**2009** Named All-SEC Freshman by league coaches... Redshirt freshman played in eight games as first-year offensive lineman... Minutes expanded at left tackle as injuries impacted the offensive front... After playing sparingly in wins over Western Carolina and Rice, Seymour was inserted into the starting lineup against Georgia when tackle Thomas Welch sustained an injury... Through final six games, played nearly half of the team's offensive snaps... In first collegiate start at No. 1 Florida, played key role as line permitted no quarterback sacks by the talented Gator defensive front.

**2008** Seymour redshirted as a freshman. He practiced during the fall at DT, then moved to the offensive line during the spring.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter for one of south Georgia's top programs... As starter at DE and OG, helped 2007 Wildcats to 12-2 record and AAAAA semifinals... As DE, contributed 50 tackles and pair of sacks... Named AAAAA First Team All-State and to *Times-Union's* Georgia "Super South 11" squad... Invited to play in Georgia High School All-Star Game... Two-time all-region.

**ACADEMICS** Seymour is majoring in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Ryan Radeck Seymour... Son of Mark and Christine Seymour... Born on Feb. 7, 1990... Has an older sister, Laurel Ann... Dad is a program manager; mom is a banker... Seymour worked at local golf course in high school, and played on the Camden County varsity golf team.

**25 ANDRE SIMMONS**  
**So. ★ Safety ★ 6-0 • 195**  
**Lorton, Va. ★ South County HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A valuable freshman reserve at safety, Simmons enters camp looking to secure the top role behind two-year safety starter and All-SEC candidate Sean Richardson. The physical Simmons also should contribute on Commodore coverage units.

**2010** One of five true freshmen to see action in the Commodore secondary, Simmons became known as a punishing tackler during practices and limited participation on Saturdays... Played in 10 of 12 games, missing road losses at Connecticut and Arkansas... Saw action as special teams contributor and reserve safety... Finished first campaign with four solo tackles.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and team MVP... Two-year starter at safety... Helped 2009 squad to 7-5 record and second round of 6-AAA state playoffs... As senior, named All-State after posting 75 tackles and three INTs... Added 285 rushing yards and three TDs as H-back... Named to *Washington Post's* All-Metro team as kick returner after two early-season TDs... Also sprinter in track... Member of National Honor Society.

**ACADEMICS** Simmons is majoring in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** André Leigh Simmons... Son of Warren and Gwendolyn Simmons... Born Feb. 21, 1992 in Offenbach, Germany... Youngest of three brothers... Dad is an independent contractor; mom is a child development specialist... Dad played football at La.-Monroe... Eventually hopes to coach at collegiate level.

### SIMMONS' CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	4-0-4	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	0

**10 LARRY SMITH**  
**R-Sr. ★ Quarterback ★ 6-2 • 220**  
**Prattville, Ala. ★ Prattville HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Smith put together the best spring practice of his Commodore career, setting up an interesting on-field competition during preseason camp with junior Jordan Rodgers, for the starting quarterback job. Smith did what position coach Ricky Rahne wanted most: improve his foot work and accuracy as a passer, grasp the new offense, and become a stronger leader for the unit. By the Black and Gold Spring Game, Smith's confidence was at a career high.

**2010** Started for second consecutive season, with total career starts reaching 21 games... Brings athleticism and toughness to the position... Started first 11 games, missing the finale to injury... Finished year with single-season career highs with 117 completions, 1,262 passing yards, six TD passes, 248 rushing yards and four rushing TDs... Threw just five interceptions... Was 19 of 33 for 240 yards and a score in opener vs. Northwestern, then completed 16 of 27 for 253 yards and two TDs in midseason win over Eastern Michigan... Combined for 221 yards and three scores at Connecticut,





and posted 35 rushing yards and a TD to aid victory at Ole Miss.

**2009** Given starting nod at conclusion of preseason camp, Smith started nine consecutive games until suffering a season-ending hamstring injury early in the Georgia Tech game... Struggled for much of first season as starter for offense that lacked experience at wide receiving positions, but was showing solid improvement at time of injury... Finished year with 106 completions in 227 attempts (46.7 percent) for 1,126 yards, four touch-

downs and seven interceptions...

Pass yardage total ranks No. 7 all-time among Commodore sophomore quarterbacks... Also rushed for 213 yards and two touchdowns in 85 attempts... Was injured running

## Smith Career Highs:

PASS ATTEMPTS: 41, at Rice, 9/26/2009

COMPLETIONS: 23, at Rice, 9/26/2009

PASSING YARDS: 268, at Rice, 9/26/2009

LONGEST PASS: 65, vs. Eastern Michigan, 10/3/2010

RUSH ATTEMPTS: 15, twice, most recently vs.

South Carolina, 10/23/2010

RUSHING YARDS: 66, vs. Western Carolina, 9/5/2009

LONGEST RUSH: 57, at Connecticut, 10/2/2010

out-of-bounds on 35-yard rush, longest of the season... Completed 10 of 18 passes for 153 yards and a score in win over Western Carolina... Shared team's Offensive Player of the Week honors with receiver John Cole in win over Rice by setting career highs in completions (23) and passing yards (268)... In last complete outing, was 16 of 33 for 132 yards while rushing for 45 yards at South Carolina... Completed both pass attempts, one for a touchdown, in early stages of Georgia Tech game.

**2008** Saw action in just two games – season finale at Wake Forest and Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl – but made the most of his opportunities... First career start came in team's first postseason win in 53 years... Completed 10 of 17 passes for 121 yards against Boston College... Also had 10 rushing attempts for 25 yards against Eagles... Shared QB duties in bowl with senior Chris Nickson... Displayed talent and composure when inserted during the second half of Wake Forest game after injuries to Nickson and Mackenzi Adams, hitting on 9-17 for 46 yards... Directed the Commodores' only touchdown drive against the Deacs, connecting with Brandon Barden on 5-yard TD... Also rushed seven times for 23 yards.

**2007** Did not see game action as a freshman... Impressed coaches as

practice squad QB during fall... Named team's Offensive Scout of the Week after Miami (Ohio) win.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for Alabama state champion... Three-year starter as dual-threat QB... Directed first undefeated season in Prattville history, concluding 15-0 campaign with MVP performance in win over Hoover for 6A title... Named state's all-classification Mr. Football as senior... Picked as All-America QB by Prep Nation, MaxPreps and EA Sports... Two-time All-State... Helped Prattville to 39-2 record from 2004-06, setting school marks with 6,011 passing yards and 54 TDs... Smith never lost regular season game as starter... In 2006, threw for 2,465 yards, 21 TDs and two INTs, earning 6A Back of the Year honors.

**ACADEMICS** Smith is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Larry Darnell Smith, Jr... Son of Larry and Pamela Smith... Born Feb. 22, 1989 in Riverside, Calif... An only child... Hopes for a career in sports medicine... Dad is ROTC and aerospace science instructor; mom is computer technician... Has spent recent summers mentoring inner-city youth in east Nashville.

## LARRY SMITH'S OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

	ATT/COMP-INT	YDS.	PCT.	TD	LG	RUSH-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2010	247-117-5	1262	47.4	6	65	105-248	2.4	4	57
2009	227-106-7	1126	46.7	4	54	85-213	2.5	2	35
2008	34-19-1	167	55.9	1	51	17-40	2.4	0	8
Career	508-242-13	2555	47.6	11	65	207-501	2.4	6	57



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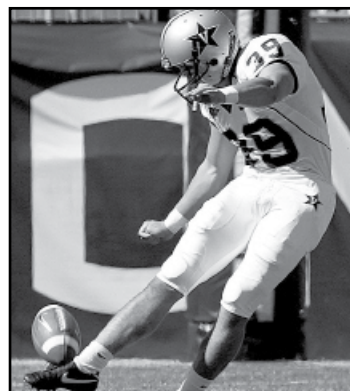
So. ★ Kicker ★ 5-10 • 190

Mayfield Village, Ohio ★ Mayfield HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** The team's kickoff specialist as a freshman, Spear is expected to compete with junior Ryan Fowler for the placekicking role in during camp. The sophomore possesses a strong leg and showed improved accuracy last spring.

**2010** One of 13 true freshmen to see action, Spear served as the team's primary kickoff specialist... Nearly 40 percent of Spear's kicks were not returned... Spear's ability to kick high and deep limited opposing returners to a 20.7-yard average.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter as kicker, also started at punter as senior... Ranked among nation's leading kickers by several services... As senior, helped Wildcats to 10-2 record and regional semifinals in Ohio



Division I classification... As senior, hit 13 of 21 FGs, including state-record tying 61-yarder, as senior; 45 of 66 kickoffs resulted in touchbacks... Made seven FGs of 45 yards or longer in 2009... As junior, hit 14 of 20 FGs, with long of 51 yards... Two-time first team All-State; MaxPreps second team All-American as senior... Four-year soccer letter winner, earning second team All-State honors as senior.

**ACADEMICS** Spear is working toward a degree in Engineering.

**PERSONAL** Carey Thomas Spear... Son of Tom and Theresa Spear... Born Jan. 5, 1992... Has two brothers, Charley and Colin... Dad is business manager; mom is electrical engineer... Accomplished pianist.





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**2 ZAC STACY**  
Jr. ★ Running Back ★ 5-9 • 208  
Centreville, Ala. ★ Bibb County HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Closing in on 1,000 career rushing yards, Stacy should hold an important role in the Commodores' rushing game that is expected to also feature 2010 leading rusher Warren Norman and emerging sophomore Wesley Tate. Stacy is an excellent inside-the-tackles rusher, blending quick burst and physicality to the rush attack.

**2010** Stacy continued as a productive offensive force for the Commodores until his season ended prematurely... Earned starts vs. SEC foes LSU, Georgia and Florida while playing in team's first nine games... Also participated as punt returner... Finished year as team's second leading rusher (331 yards)... Also had nine receptions for 32 yards... Earned team's Offensive Player of the Week honor in opener after rushing for 69 yards, including a 33-yard TD in the fourth quarter... Named Offensive Player of the Week for second time after rushing for 90 yards in win over Eastern Michigan... Contributed to win at Ole Miss with 46 rushing yards, including

### Stacy Career Highs:

**RUSHES:** 20, twice, most recently at LSU, 9/12/2009

**RUSH YARDS:** 133, vs. Western Carolina, 9/5/2009

**LONGEST RUSH:** 67, vs. Eastern Mich., 10/9/2010

outings with lingering ankle injury that also limited production against Mississippi State and Rice... Finished season as team's second leading rusher behind Norman with 478 yards and three touchdowns on 107 carries... Also caught seven passes for 72 yards as target out of the backfield... Started season with 133 rushing yards and touchdown in win over Western Carolina... That rushing total was most by Commodore during campaign...

Rushed for 83 yards and pair of touchdowns against Georgia Tech... One score against Tech went for 62 yards, the longest rush by Commodore on the season... Also had 47-yard reception against Tech... Finished year returning punts at Tennessee, gaining 38 yards on three returns.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... First started at RB as freshman... As senior, rushed for 2,413 yards and scored 35 TDs, helping Bibb County to 10-2 mark and 4A playoffs... 4A Mr. Football finalist... Earned first team 4A All-State...

As junior, rushed for 1,666 yards and 24 TDs. Two-time West Alabama Player of the Year... Ended career with 5,863 rushing yards and 76 total TDs.

**ACADEMICS** Stacy is majoring in Special Education from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Zachary Latrell Stacy... "Z-man"... Son of Barbara Stacy... Born April 9, 1991... Has one brother, Justin... Mom works for a medicare administration contractor... Eventually hopes to become a successful entrepreneur.

### STACY'S CAREER OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

	RUSH-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC-YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2010	66-331	5.0	3	67	9-32	3.6	0	9
2009	107-478	4.5	3	62	7-72	10.3	0	47
Career	173-809	4.7	6	67	16-104	6.5	0	47



**60 LOGAN STEWART**

So. ★ Center/Guard ★ 6-4 • 285  
Boiling Springs S.C. ★ Boiling Springs HS

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Inserted into the starting lineup midway through his first year on campus, Stewart enters camp as the only Commodore with collegiate experience at center. Stewart also worked to improve strength and techniques during solid offseason conditioning effort. Stewart could



get preseason competition from sophomore tackle Wesley Johnson, who saw action at center in spring drills, and at least one incoming freshman.

**2010** One of 13 true freshmen to see action for the Commodores, Stewart experienced the most action by a first-year player on the offensive line... Became reliable contributor on

OL known as tenacious blocker with excellent work habits... Inserted at center following a midseason injury to offensive co-captain Joey Bailey, Stewart never relinquished the assignment... Saw action at center in last eight games of season, earning six consecutive starts to conclude the year... First career start came against eventual SEC East champion South Carolina... With Stewart at center, the unit showed steady improvement during the second half of season.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter... Started at left tackle for 2009 Bulldog squad that went 8-3 and played in powerful Region 2-4A conference...



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Produced 49 pancake blocks as senior... Earned All-State and All-Region honors as senior... Played in Shriners Bowl of the Carolinas postseason game... Lettered as wrestler and thrower in track.

**ACADEMICS** Stewart is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

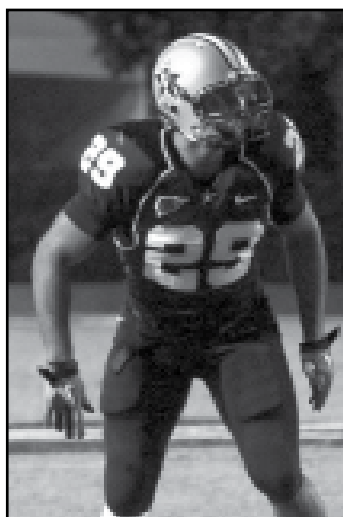
**PERSONAL** Logan Mitchell Stewart... "Big Red"... Son of Mitch and Pam Stewart... Born on Jan. 17, 1992... Younger brother, Trevor, who also plays OL at Boiling Springs... Dad is executive at Upstate Carolina Medical Center... Active in FCA and school's broadcasting club... Avid fisherman... Eventually wants to become a coach.



**29 TRISTAN STRONG**

**R-Jr. ★ Linebacker ★ 6-1 • 228**  
**Loganville, Ga. ★ Grayson HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Strong enters the August camp and a possible starting job fully healthy for the first time in a year. A gifted athlete who played a reserve role for two years, Strong is expected to compete with sophomore Chase Garnham and others for a starting job at outside LB.



**2010** Returned to competition after months of rehabilitation to repair knee injured late in the 2009 season... Played in all 12 games, contributing on special teams and as reserve outside linebacker... Registered three total tackles, including one that resulted in loss... Posted pair of tackles in loss at Arkansas.

**2009** A redshirt freshman, Strong suffered a season-ending leg injury on special teams effort at Army just as playing time was starting to increase... Saw action in first six games of season, contributing at linebacker and on coverage units... Ended season with three tackles.

**2008** A redshirt linebacker candidate this season as a true

freshman, Strong showed plenty of potential during fall practices, then followed that effort with more promise through spring drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain, helping squad to 10-3 record and appearance in AAAAA state quarterfinals... Two-year starter at linebacker; three-year letterwinner... As senior, posted 46 total tackles, 31 solo stops, three QB sacks and a pair of interceptions... Recovered fumble for TD... In 2006, squad went 6-6, advancing to first round of playoffs... Named first team 5A All-State and All-Gwinnett County... Played in Georgia North-South All-Star Game... Also lettered in basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Strong is majoring in Human and Organizational Development. He is a 2009 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Tristan Julio Strong... Son of Julio and Jody Strong... Born on Nov. 10, 1989... Dad is an electrician; mom is a florist... Two uncles, Tami Tarbush and Ricky Payne, played football at University of South Carolina; another uncle, Rod Cole, played basketball at University of Georgia.

## STRONG'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	2-1-3	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0/0	0
2009	0-3-3	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0/0	0
Career	2-4-6	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0/0	0



**24 WESLEY TATE**

**R-So. ★ Running Back ★ 6-1 • 225**  
**Hendersonville, Tenn. ★ Pope John Paul II**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Coming off a solid performance in spring practice and strong offseason effort, Tate looks to make his biggest impact as a Commodore this season. Tate's blend of size and speeds brings a different dimension to the Commodore running game. He will compete with juniors Warren Norman and Zac Stacy for significant minutes.

**2010** Physical running back showed potential as depth at running backs diminished during season because of injuries... As redshirt freshman, played in 11 of 12 games at RB... Concluded season with 140 rushing yards on 40 carries and 25 receiving yards... Had 30 rushing yards on 10 carries, several resulting in Commodore first downs, to aid victory at Ole Miss... Established career highs in rushing yards (41) and longest rush (22) against Florida... Also had 38 yards... Caught three passes, one good for 12 yards, against Tennessee.

**2009** Tailback spent first year on campus as a redshirt... Travelled with team on road trips, but did not see game action... In preseason drills, formed formidable first-

## Tate Career Highs:

**RUSH ATTEMPTS: 10, at Ole Miss, 9/18/2010**  
**RUSH YARDS: 41, vs. Florida, 11/6/2010**

year tailback trio with co-freshmen Norman and Stacy... Impressed coaches and teammates with athleticism on the practice field... Named team's Offensive Scout of

the Week after Florida game.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter at running back for private school just north of Nashville... As senior, rushed for 1,301 yards on 225 carries and scored 18 TDs... Nominated for state's Mr. Football postseason award... Named Division II All-State by sportswriters... Averaged 6.1 yards while producing 3,045 career rushing yards and 42 TDs... Three-time All-County selection, Area 2008 Male Athlete of the Year... State 100-meter champion in track, with PR of 10.8; two-time state runner-up in 200 meters.

**ACADEMICS** Tate is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Wesley Trumaine Tate... Son of Yolanda Tate and Golden H. Tate II... Born Dec. 3, 1990... Has an older brother, Golden III, and twin younger sisters, Beanna and Deanna... Brother was an All-America wide receiver at Notre Dame and is currently playing for the Seattle Seahawks... Dad played football at Tennessee State... Plays piano.

## TATE'S CAREER OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

	RUSH-YDS	AVG TD	LG	REC-YDS.	AVG. TD	LG
2010	40-140	3.5	0 22	5-25	5.0	0 12

TEAM ROSTER







# THE PLAYERS

## TEAM ROSTER



**53 VINCE TAYLOR**

**R-Fr. ★ Defensive Tackle ★ 6-1 • 285**  
**Hattiesburg, Miss. ★ Oak Grove HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** The redshirt freshman has exhibited the skill and potential to become a valuable contributor in the interior defense. Blessed with strength and quickness, Taylor has as much to gain from a productive camp as any defensive lineman. He is expected to compete with tackles Colt Nichter and Jared Morse among others for an open slot.

**2010** Taylor did not play during his first year on campus... Coaches made decision to keep talented defensive tackle out for season after he suffered injury in preseason camp that lingered into early games of schedule.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter at DT... As senior, helped Warriors to 5A state finals, contributing 97 solo tackles, 117 total tackles, 16 tackles for loss, seven QB sacks and a pair of fumble recoveries, returning one for a TD... Named first team All-State DT for all classifications by *Jackson Clarion-Ledger*... Impressed as DT in the Alabama-Mississippi Prep All-Star Game... Helped 2008 team to 12-2 mark and state semifinal berth, contributing eight sacks... Lettered as thrower in track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Taylor is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Special Education.

**PERSONAL** Vincent Eugene Taylor... "VT"... Son of Lisa Taylor... Born May 14, 1992 in Michigan... Mom is self-employed... Resides in Sumrall community west of Hattiesburg.



**98 JOHNELL THOMAS**

**R-Jr. ★ Defensive End ★ 6-0 • 245**  
**Orlando, Fla. ★ Boone HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** The under-sized, yet powerful Thomas gathers his effectiveness at defensive end from effort, enthusiasm and leverage. The fourth-year junior is expected to compete with Walker May and Kyle Woestmann among others for a starting job across from Tim Fugger.

**2010** Thomas put together his most productive season for the Commodore defense... Played in every game at defensive end, earning first and only career starting assignment against Florida... Ended year with career highs in virtually every statistical category, including



### Thomas Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 2, three times, most recently vs. Eastern Michigan, 10/9/2010  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 4, at Kentucky, 11/13/2010

solo tackles (12), total tackles (22), tackles for loss (4) and QB sacks (1.5)... Posted at least one tackle in every game... Registered four tackles, a career high, at Kentucky... Effort against

LSU in early-season conference game earned team's Defensive Player of the Week honor... Had a sack and two tackles to aid victory over Eastern Michigan.

**2009** Played in six games as redshirt freshman... Contributed as reserve defensive end and on special teams... Concluded season with six total tackles, including four solo stops... Set career highs in solo tackles (3) and total tackles (4) at Army.

**2008** Thomas worked hard on defensive practice teams as a true freshman redshirt... Earned the unit's Defensive Scout of the Week honor after South Carolina and Florida games.

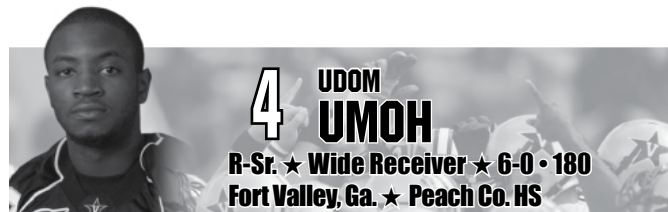
**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Became starter at DT as sophomore... As a senior, helped Boone to its finest campaign in history, going undefeated before losing to nation's #1 team in 6A state title game... Contributed 115 total tackles, 87 solo stops, five QB sacks and three forced fumbles in 2007... Named as Florida's all-classification second team All-State DT, All-Central Florida and All-Region... As junior, posted 76 total tackles... Was standout thrower track and field, finishing seventh in shot put at state as junior... Also earned letters in weightlifting.

**ACADEMICS** Thomas is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Johnell Thomas... Son of John Thomas and Shonda Seawright... Legal guardians are Peter and Lisa Kearney... Born on Dec. 12, 1989... Has three brothers and two sisters.

### THOMAS' CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QBH	FF/FR	PBU
2010	12-10-22	4.0-15	1.5-12	0	0/0	1
2009	4-2-6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0	0
Career	16-12-28	4.0-15	1.5-12	0	0/0	1



**4 UDOM UMOH**

**R-Sr. ★ Wide Receiver ★ 6-0 • 180**  
**Fort Valley, Ga. ★ Peach Co. HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** A two-year starter, Umoh looks to close his Commodore career with his most productive season. A solid route-runner and excellent open-field blocker for the running game, Umoh will be asked to create more big plays as a wideout. He is likely to compete with several younger receivers, including sophomore Jordan Matthews and redshirt freshman Chris Boyd among others, for a starting role.

### Umoh Career Highs:

**RECEPTIONS:** 5, at Rice, 9/26/2009  
**RECEIVING YARDS:** 95, at Rice, 9/26/2009

**2010** Played in 11 of 12 games, missing the season finale due to injury... Earned 10 starting assignments at wide receiver... A superb blocker from the WR position, Umoh also stood out on punt coverage units...

Witnessed drop in production from previous year, concluding campaign with 12 receptions, good for 194 yards and two TDs... Averaged 16.2 yards per catch, a single-season career high... Named team's Offensive Player of the Week after performance at Connecticut: three catches, one going for a 48-yard TD... Followed the Connecticut effort with a 65-yard scoring strike





in victory over Eastern Michigan, marking the team's longest catch of the year... Also contributed three receptions vs. Northwestern... Topped special teams with six tackles on punt coverage.

**2009** Enjoyed best season in Commodore uniform as redshirt sophomore, earning starts in 11 of 12 games at wide receiver... Regarded as one of top blockers from receiver position and extremely productive on punt coverage units... Set career highs with 20 receptions and 267 receiving yards... Ranked third on team in catches and posted 13.4-yard per catch average, tops among wide receivers... Notched five catches for 95 yards in victory over Rice... Effort also included 54-yard hookup, longest of the season for the Commodores... Had three catches for 27 yards and first career TD against Ole Miss... Added 42-yard reception against Georgia Tech... Had three rushes for 26 yards... As special teams contributor, posted nine solo stops and 10 total tackles... Also shared team's Specialist of the Week honor after effort at Tennessee.

**2008** Umoh saw action in every game in his first season, playing as receiver and special teams contributor... Broke through at WR in win over Boston College in the Music City Bowl, contributing team-high three receptions for 29 yards... The Music City Bowl catches were first of Umoh's collegiate career... One of the team's top blocking receivers... A standout on coverage units posting 10 total tackles, including four stops in the bowl.

**2007** Impressed coaches as a freshman receiver, though redshirted in first year on campus... Earned team's postseason Offensive Scout MVP Award, and twice earned weekly offensive scout honors.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Talented receiver who helped Peach County to pair of AAA state titles... Named to AAA First Team All-State as senior; two-time all-area... In 2006, caught 64 passes for 1,058 yards and 14 TDs, including two scores in title win... Standout sprinter, with PR of 48.6 (400).

**ACADEMICS** Umoh is working toward a degree in English from the College of Arts and Science. He is a 2009 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Udom Iyamba Umoh... Son of Jerry and Angela Murtagh of Fort Valley, and Benedict Umoh of Nigeria... Born Dec. 6, 1988 in Maiduguri, Nigeria... Has an older sister, Jann Umoh, and younger brother, Michael Murtagh... Dad teaches at Fort Valley State; mom is academic advisor for Upward Bound program.

## UMOH'S CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2010	12	194	16.2	2	65
2009	20	267	13.4	1	54
2008	3	29	9.7	0	16
<b>Career</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>65</b>



**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** After adding to his versatility last spring, Welchans enters preseason off an excellent summer conditioning effort. Adding spring experience at center will benefit Welchans as he works to claim a key role along the Commodore offensive line.

**2010** Welchans was perhaps Vanderbilt's most versatile offensive lineman as a sophomore... Saw action in 11 games, shifting between right tackle and left guard... Opened the season starting at right tackle against Northwestern and LSU, then moved to guard as a three-game starter after Ryan Seymour returned to his customary left tackle slot.

**2009** In his first year of action, Welchans played in 10 of 12 games, contributing at right tackle following key injuries to the Commodore OL... Did not earn any starts, but saw substantial action as a reserve tackle as season developed... Initial snaps came at right tackle following season-ending injury to James Williams and struggles by others playing the position.

**2008** Welchans redshirted as a freshman, showing talent on the line. He earned the team's Offensive Scout of the Week honor after Ole Miss game.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter at OT and DT... Helped squad to 6A state quarterfinals as senior... Named first team 6A All-State... As senior DT, contributed 41 tackles and three sacks... Three 52-foot PR in shot put.

**ACADEMICS** Welchans is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development. He is a 2009 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Caleb Welchans... Son of Greg and Laura Welchans... Born on Aug. 8, 1989... Dad is president of Supplies Network firm... Oldest of three siblings: brother, Jake, and sister, Mary... Dad played at UT-Arlington... Served as class president.

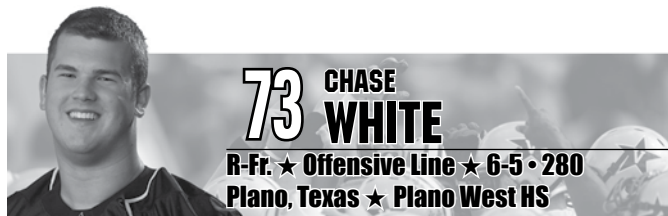






# THE PLAYERS

## TEAM ROSTER



**73 CHASE WHITE**

**R-Fr. ★ Offensive Line ★ 6-5 • 280**  
**Plano, Texas ★ Plano West HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Stronger after a redshirt campaign, White will be an interesting young Commodore for fans to watch during preseason camp. White showed plenty of potential to coaches during spring drills while focusing his attention at tackle.

**2010** White did not play as a true freshman... Showed agility and potential as offensive linemen during fall practices... Worked hard to increase strength and weight during redshirt campaign.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year offensive line starter for 5A school located just north of Dallas... Started at RT as junior and senior... Wolves advance to first round of 5A state playoffs in both 2008 and 2009... Named All-Region as senior; two-time All-District pick... Earned reputation as physical blocker in one of Texas' toughest conferences... Practiced daily against DE Jackson Jeffcoat, one of nation's elite defensive recruits... Named Texas Academic All-State.

**ACADEMICS** White is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

**PERSONAL** Chase Connor White... Son of Terry and Jody White... Born Feb. 26, 1992... Has younger sister, Riley... Dad is senior vice president for Sungard Wealth Management... Dad wrestled in college... Participated in community service and leadership efforts... Movie trivia buff.



**8 TREY WILSON**

**Jr. ★ Defensive Back ★ 5-11 • 190**  
**Shreveport, La. ★ Evangel Christian**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** No Commodore made a stronger case for a starting job with the new coaching staff in spring drills than Wilson, who impressed with a combination of solid coverage skills and excellent open-field tackling ability. Wilson is competing for the starting cornerback role across from All-SEC candidate Casey Hayward with junior Eddie Foster, and sophomores Andre Hal and Steven Clarke.

**2010** Wilson played in every game, seeing action as a cornerback and contributing on special teams... First career start came in five-DB

alignment in opener vs. Northwestern... Finished the season with 11 total tackles, Had three tackles against Northwestern, Ole Miss and Florida.

**2009** As a true

### Wilson Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 3, vs. Northwestern, 9/4/2010  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 3, four games, most recently vs. Florida, 11/6/2010

freshman, Wilson played in every game, seeing action on coverage units and as reserve cornerback... Finished the season with 10 total tackles... Season high in tackles (3) came against Kentucky.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter at defensive back for one of state's top prep programs... As senior, contributed 75 total tackles and two INTs for squad that went 13-2 and played for 2A state title... Registered 53 tackles and three INTs as junior... As sophomore, helped team to state title...

**ACADEMICS** Wilson is majoring in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Trey Aaron Wilson... Son of Harolyn Wilson and the late Shelford Wilson Jr... Has one younger brother, Jordan... Born Nov. 1, 1990 in Austin, Texas... Mom is adjunct college math instructor.



### WILSON'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2010	8-3-11	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	0
2009	6-4-10	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	0
Career	14-7-21	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	0



**92 KYLE WOESTMANN**

**R-Fr. ★ Defensive End ★ 6-3 • 245**  
**Marietta, Ga. ★ Walton HS**

**ENTERING PRESEASON CAMP** Woestmann stepped forward during a strong spring performance to put himself in contention for serious playing time at defensive end. The physical, energetic Woestmann will compete with Johnell Thomas and Walker May among others for the starting job opposite senior Tim Fugger.

**2010** Woestmann did not play as a true freshman... Showed plenty of talent as defensive end prospect during fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year letter winner... Two-year starter at OT and DT for AAAAA school north of Atlanta... Helped Raiders to 15-6 overall record in 2008-09 and 2008 AAAAA district title... As senior, posted 32 solo tackles and four QB sacks, earning All-Region and All-Cobb County... Played DT and OT in postseason Georgia North-South All-Star game and Cobb County Senior Bowl... Also participated in Cobb County Senior Classic... Earned two letters as standout thrower in track and field... Two-time recipient of school's Raider Pride Award.

**ACADEMICS** Woestmann is undecided on a major.

**PERSONAL** Kyle A. Woestmann... Son of Fred and Lori Woestmann... Born Oct. 20, 1991 in Atlanta... Dad is chief financial officer; mom is landscape designer... Older sister, Claire, attends Georgia... Involved in FCA activities... Enjoys snowboarding and fishing.



# THE SIGNEES



## TEAM ROSTER



SIGNEES	POSITION	HT	WT	RESIDENCE	HIGH SCHOOL
Jake Bernstein	Off. Line	6-3	288	Crystal Lake, Ill.	Crystal Lake South H.S.
Darien Bryant	Def. End/Linebacker	6-4	220	Pickerington, Ohio	Pickerington North H.S.
Barron Dixon	Def. Tackle	6-4	288	Alpharetta, Ga.	Chattahoochee H.S.
Larry Franklin	Def. Back	6-1	210	Vero Beach, Fla.	Vero Beach H.S.
Josh Grady	Quarterback	6-0	185	Tampa, Fla.	Armwood H.S.
Conor Hart	Def. Line	6-3	240	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	Brother Rice H.S.
Mitchell Hester	Running Back	5-9	184	Neptune Beach, Fla.	Fletcher H.S.
Kris Kentera	Quarterback	6-4	202	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Pine Creek H.S.
Derek King	Def. Back	5-11	198	Nashville, Tenn.	Brentwood Acad.
Jacquese Kirk	Receiver/Def. Back	6-0	160	Jasper, Ala.	Walker H.S.
James Lewis	Off. Line	6-5	305	Arlington, Tenn.	Arlington H.S.
Jahmel McIntosh	Def. Back	6-1	200	Cleveland, Miss.	Cleveland H.S.
Spencer Pulley	Off. Line	6-4	280	Germantown, Tenn.	Evangelical Christian
Steven Scheu	Tight End	6-5	245	Evansville, Ind.	Reitz Memorial H.S.
Jerron Seymour	Running Back	5-7	190	Hialeah, Fla.	Hialeah H.S.
Jimmy Stewart	Def. End/Linebacker	6-3	215	Cape Coral, Fla.	Island Coast H.S.
Joe Townsend	Off. Line	6-4	280	Hendersonville, Tenn.	Hendersonville H.S.
Lafonte Thourgood	Quarterback	6-2	220	Virginia Beach, Va.	Ocean Lakes H.S.
Jose Valedon	Off. Line	6-3	295	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	Oak Ridge H.S.
Dillon van der Wal	Tight End/Def. End	6-7	235	Woodland Hills, Calif.	Oaks Christian H.S.
Andrew Williamson	Def. Back	6-1	195	San Antonio, Texas	John Paul Stevens H.S.

### JAKE BERNSTEIN

Off. Line • 6-3, 288

Crystal Lake So. H.S. • Crystal Lake, Ill.

Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter at left tackle for one of top Chicago suburban powers... As senior, helped Gators to first undefeated regular season in team history and into 6A state

quarterfinals... Credited with 69 pancake blocks as senior, helping two teammates surpass 1,000-mark rushing mark... Named IHSA 6A All-State, *Chicago Tribune* second-team All-State... Two-time All-Area... played in the inaugural All-World Gridiron Classic in Charleston, S.C... Also earned letters in baseball, track & field and lacrosse.

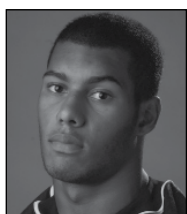
**PERSONAL** Jacob Bernstein... Son of Steven and Shawn Bernstein... Born June 18, 1993... Has one older sister, Samantha... Dad is sales manager; mom works in corporate finance... Huge Chicago Bears fan... Enjoys golf and baseball... Worked with children as an employee of Lifetime Fitness.

### DARIEN BRYANT

Def. End/Linebacker • 6-4, 220

Pickerington North H.S. • Pickerington, Ohio

Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Started as TE and DE as a senior at Pickerington North after lettering two years at nearby Reynoldsburg HS... Ranks among top TEs in Ohio... Playing in eight games as a senior, continued 46 total tackles,

seven QB sacks, 14 tackles for loss, a forced fumble and an INT as DE... Posted 18 receptions for 248 yards and a TD as TE, helping to lead the Panthers to 6-4 record... Named first team all-conference and honorable mention All-State as senior... Played varsity hockey as sophomore and junior at Reynoldsburg.

**PERSONAL** Darien Anthony Bryant... Son of Kristin Bryant... Raised in the Columbus area... Mom is an attorney... Interested in studying abroad.

### BARRON DIXON

Def. Tackle • 6-4, 288

Chattahoochee HS • Alpharetta, Ga.

Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter on defensive line for north Atlanta power... As senior DE, helped Cougars to 15-0 record and Class AAAA state championship, first title in school history...

Contributed 80 tackles, four QB sacks and four forced fumbles as senior... Also had key FB role as senior... One of biggest plays was sack that helped secure title... Earned first team All Region and All-State as senior... Contributed over 40 tackles as junior DT, earning All-Region honors... Earned first career DE start as sophomore.

**PERSONAL** Barron Dixon... "Tazz"... Born Sept. 29, 1992 in Philadelphia... Son of Victorina and Barron Dixon Sr... Has three brothers: Joseph, Victor and Tyler... Dad works in refrigeration industry; mom is a nurse.







# THE SIGNEES

## TEAM ROSTER

### LARRY FRANKLIN

Defensive Back • 6-1, 210  
Vero Beach HS • Vero Beach, Fla.  
Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year defensive starter for 6A Florida coastal power... Started as junior and senior at safety... Earned first starts as sophomore LB.... As senior, had 78 tackles and two INTs for 6-4 Indians' squad... As

junior, helped squad to 7-3 mark and district title with 74 total tackles and nine passes defended... Listed among Florida's Top 100 players as senior... Two-time first team All-County selection... As sophomore LB, contributed 61 tackles and three QB sacks.

**PERSONAL** Son of Larry and Anastasia Franklin... Born June 30, 1992... Born and raised along Florida's central Atlantic coast... Dad works in the construction industry; mom is certified nursing assistant... Has two brothers, Bernard Thomas and Jimmy Franklin, and one sister, Shaquashia Franklin... Summer jobs included making pizzas at Little Caesars.

### JOSH GRADY

Quarterback • 6-0, 185  
Armwood HS • Tampa, Fla.  
Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter at Tampa school after transferring from nearby Freedom HS... As senior QB, hit on 182 of 256 passes for 2,109 yards, 24 TDs and just five INTs, helping 14-1 Armwood to 4A state finals... Also

rushed for 865 yards and 14 TDs... Named *St. Pete Times*' co-Suncoast Player of the Year... Stellar student, ranking among top 10 of class... As a junior, threw for more than 3,000 yards and 25 TDs... As sophomore, passed for 1,815 yards and nine TDs as QB at Freedom... Three-time All-Hillsborough County pick.

**PERSONAL** Joshua Grady... "JStat"... Son of Woodrow and Talonya Grady... Born Oct. 24, 1992... Has an older sister, Charity... Dad works as IBM business partner... Planning pre-health degree, ambition of being heart surgeon... Plays violin... Related to former Titan DE Jevon Kearsae.

### CONOR HART

Defensive Line • 6-3, 240  
Brother Rice HS • Bloomfield Hills, Mich.  
Rivals: ★★ Scout: ★★★



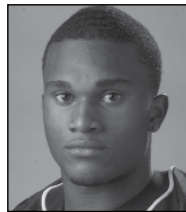
**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter at DE for Detroit metro power... As senior, contributed 62 tackles, including 34 solo stops, 7.5 QB sacks and three forced fumbles... Named to All-State DL as senior...

Also earned All-County honors... In 2009, posted 75 tackles, 5.5 QB sacks and three forced fumbles... Sprinter on track team, with PRs of 10.9 (100) and 22.75 (200)... Anchored 4x100-meter relay that set school mark.

**PERSONAL** Conor Kevin Hart... Son of Kevin and Martie Hart... Born on March 26, 1992... Family has remarkable football ties – dad was standout at Notre Dame; late grandfather, Leon Hart, won 1949 Heisman Trophy and Associated Press' 1949 Male Athlete of the Year as a two-way end for Notre Dame... Brother, Brennan, also played football at Notre Dame; sister, Jenna, played volleyball at Fordham.

### MITCHELL HESTER

Running Back • 5-9, 184  
Fletcher HS • Neptune Beach, Fla.  
Rivals: ★★ Scout: ★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter at RB for 5A Jacksonville metro power... As senior, named team's Offensive MVP, rushing for 1,380 yards and 21 TDs... Named Associated Press 5A All-State RB, All-First

Coast and All-Gateway Conference... Had more than 1,925 rushing yards and 19 TDs as junior... Topped the 4,000-yard mark in career rushing yards... Earned four varsity letters as sprinter in track... PR in 100 meters of 10.65.

**PERSONAL** Mitchell Bernard Hester... Son of Diane Lewis and Ron Hester... Born July 27, 1992... Mom is a pastor and child care operator; dad is coach at Fletcher, a former All-America LB at Florida State, and veteran of the Miami Dolphins... Has a brother, Aaron, and three sisters: Adrianna, Diannia and Ashlee... Assisted at mom's daycare center.

### KRIS KENTERA

Quarterback • 6-4, 202  
Pine Creek HS • Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Rivals: ★★ Scout: ★★



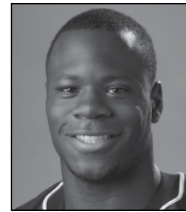
**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior team captain... Team MVP as senior... Three-year letter-winner at QB and safety... Helped lead team to three consecutive league championships... During senior campaign, passed for 1,650 yards and 16

TDs while rushing for 649 yards and seven TDs... As senior safety, contributed 45 total tackles... Earned First Team All-Southern Colorado All-State QB honors... Also earned All-State honors as senior safety... Named 5A-4A All-Area as junior and senior... Also lettered in basketball.

**PERSONAL** Lawrence Kris Kentera... Born Aug. 24, 1992... Son of Kris and Kim Kentera... Dad is a traveling businessman; mom is a consultant... Has three sisters: Nicole, Alex and Bailey... Dad played receiver at Georgia Tech; granddad played LB/ FB and coached at Arizona State... Worked summer job cleaning carts at nearby golf club... Enjoys snowboarding and golf.

### DEREK KING

Defensive Back • 5-11, 198  
Brentwood Academy • Nashville, Tenn.  
Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter for powerful school near Nashville... As senior, helped Eagles to 10-3 season and second straight Division II state semifinals... Three-year starter at DB; also started at RB as junior... Had 28

tackles, eight passes defended and an INT as senior... As junior, rushed for 738 yards (9.7 avg.) and eight TDs as RB, and contributed 45 tackles as DB... Named Division II All-State... Selected to *Tennessean*'s All-Midstate and Dream Team... Sprinter in track, helping team to state title as senior... PRs of 10.68 (100) and 49.9 (400).

**PERSONAL** Derek King Jr... "DK"... Son of Elaine and Derek King Sr... Born Nov. 23, 1992... Dad works at Bridgestone; mom as a case consultant for state of Tennessee... Has one younger brother, Julius... Dad played collegiately at Ole Miss.





## JACQUESE KIRK

Receiver/Def. Back • 6-0, 160

Walker HS • Jasper, Ala.

Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for 5A school that advanced deep in state playoffs in all three varsity seasons... Started at DB for three years, and at WR as senior... Team went 31-7 in three-year career... Had 38 receptions as junior and

senior, good for seven TDs... Played in postseason Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Classic... Had 44 tackles and two INTs as senior... Made name for himself as sophomore, earning All-State DB honors with seven INTs... Picked off 12 passes in career... Posted 38.0-yard average returning kicks over three-year period... Lettered in basketball... Sprinter in track with 100-meter PR of 10.7.

**PERSONAL** Jacquese Keontrell Kirk... "Queese"... Son of Jimmy Kirk and Michelle Hill Kirk... Born May 10, 1993... Dad is cabinet shop supervisor; mom is logistics manager... Has two younger sisters, Jymeelah and Jakayla.

## JAMES LEWIS

Offensive Line • 6-5, 305

Arlington HS • Arlington, Tenn.

Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter at OT for school near Memphis... As senior, helped Arlington to 8-3 record and first round of 6A state playoffs... Played in two postseason games: Tennessee East-West

Game and inaugural All-World Gridiron Classic in Charleston, S.C... Three-time All-District recipient and named to *Commercial-Appeal's* Best of Preps squad... As junior, helped squad to district title and 10-0 regular season, just one year after a 1-9 campaign... Also played on basketball squad.

**PERSONAL** James Edward Lewis... Son of Bryan and Endia Lewis... Born Dec. 4, 1992... Dad is senior account manager; mom is early intervention specialist... Has a younger brother, Bryan II... An uncle, Darren Hughes, played in NFL... Served as youth coach at summer camps... Plays the tuba.

## JAHMEL MCINTOSH

Defensive Back • 6-1, 200

Cleveland HS/Itawamba HS • Fulton, Miss.

Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter at safety/LB for Mississippi squad... Also contributed in key role as WR for Cleveland... As senior, earned team MVP after helping Indians to strong finish, district title

and 4A playoff berth despite missing first three games... Had 56 solo tackles, four INTs, five forced fumbles as senior... Named to Coaches' 4A first team All-State team... Played in Mississippi North/South All-Star Game... As junior, posted 119 total tackles playing LB and safety... Also lettered in basketball, track and tennis.

**PERSONAL** Jahmel Ra'Shan McIntosh... Adopted son of James and Serena Shumpert... Born Feb. 25, 1993... Has a brother, Austin Shumpert... Graduated from Itawamba H.S. in Fulton, Miss... Mentored young children during summer as park commission worker.

## SPENCER PULLEY

Offensive Line • 6-4, 280

Evangelical Christian • Germantown, Tenn.

Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter at OT at powerful Memphis private school... As senior, anchored offensive line that helped Evangelical average 37.2 points per game... As DE, contributed 29 tackles and

11 QB sacks... Recipient of Division II-Class A Mr. Football Award as state's top lineman as senior LT... Named to writers' first team Division II-A All-State team, *Commercial Appeal's* Best of Preps and captured district OL MVP as senior... Played in Tennessee East-West All-Star Game... Squad went 24-9 during three-year varsity career, twice reaching the Div. II-A state semifinals... Earned three letters throwing shot put/discus in track.

**PERSONAL** Spencer Kyle Pulley... Son of Lee and Karen Pulley... Born April 4, 1993 in Memphis... Has an older sister, Kayla... Dad is certified accountant; mom is homemaker.

## STEVEN SCHEU

Tight End • 6-5, 245

Reitz Memorial HS • Evansville, Ind.

Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter at TE... Also saw action at FB late in senior season... As senior, hauled in 33 catches for 378 yards and five TDs for 7-5 squad that advanced to state 3A quarterfinals... Named to Indiana H.S.

Coaches' Association Top 50 All-State team as senior... In 2009, posted 43 receptions, good for 724 yards and 10 TDs, helping Memorial to second straight state finals appearance... As sophomore, had five TD catches... Team played in 3A state finals in 2008-09 seasons... Finished career with 93 receptions, fourth all-time at school, 1,433 receiving yards and 20 TD catches.

**PERSONAL** Steven Scheu... Son of Ben and Martha Scheu... Born July 7, 1992 in Greenville, S.C... Dad works in the packaging industry; mom is medical office assistant... Has two siblings: brother, Brad, and sister, Caroline... An uncle, Steve Ernst, earned letters for the Vanderbilt Commodore as a center in 1967-68... Enjoys golf.

## JERRON SEYMOUR

Running Back • 5-7, 190

Hialeah HS • Hialeah, Fla.

Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter at TB... As senior, rushed for 955 yards (7.9 avg.) and 15 TDs, helping Hialeah to 7-3 record. Had 204-yard, 5-TD game vs. rival Hialeah Gardens... In 2009, had 1,576 rushing yards and 22

TDs... Two-time First Team All-Dade County RB by *Miami Herald*... Honorable mention All-State recipient as junior... Finished career with 4,207 rushing yards and 61 rushing TDs... Named to Orlando Sentinel's Florida Top 100 list... First varsity start came in fourth game of freshman season, one game after returning two kickoffs for scores... Also lettered in track and wrestling.

**PERSONAL** Son of Jerry and Angela Seymour... Born July 8, 1992 in Miami... Dad works in construction; mom works in nursing... Has one older brother, Jerry... Enjoys playing video games.





# THE SIGNEES

## TEAM ROSTER

### JIMMY STEWART

Def. End/Linebacker • 6-4, 220  
Island Coast HS • Cape Coral, Fla.  
Rivals: ★★ Scout: ★★★



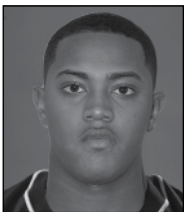
**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for region champion squad... Two-year starter, three-year letterwinner... As senior DE, contributed 40 tackles, 13 QB sacks and a forced fumble, helping Gators to 11-2 season and 2B

state semifinal appearance... As senior, formed superb DE tandem with Aaron Lynch... Also caught two TD passes in WR/TE role... As junior, posted 45 tackles, eight sacks and a fumble recovery... Played RB and LB as sophomore... Three-year letter winner as sprinter: PR in 200 of 22.3.

**PERSONAL** James Dale Stewart... Son of Melanie Stewart... Born June 17, 1992... Has two brothers, Caleb and Charlie... Mom works in medical industry... During summers, has mentored kids involved in local Pop Warner youth football organization... Likes to fish, hang out with friends and bowl.

### LAFONTE THOUROGOOD

Quarterback • 6-2, 220  
Ocean Lakes HS • Virginia Beach, Va.  
Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year team captain... Ranked among Virginia's top seniors... Lettered four years as dual-threat QB for Virginia Beach power... As senior, despite injuries, named team MVP after accounting for nearly

2,000 total yards and 27 TDs... Named to first team All-Beach District team as senior... As junior, produced 1,012 passing yards, 812 rushing yards and 23 combined TDs... Lettered as sprinter on state champion track squad... Made honor roll all four years.

**PERSONAL** Lafonte Tavor Thourgood... Born Feb. 3, 1993... "Tay"... Son of Andre and Kimberly Thourgood... Dad is Virginia Beach municipal employee; mom is a nurse... Has six siblings: brother, Deon Miller; sisters, Shanizua, Lyric, Odyssey, Harmony, and Rhythm... Brother is sophomore wide receiver for Temple Owls... Enjoys golf and hunting.

### JOE TOWNSEND

Off. Line • 6-4, 280  
Hendersonville HS • Hendersonville, Tenn.  
Rivals: ★★ Scout: ★★



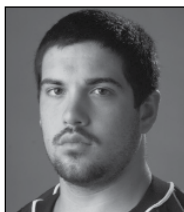
**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Surpassed 100-tackle total and contributed seven QB sacks as senior, helping Commandos to 11-4 mark and AAA state finals... Played in postseason Tennessee East-West

All-Star Game... As junior, selected as district's Defensive MVP and first team All-Area after making 61 tackles, 5 tackles for losses, 3 forced fumbles. As a sophomore starter, contributed 58 tackles and two forced fumbles... Also lettered in basketball and as thrower in track and field.

**PERSONAL** Joseph Edward Townsend II... Born March 15, 1993 in Hendersonville, Tenn.... Has lived in the same house his entire life.... Son of Darlene and Joey Townsend... Father is a contractor and mother works for Cigna... Has two siblings: an older sister, Ashley Stagle; and younger brother, Landon.

### JOSE VALEDON

Off. Line • 6-3, 295  
Oak Ridge HS • Oak Ridge, Tenn.  
Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★



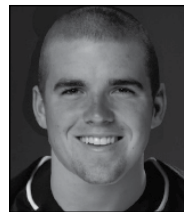
**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter on offensive line for east Tennessee school... Played all three line positions, starting primarily at center as senior... Helped 9-5 squad advance to 6A state semifinals as senior...

Named to sportwriters' All-State squad and as district's OL MVP as senior... Also included in Knoxville News-Sentinel's PrepXtra All-Area team... Played all three offensive line positions in postseason Tennessee East-West All Star Game.

**PERSONAL** Jose Gabriel Valedon... Born Dec. 17, 1992 at Vanderbilt Medical Center... Recently married to the former Lenzi Ilar... Has four older sisters: Azure Grissom, Des Pierce, Sarah Smith and Vanessa Valedon... Formerly played cello in high school orchestra; also plays bass guitar... Enjoys volleyball and waterskiing... Involved in school's Young Life organization and served as class representative.

### DILLON VAN DER WAL

Tight End • 6-7, 235  
Oaks Christian HS • Woodland Hills, Calif.  
Rivals: ★★★ Scout: ★★★★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Standout TE/DE for one of Southern California's top prep programs... Recently named as *Parade* All-America TE... Helped Oaks to California Interscholastic Federation Southern

Section 4A title and 12-2 record as senior, contributing 64 stops, 22 sacks and six forced fumbles... Caught six passes in limited TE role... As senior, named CIF Defensive Player of the Year, second team Cal-Hi Sports All-State DE and included on *Los Angeles Times*' exclusive All-Star Team... Also helped school to 2008 CIF title... Played in *Los Angeles Daily News*' Shrine All-Star Game... As junior, had 12 catches, 70 tackles and 12 sacks... Averaged double digits in rebounds and points in basketball, helping school to 4A title as senior.

**PERSONAL** Dillon van der Wal... Son of Fred and Marna van der Wal... Born Oct. 17, 1992... Has an older brother, Derek, and sister, Kendal... Dad is a personal investor; mom works in technology support... Enjoys cooking and snowboarding.

### ANDREW WILLIAMSON

Defensive Back • 6-1, 195  
John Paul Stevens HS • San Antonio, Texas  
Rivals: ★★ Scout: ★★



**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Started two years in defensive secondary for Falcons squad that went 11-5 and advanced to the 5A-D1 state semifinals... Amassed 168 total

tackles, an INT and four forced fumbles as senior... Honorable mention All-State and first team All-District as senior... Also named to San Antonio Express News All-City team... Stellar student and National Honor Society member.

**PERSONAL** Andrew Thomas Williamson... Born Nov. 18, 1992 in Germany... Son of Rickie and Brenda Williamson... Dad is a federal employee; mom is administrator at Wilford Hall Medical Center... Has two older sisters, Jacqueline and Brianna... Worked during summer months as lifeguard.

