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## 94 Torey AGEE

**Defensive Line**

**Senior ★ 6-4 • 285**

**Opelika, Ala. ★ Opelika HS**

Agee

**2015** Agee enjoyed his finest season in his fourth year on campus... Played in 11 of 12 games, missing only the season opener against Western Kentucky... Participation at defensive tackle increased as season endured... Earned first career start in Commodores' victory over Kentucky... Posted single-season highs with 12 solo tackles, 17 total tackles, three tackles for loss and two QB sacks... Registered several single-game highs – five solo stops, six total tackles, one QB sack – at Houston.

### Agee's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 5, at Houston, 10/31/2015  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 6, at Houston, 10/31/2015

Struggled with injuries during latter part of season... Credited with four assisted tackles, including career-high three stops in opener vs. Temple.

**2013** Saw action as reserve defensive tackle in eight games as a redshirt freshman... Finished the year with four total tackles... Made his collegiate debut vs. Austin Peay making two assisted tackles.

**2012** Agee redshirted during his first year on campus, working hard in the weight room to add bulk.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter at DE for Alabama public school... Earned three varsity letters... Named All-Area DE honors as junior and senior... As a prep senior in 2011, produced 40 solo tackles, six tackles for loss and five quarterback sacks for squad that advanced to 5A state playoffs... Played in Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game after senior campaign.

**ACADEMICS** Agee is expected to complete an undergraduate degree in psychology this December. Agee is a two-time (2013, 2014) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Torey LeMarcus Agee... Son of Tommy and Anchylus Agee... Born March 8, 1994... Dad is assistant director of Opelika Parks & Recreation; mom is kindergarten teacher... Has an older brother, Tyler, and younger sister, Angelic... Dad was a standout FB at Auburn and six-year NFL veteran, and was lead blocker for two of the top running backs in gridiron history, Bo Jackson and Emmitt Smith... Played the trombone in school symphonic band.

### Agee's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	SACKS	TFL	FF/FR	QBH
2015	12-5-17	2.0-13	3.0-16	0/0	1
2014	0-4-4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0/0	0
2013	1-3-4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0/0	0
Career	13-12-25	2.0-13	3.0-16	0/0	1



Anderton

## 88 Kyle ANDERTON

**Tight End**

**Sophomore ★ 6-5 • 255**

**Gallatin, Tenn. ★ Station Camp HS**

**2015** Anderton played in 11 games as a true freshman, seeing action as a fullback, H-back and tight end... Primarily used for blocker, but posted one reception on the year – a 4-yard touchdown pass



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from quarterback Kyle Shurmur in victory over Kentucky.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year team captain, two-time team MVP... Two-way starter (QB/DE) as senior... Three-year starter at quarterback, helped Bison to 2013 district and region titles and state playoffs.... Produced more than 1,800 yards of total offense and 21 total TDs as senior QB... Earned 2014 Music City Bowl Tradition of Service Award... Starting center in basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Anderton is working toward a degree in secondary education.

**PERSONAL** Mark Kyle Anderton Jr... Born Feb. 26, 1996 in Pensacola, Fla... Son of Mark Anderton and Yvonne Duncan... Dad is a high school coach/physical education instructor; mom is a women's athletic director/basketball coach... Dad coached collegiate football; mom played collegiate basketball... One of seven siblings: brothers Payton, Steven and Matt; sisters Matkie, Katie and Avery... Served as youth basketball coach.

## Anderton's Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2015	1	4	4.0	1	4



## 24 Jalen BANKS

**Safety**

**Junior ★ 5-11 • 204**

**Markham, Ill. ★ Thornton Township HS**

**2015** Moved to defensive secondary during off-season... Injuries limited Banks' production as a third-year contributor... After seeing action in six early-season games, Banks moved from safety to running back only to miss the final six games to injury... Contributed four total tackles – all coming against Georgia – as safety and special teams player.



**2014** Banks saw action in all 12 games as a first-year contributor...

Participated on special teams and as reserve safety... Registered solo tackles against Missouri and Miss. State.

**2013** Banks did not see action as a true freshman... He worked to build strength and quickness during fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter for large public school located in south Chicago suburb... As senior DB, posted 60 tackles, three INTs and four forced fumbles for squad that advanced to state playoffs... Named All-State by both state coaches' and *Chicago Tribune*... As junior, contributed four INTs, three fumble recoveries to go with 55 tackles... During career, registered 156 tackles, 10 INTs and 23 pass breakups.

**ACADEMICS** Banks is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a major in communication studies. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Jalen Aaron Banks... Son of Frederick Banks and Amani Wesley... Born Sept. 10, 1994... Has younger brother, Jauan... Participated with Big Brothers/Big Sisters in hometown.

## Banks' Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	SACKS	INTS	FF/FR	QBH
2005	2-2-4	0.0-0	0	0/0	0
2014	0-4-4	0.0-0	0	0/0	0
2013	1-3-4	0.0-0	0	0/0	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>3-9-12</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>



## 23 Khari BLASINGAME

**Running Back**

**Sophomore ★ 6-1 • 235**

**New Market, Ala. ★ Buckhorn HS**

**2015** Following the 2015 regular season, Blasingame moved to running back, impressing coaches during spring drills... Blasingame played in 11 games during season, contributing at inside linebacker... Also considered one of team's top contributors on coverage teams... Earned first career start at Ole Miss... Finished the year with 13 total tackles, including eight solo stops... Posted career high with three tackles in win over Austin Peay... Registered tackles in six straight midseason games.

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

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

**ACADEMICS** Blasingame is working toward a degree in medicine, health & society. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient, and was named to the 2014-15 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

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



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## 52 Nigel BOWDEN

**Inside Linebacker**

**Junior ★ 6-1 • 240**

**Macon, Ga. ★ Macon Central HS**

**Bowden**

**2015** Bowden's second season as a starting inside linebacker ended prematurely with injury... Earned starts at early-season games against Western Kentucky and Georgia, but never played another snap after suffering injury in Bulldogs encounter... Finished the year with four total tackles, all coming in the first half of the Georgia game.

**2014** Bowden capped off an excellent season by earning Freshman All-SEC honors from the league's 14 head coaches... Topped all SEC first-year players in total tackles, and become the first freshman to pace Vanderbilt in total tackles since LB Jamie Winborn did so in 1998...

Participated and started at inside linebacker in 11 of 12 games, missing the Mississippi State due to injury... Concluded the season with 78 total tackles, 37 solo stops, 2.0 tackles for loss, one quarter-

### Bowden's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 11, at Missouri, 10/25/2014  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 6 (2), most recently at Missouri, 10/25/2014  
**QB HURRIES:** 2, vs. Ole Miss, 9/6/2014

back sack and a forced fumble... Posted at least five tackles in first eight games... Season high of 11 tackles came in stellar performance at Missouri... Had nine tackles at Kentucky.

**2013** Bowden did not see game action as a true freshman... He impressed

coaches as a prospective middle linebacker on scout teams during the fall. **HIGH SCHOOL** Captain and team MVP as senior... Enjoyed incredibly productive career as four-year LB starter... As senior, posted 117 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, four sacks and four forced fumbles for Chargers... Named First Team AAA All-State as senior... Also played TE on offense... Nominated to play in postseason Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... Two-time Region Player of the Year recipient... As junior, posted 155 tackles and five sacks... Contributed 88 tackles, seven sacks and three forced fumbles as sophomore.

**ACADEMICS** Bowden is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a degree in medicine, health & society. He is a two-time (2014, 2015) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Nigel Lorenzo Bowden... Son of Phyllis Nathan-Holt and Larry Bowden... Born Dec. 20, 1994... Father is retired from the military... Parents work for U.S. Postal Service... Has a brother, Joe, and sister, Janelle... An older brother, Jason, died in the line of duty early in the Iraq War... Participated in theater as high school student.

### Bowden's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	SACKS	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
<b>2015</b>	2-2-4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0
<b>2014</b>	37-41-78	1.0-7	2.0-12	0-0	1	1/0
<b>Career</b>	39-43-82	1.0-7	2.0-12	0-0	1	1/0

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**20 Oren BURKS**

**Star**  
**Junior ★ 6-3 • 222**  
**Fairfax Station, Va. ★ South County HS**

**2015** Burks started every game in the secondary in his third year on campus... Handled the Commodores' free safety chores, running consecutive starts streak to 16 games by end of regular season... Topped team and ranked among SEC's Top Ten with three interceptions... Posted single-season career highs in numerous categories, including 34 solo stops, 58 total tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss... Posted

at least three tackles in 10 of 12 appearances... Ended season on high note, setting game highs of eight solo tackles and nine total stops vs. Tennessee... Earned SEC's Defensive Player of the Week honors after registering two interceptions - returning one for a 30-yard touchdown - in team's victory over Kentucky...

Contributed at least four tackles in each of first six games... Third interception came at Ole Miss.

## Burks' Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 9, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 8, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015  
**INTERCEPTIONS:** 2, vs. Kentucky, 11/14/2015  
**PASSES DEFENDED:** 2 (4x), most recently vs. Georgia, 9/12/2015

**2014** Burks became a key contributor in the Commodore secondary as a redshirt freshman... Registered seven starting assignments at safety while setting action in eight total games... Starts came against Temple, Ole Miss, UMass, Old Dominion, Florida, Miss. State and Tennessee... Missed four midseason games due to injury... Ended the year by leading the defense with seven defensed passes, and ranked 10th with 37 total tackles... Also contributed 16 solo tackles and registered one fumble recovery... Posted single-game high with seven total tackles against Ole Miss and Miss. State.

**2013** Burks did not see game action as a true freshman on campus... Showed physicality and agility as practice squad defensive contributor.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain... Three-year defensive starter... As senior LB, named First Team All-State, district's Defensive Player of the Year and team MVP after accumulating 123 tackles, 3.5 sacks, six forced fumbles and three INTs... Helped team to second round of Group 5 playoffs... Participated in postseason Chesapeake Bowl... As junior, posted 128 tackles and 11 sacks, helping Stallions advanced to state title game.

**ACADEMICS** Burks is majoring in human & organizational development and economics. He is a three-time (2014-16) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Oren Spencer Burks ... Son of Orlanda and Wanda Burks... Born March 21, 1995... A younger sister, Whitney, is a softball player at Stanford... Dad works as senior system engineer; mom works as program operations manager... Burks has become an active leader on campus, serving this year as president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)... He also co-founded and coordinated events last year for campus organization Revitalizing & Empowering Vanderbilt's African-American Male Population (REVAMP)... Nominated for 2016 All-State American Football Coaches Association Good Works Teams consideration.

## Burks' Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FE/FR
<b>2015</b>	<b>34-24-58</b>	<b>2.0-5</b>	<b>3-31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0/0</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>16-21-37</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0/1</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>50-45-95</b>	<b>2.0-5</b>	<b>3-32</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0/1</b>



**69 Adam BUTLER**

**Defensive Line**  
**Senior ★ 6-5 • 295**  
**Duncanville, Texas ★ Duncanville HS**

**2015** Butler continued to play an important role in the Commodore interior defense for the third straight year... Played in every game, earning starts at defensive tackle in first eight games... Finished the season with 12 solo stops among 18 total tackles... Set new single-season high with three quarterback sacks, and matched another with seven tackles for loss... Sacks came against Ole Miss, South Carolina and Missouri... Had

two tackles for loss against both Austin Peay and Ole Miss.

**2014** Butler continued to develop into one of the team's top defensive linemen as sophomore... Played in all 12 games, earning nine starts at defensive end... Started 14 games during first two seasons as contributor... Established new single-season

highs with 35 tackles, 2.5 QB sacks and 7.5 tackles for loss... Consistent performer who registered at least one tackle in every game... Quarterback sacks came against So. Carolina and Tennessee... Season-high tackle total of five stops came at Missouri... Also had at least four tackles against five

## Butler's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 7, at UMass, 9/21/2013  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 3, at UMass, 9/21/2013  
**QB SACKS:** 2, at Florida, 11/9/2013  
**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 2.0 (4x), most recently at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015



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other opponents... Posted second career block of extra point or field goal at Georgia... Notched first career TD by recovering a UMass fumble in end zone.

**2013** Butler developed into a key playmaker in the interior of the Vanderbilt defensive line as the season developed... Showed steady improvement and lots of energy through the season... Earned a start in opener vs. Ole Miss after switching from offensive guard/center to defensive tackle during spring drills... Made 12 appearances during his first season as a contributor at DT... Also earned starts against UMass, UAB, Missouri, Tennessee and Houston in the BBVA Compass Bowl... Finished with 25 total tackles, including 16 solo stops and six tackles for loss... Added a forced fumble and fumble recovery, along with two defended passes and a QB hurry... Was superb in win over Kentucky, contributing two tackles for loss and two defended passes along with a huge play on special teams when his block of a Wildcat PAT attempt resulted in two points... Set career highs with three solo tackles and six total tackles – and added a forced fumble and fumble recovery – in victory at UMass... Registered six tackles at South Carolina... Had two tackles for loss in victory over UAB.

**2012** Butler did not play during his true freshman season, working during fall practices as DT.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-time captain for large suburban Dallas public school... Started at LT as junior and senior after playing DE as sophomore... As senior, also blocked eight field goal attempts... Two-time first team 5A All-District recipient... Named All-Area as senior, earning team MVP honors... Helped squad to 5A playoff appearances in 2010 and 2011... Played in postseason Offense-Defense All-American Game.

**ACADEMICS** Butler is expected to complete an interdisciplinary degree in environmental communication this year.

**PERSONAL** Adam Oneal Butler... Son of Clarence and Kim Butler... Dad is manager at Staples; mom is group nursing & facility administrator... Has one

brother, Josiah, and one sister, Kim... Descendant of Texas children's rights campaigner Edna Gladney, subject of 1940s film "Blossoms in the Dust"... Enjoys fishing and singing.

## Butler's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	SACKS	TFL	FF/FR	QBH
<b>2015</b>	<b>12-6-18</b>	<b>3.0-18</b>	<b>7.0-27</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>16-19-35</b>	<b>2.5-13</b>	<b>7.5-22</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>16-9-25</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>6.0-8</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>44-34-78</b>	<b>5.5-31</b>	<b>20.5-57</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>5</b>



**Crawford**

## 22 Josh CRAWFORD

**Running Back**

**Sophomore ★ 5-10 • 202**

**Wetumpka, Ala. ★ Edgewood Academy**

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year team captain and three-year starter at RB for Alabama private school power... Helped Edgewood to 41-0 record and three straight state titles from 2012-14... Named state's AISA Back of the Year as senior after rushing for 1,198 yards and 27 touchdowns... Two-time Montgomery AISA All-Metro Player of the Year, two-time AISA All-State,



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and three-time All-Region recipient... Amassed 101 TDs and more than 4,000 rushing yards during Edgewood varsity career... Also earned three letters in basketball and track & field.

## Crawford's Career Highs:

**RUSHING YARDS:** 20, at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015  
**RUSH ATTEMPTS:** 6, at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015  
**LONGEST RUSH:** 11, at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015

**ACADEMICS** Crawford has not decided on a major.

**PERSONAL** Joshua Jamal Crawford... Born Oct. 11, 1996 in Montgomery, Ala... Son of Stanley Crawford Sr. and Cherie O'Neal... Dad works with Montgomery transporta-

tion system, mom is a medical analyst... One of seven siblings: brothers Stanley Jr., Janius and Nehemiah; sisters Quintoria, Autumn and Nevach... Served as Sunday school teacher.

## Crawford's Career Rushing Statistics

	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2015	18	55	3.0	0	11



## 64 Delando CROOKS

**Offensive Line**

**Junior ★ 6-5 • 305**

**Atlanta, Ga. ★ Atlanta-Carver HS**

**Crooks**

**2015** Crooks' impact on the season was hindered by a lower leg injury that kept him out of action for two months... Participated in five games, opening year at right guard... Late in the season, played as a blocking tight end against Texas A&M and Tennessee.

**2014** Crooks played in every game as a first-year contributor, participating as an offensive lineman and on special teams... Played nearly 100 snaps at



left guard, seeing initial OL duties on the road at Kentucky... Enjoyed snaps at OG in the team's final eight games... Credited with six pancake blocks at guard... Also served as a blocker on FG and PAT conversion units.

**2013** Crooks did not see action as a true freshman... Showed quick feet and explosiveness working as a guard during fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain for Atlanta public school... As senior, started at OT and DT, helping Panthers go 9-2 and advance to AAAA state playoffs... Named Second Team MaxPreps All-American after senior campaign... In 2012, also earned First Team AAAA All-State OL, All-Region and All-City from *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* by producing 40 pancake blocks.

**ACADEMICS** Crooks is working toward a degree in communication studies.

**PERSONAL** Delando Lamar Crooks... "Lando"... Son of Lester Crooks and the late Janice Crooks... Born April 11, 1995... Has four brothers: Damien, Damion, Dominic and Kenard; and three sisters: Kareen, Corlett, and Alisha... Mentored and coached by his uncle, Troy Vaccianina... Named school's Homecoming King as senior... Enjoys playing chess.



## 41 Zach CUNNINGHAM

**Inside Linebacker**

**Junior ★ 6-4 • 230**

**Pinson, Ala. ★ Pinson Valley HS**

**Cunningham**

**2015** Cunningham enjoyed a superb season as a redshirt sophomore... Played in all 12 games, earning nine starts at inside linebacker... Ranked among SEC leaders in numerous stat categories, including tackles for loss, solo tackles, total tackles, forced fumbles and fumble recoveries even though he didn't become a starter until the third game... Efforts were noticed by many: head coaches, Associated Press writers, Phil Steele and ESPN.com named Cunningham to their First Team All-SEC Defense... Phil Steele also listed Cunningham as Third Team All-America LB... Cunningham's 16.5 tackles for loss, the third highest total among SEC defenders in regular season, was most by a Commodore since

## Cunningham's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 15, at Middle Tenn., 10/3/2015  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 12 at Middle Tenn., 10/3/2015  
**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 4, at So. Carolina, 10/17/2015  
**FORCED FUMBLES:** 2, at Houston, 10/31/2015  
**FUMBLE RECOVERIES:** 2, at Florida, 11/7/2015  
**PASSES DEFENDED:** 2, at Middle Tenn., 10/3/2015

All-America linebacker Jamie Winborn registered 23 tackles for loss in 1999... Cunningham's three fumble recoveries shared SEC lead, and his four forced fumbles, bettered by just one Vanderbilt player in the last 20 years, ranked third in SEC...

Cunningham's 69 solo tackles was the most by a Commodore since All-SEC linebacker Moses Osemwegie registered 78 solo stops in 2003. His 103 total tackles were the most by a Vanderbilt defender since all-league linebacker Chris Marve amassed 121 tackles in 2009... Cunningham posted at least 10 tackles in seven of the last nine games, topped by a 12-solo tackle, 15-total tackle performance at MTSU... Ended the season with four straight double-digit tackle games, the first Commodore to do so since Osemwegie in 2005... Registered four tackles for loss and a sack among 12 tackles vs. South Carolina, and posted two forced fumbles and 2.5 tackles for loss among nine tackles at Houston... Notched two fumble recoveries at Florida.

**2014** Cunningham capped off a solid redshirt freshman campaign by closing the season among the team's most productive defenders... Participated in 11 games, missing only the Charleston Southern encounter... Earned starts at inside linebacker in team's 3-4 scheme during last five games against Missouri, Old Dominion, Florida, Mississippi State and Tennessee... Averaged 8.2 tackles as a starting LB... Finished with 67 total tackles, 1.5 QB sacks, 6.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble... Posted team single-game high of 13 total tackles at Miss. State...



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Registered 11 tackles, including a sack, vs. Florida... Had multiple tackles for loss vs. Georgia and Tennessee.

**2013** Cunningham redshirted as a freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and three-year starter at LB for school just north of Birmingham... Concluded prep career by receiving Alabama 5A Lineman of the Year and Birmingham News' Lineman of the Year honors after 2012 campaign... Amassed 448 total tackles during three-year varsity career... As a senior, earned First Team All-State after leading Indians to 8-4 record and second round of 5A playoffs... Contributed 194 total tackles, including 41 tackles for loss and 12 sacks along with four blocked punts during the season... Participated in postseason Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl... As junior, earned All-State recognition after registering 152 tackles.

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

**PERSONAL** Zachary Daniel Cunningham... Son of Fred and Sophie Cunningham... Born Dec. 12, 1994... Dad works in landscaping... Has four brothers: Frederick, Ethan, Nathan and Zapheth; and two sisters, Gabriel and Danica... Enjoys playing the guitar.

## Cunningham's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	FF/FR	PBU
2015	69-34-103	16.5-55	4.5-28	4/3	3
2014	37-30-67	6.5-13	1.5-7	1/0	2
Career	106-64-170	23.0-68	6.0-35	5/3	5



**DeBrossard**

## 70 Darion DeBROSSARD

**Defensive Line**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-4 • 290**

**Snellville, Ga. ★ Shiloh HS**

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

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

**ACADEMICS** DeBrossard has not decided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

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



**DellaRipa**

## 76 Egidio DELLARIPA

**Offensive Line**

**Sophomore ★ 6-4 • 295**

**Castaic, Calif. ★ West Ranch HS**

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

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

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

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

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## 84 Sam DOBBS

**Tight End**

**Sophomore ★ 6-4 • 220**

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

**Dobbs**

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

of his career... Also added a 9-yard catch vs. Tennessee.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter for school located southwest of

### Dobbs' Career Highs:

**LONGEST CATCH:** 21 yards, at Tennessee, 11/2/2015

Atlanta... Two-time All-State TE and All-Region after junior and senior seasons... Posted 30 receptions for 355 yards and six TDs while playing first half of senior season... As a junior, hauled in 65 receptions for 811 yards and five TDs... Helped LCHS to two state playoffs.

**ACADEMICS** Dobbs is working toward a degree in electrical engineering.

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

### Dobbs' Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2015	2	30	15.0	0	21



## 18 Chandler DORRELL

**Wide Receiver**

**Senior ★ 5-11 • 188**

**Nashville ★ St. Thomas Aquinas HS ★ Stanford**

**Dorrell**

**2015** Dorrell saw action at wide receiver in seven games, registering three catches for 20 yards.

**2014** Dorrell became a valuable contributor at wide receiver during his first year on campus after transferring from Stanford... Played in 11 of 12 games, missing the opener vs. Temple... Finished the year with 10 receptions, good for 118 yards... Posted two receptions against South Carolina and Tennessee.

**2013** Did not play as a true freshman on Stanford campus... Participated as a defensive back on practice squad units that helped Cardinal to Pac-12 title.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Earned two varsity letters at powerful St. Thomas Aquinas...

### Dorrell's Career Highs:

**LONGEST CATCH:** 36 yards, at Georgia, 10/4/2014

Played WR and punter for squad that earned Florida state title during junior season... As senior, caught 37 passes for 412 receiving yards and six

TDs... Recipient of Broward County Scholar-Athlete Award.

**ACADEMICS** Dorrell is expected to complete a degree in economics this year.

**PERSONAL** Chandler Westley Dorrell... Born March 26, 1995... Son of Karl and Kim Dorrell... Has a sister, Lauren... Dad was Vanderbilt's offensive coordinator in 2014 and serves as wide receivers coach with New York Jets.

### Dorrell's Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2015	3	20	6.7	0	10
2014	10	118	11.8	0	36
Career	13	138	10.7	0	36



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**Dowling**

## 89 Sean DOWLING

**Tight End**

**Senior ★ 6-5 • 265**

**Fallbrook, Calif. ★ Fallbrook Union HS**

**2015** Dowling played in 10 games, seeing action as tight end and on special team units... Earned first career start in multiple tight end formation at Ole Miss... Did not register a catch during season.

**2014** Dowling contributed on offense and special teams as a redshirt freshman... After opening the season as a reserve tackle through six games, switched to a blocking tight end for the second half of season... Registered four pancake blocks... Also saw action on FG and PAT conversion units.

**2013** Dowling did not see action, working as a practice squad lineman during the season... An early enrollee, Dowling also enjoyed a strong conditioning effort during his first year.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Team captain as junior and senior... Two-year starting offensive lineman at Fallbrook Union... As a senior, earned All-CIF First Team Offensive Line recognition and all-conference status and team's MVP OL award... Participated in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl after senior campaign... Played varsity as ninth grader at North Kingstown (R.I.) H.S.

**ACADEMICS** Dowling is on schedule to finish a degree in communication studies. He is a two-time (2014-15) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Sean M. Dowling... Son of Christopher and Karen Dowling... Born March 31, 1995 near Washington DC... Has a younger brother, Collin... Dad holds rank of colonel in U.S. Marine Corps; mom is an attorney and retired from active duty in the Marine Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel... Maternal grandfather also retired as a Marine Corps officer... Enjoyed 2015 summer internship in office of Davidson (Tenn.) County Circuit Judge Steve Dozier... Enrolled with campus' naval ROTC program.



**Duncan**

## 19 C.J. DUNCAN

**Wide Receiver**

**Junior ★ 5-11 • 203**

**Montgomery, Ala. ★ St. James School**

**2015** Duncan did not see action in his third year on campus after suffering a lower leg injury in preseason camp... Expected to be at full strength for 2016 preseason camp.

**2014** Duncan was one of the Commodores' most productive wide receivers as a redshirt freshman contributor... Played in 11 of 12 games, missing the season finale due to injury... Earned nine starts at WR, with initial career start coming versus Ole Miss... Finished the season as the team's third leading receiver with 28 catches... Duncan's 441-yard receiving total ranked second to TE Steven Scheu... Shared team high with four touchdown catches... Posted a catch in 10 of 11 appearances... Set career highs with seven catches and 119 receiving yards in victory over Charleston Southern... 65-yard touchdown catch from Johnny McCrary vs. Charleston Southern marked the team's longest offensive play... Had four catches in

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wins over UMass and Old Dominion, and notched three receptions against SEC foes Kentucky and Georgia... Also had two rushing attempts and four kickoff returns for 69 total yards.

**2013** Duncan did not play as a true freshman, who opened eyes during fall practices as one of the team's most versatile athletes... Worked at QB,

RB and WR on scout teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain... Started as QB and DB for Montgomery private school... Two-time All-Metro pick by *Montgomery Advertiser*... As senior

## Duncan's Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 7, vs. Charleston Southern, 10/11/2014

RECEIVING YARDS: 119, vs. Charleston Southern, 10/11/2014

LONGEST CATCH: 65 yards, vs. Charleston Southern, 10/11/2014

QB, guided Trojans to 4A state playoffs, rushing for 861 yards and 12 TDs and passing for 1,010 yards... Played every snap, including on special teams, in final game of career, a narrow loss to eventual 4A state champion... As junior, accounted for 33 TDs and compiled 2,885 total yards... Produced 2,227 yards of total offense and 12 TDs as sophomore QB... Multi-year starter on varsity basketball and baseball teams.

**ACADEMICS** Duncan is working toward a degree in political science.

**PERSONAL** Clarence J. Duncan... Son of Clarence and Helena Duncan... Born March 24, 1995... Has one brother, Collin... Dad serves as CEO at Adam/Synergy; mom is regional President for Liberty Bank and Trust... Interned in office of Davidson (Tenn.) County Circuit Judge J. Randall Wyatt during '15 summer months... Involved in community service efforts around Vanderbilt campus.

## Duncan's Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2015	Did Not Play				
2014	28	441	15.8	4	65
<b>Career</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>65</b>



**36** **Trey ELLIS**

**Wide Receiver/Punt Returner**

**Junior ★ 5-9 • 170**

**Charlotte, N.C. ★ Ardrey Kell HS**

**Ellis**

**2015** A second-year walk-on contributor, Ellis played in 11 of 12 games... Saw action as a punt returner and wide receiver... Averaged 5.5 yards on four punt returns, with a season long of 10 yards... Did not register a catch, but posted 19-yard gain on a rush attempt at Tennessee.

**2014** A walk-on prospect, Ellis served as team's punt returner in his first year on campus... Averaged 5.4 yards on nine returns... Had two key returns vs. UMass totaling 24 yards.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Recipient of Greater Charlotte Leadership Spirit Award as senior... Named team's Offensive Player of the Year, All-City and all-conference as senior WR... Topped Kell in receptions during junior and senior seasons... High academic achiever... President of school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization.

**ACADEMICS** Ellis is majoring in political science from the College of Arts and Science. He is a 2014-15 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

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



## Ellis' Career Punt Return Statistics

	RETURNS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2015	4	22	5.5	0	10
2014	9	49	5.4	0	16
<b>Career</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>



**3** **Taurean FERGUSON**

**Cornerback**

**Junior ★ 5-9 • 190**

**Jonesboro, Ga. ★ Jonesboro HS**

**Ferguson**

**2015** Ferguson served as a cornerback in 11 of 12 games in third year on campus, missing the Kentucky encounter... Earned a start in secondary against Florida... Finished the season with 13 total tackles, including 11 solo stops, and four pass breakups... Registered four solo tackles at Ole Miss... Contributed three tackles in victory over Missouri.

## Ferguson's Career Highs:

TOTAL TACKLES: 6, at Miss. State, 11/22/2014

SOLO TACKLES: 5, (3x), most recently vs.

Tennessee, 11/29/2014

**2014** Ferguson became a key starter in the Commodore defensive secondary in his first varsity season... Participated as a cornerback and on special teams in all 12 games... Earned starting assignments at cornerback in the team's

final six games... First career start came against Charleston Southern... Ended the season sharing the team lead with two interceptions... Also



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contributed 25 solo tackles, 30 total tackles, four defended passes and 1.5 tackles for loss... Garnered an interception and four tackles in initial start... Also had pick in victory over Old Dominion... Posted season high of five solo tackles vs. Tennessee... Registered six total tackles vs. Mississippi State.

**2013** Ferguson did not see action as a true freshman... Impressed staff with coverage abilities and athleticism as a practice squad cornerback.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter in secondary school south of Atlanta... As senior, contributed five INTs and eight pass breakups for 9-2 squad that advanced to first round of AAAA playoffs... As senior WR, posted 36 catches for 498 yards and eight TDs, earning honorable mention All-State... Played in Georgia East-West All-Star Game... As junior, contributed four INTs, 60 receptions and six TDs... Standout hurdler in track.

**ACADEMICS** Ferguson is working toward a degree in human & organizational development from the Peabody College.

**PERSONAL** Taurean Arnaud Ferguson... Son of Deonte and Crystal Burden... Born Nov. 23, 1994... Has three brothers: Chuntney, Chris and William... Dad is an accountant; mom is a flight attendant... Worked as baseball umpire and football referee in hometown youth leagues.

## Ferguson's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FE/FR
2015	11-2-13	0.5-1	0-0	4	0/0
2014	25-5-30	1.5-2	2-0	4	0/0
<b>Career</b>	<b>36-7-43</b>	<b>2.0-3</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0/0</b>



**Freebeck**

## 12 Wade FREEBECK

**Quarterback**

**Junior ★ 6-5 • 225**

**Davie, Fla. ★ St. Thomas Aquinas HS**

**2015** In second year on campus, Freebeck saw limited action at quarterback, playing only in the Commodore win over Austin Peay... Completed two passes for 26 yards vs. Austin Peay.

**2014** Freebeck was one of four quarterbacks to see action during the season... One of three true freshmen signal callers to play in the Southeastern Conference during the 2014 season... Participated in five

## Freebeck's Career Highs:

ATTEMPTS: 25, at Kentucky, 9/28/2014  
COMPLETIONS: 11, at So. Carolina, 9/20/2014  
PASSING YARDS: 168, at So. Carolina, 9/20/2014

midseason games, earning starts against UMass, Kentucky, Georgia and Charleston Southern... Concluded season completing 34-of-72 passes for 376 yards and one touch-down... Best performance

came against South Carolina when he completed 11-of-20 passes for 168 yards subbing for injured Patton Robinette... Left Charleston Southern game early with an injury and did not return in final five games.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Earned three varsity letters playing quarterback at two

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schools in the Fort Lauderdale area, St. Thomas Aquinas HS and Western HS... As a senior, helped powerful St. Thomas Aquinas to 10-3 overall mark and quarterfinals of Class 7A playoffs... Completed 100 of 179 passes for 1,626 yards and 16 TDs during senior campaign... Transferred to St. Thomas Aquinas after starting at QB as sophomore and junior at nearly Western HS... At Western, threw for 3,476 yards and 33 touchdowns as a two-year starter... Helped Western to 7-3 record as junior in 2012.

**ACADEMICS** Freebeck is working toward a degree in economics from the College of Arts and Science. He is a two-time (2014-15) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Wade Robert Freebeck... Born on May 17, 1996... Son of Bob and Meg Freebeck... Has an older sister, Audrey... Raised in Fort Lauderdale area... Dad works as manager for Nice Systems; mom works as a marketing manager.

## Freebeck's Career Quarterback Statistics

	ATT-COMP-INT	YDS.	PCT.	TDS	LONG
2015	6-2-1	26	33.3	0	17
2014	72-34-5	376	47.2	1	44
Career	78-36-6	402	46.2	1	44



## 27 Jaire GEORGE

**Running Back**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-1 • 210**

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

**2015** George did not see action as a running back prospect during his first year on campus... George suffered a season-ending injury during preseason drills.

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

**ACADEMICS** George is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**PERSONAL** Jaire David George... Son of Eddie George and Angela Wood... Born March 24, 1997 in Columbus, Ohio... Has a younger brother, Eriq... Mom is program manager at SharePoint KM; dad won 1995 Heisman Trophy as Ohio State RB, was 14th overall pick of the 1996 NFL Draft, and rushed for 10,441 yards in nine NFL seasons, including eight years with Tennessee Titans... Enjoys playing piano and drums, and composing music.



## 56 Barrett GOUGER

**Offensive Line**

**Senior ★ 6-4 • 305**

**Soddy Daisy, Tenn. ★ Baylor School**

**2015** Gouger enjoyed his finest season during his fourth year on campus, participating in all 12 games...

Started first 10 games at right guard... Played 613 offensive snaps, fourth most among linemen... Registered 44 pancake blocks and 11 domination blocks during season.

**2014** Gouger participated in all 12 games as sophomore, seeing action as a reserve offensive lineman and on special team conversion units... Took snaps at center and guard.



**2013** Gouger saw action on the offensive line in 11 games as a redshirt freshman... Primarily played guard, but also enjoyed starting assignment against Missouri in tackle eligible position.

**2012** Gouger did not play as a true freshman, but showed plenty of promise as an inside offensive line prospect during the season.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year letterwinner and three-year starter at offensive tackle... Recipient of 2011 Division II Mr. Football Lineman Award, helping Red Raiders to school's first D-II regional championship game... Also earned All-State and All-Region as senior... Three-year letterwinner and D-II heavyweight state champion in wrestling.

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

**PERSONAL** Barrett David Gouger... Son of Mark and Beverly Gouger... Born Sept. 30, 1993... Dad works as sales manager; mom is school teacher... Has one brother, Chandler... Enjoys fishing and hunting.



## 75 Bailey GRANIER

**Offensive Line**

**Sophomore ★ 6-6 • 320**

**Galliano, La. ★ South LaFourcade HS**

**2015** Granier's participation on the offensive front increase substantially as the season endured... After

making first career appearance at midseason against Missouri, Granier played in the final six games... Earned three starts at right tackle, with first career start coming against talented Florida front line... Contributed six pancake blocks while participating in 192 total snaps.

**2014** Granier did not see action as a true freshman... Participated as offensive lineman on scout teams during fall practices while improving



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overall strength in the weight room.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starting left tackle for school located south of New Orleans... Produced nearly 90 pancake blocks as senior, earning honorable mention 5A All-State and All-Region honors... Participated in postseason State Farm Prep All-Star Classic... As junior, helped Tarpons to 9-1 mark and state playoffs... Also lettered as thrower in track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Granier is working toward a major in special education from the Peabody College. He is a 2015 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Bailey Paul Granier... Born June 13, 1996... Son of Stephen and Stella Granier... Has a younger sister, Abby... Dad is a commercial fisherman; mom works as a nurse.



## 43 JORDAN GRIFFIN

**Inside Linebacker**

**Sophomore ★ 6-0 • 224**

**Tampa, Fla. ★ Armwood HS**

**Griffin**

**2015** Griffin saw action in 11 games as true freshman... Participated as reserve inside linebacker and special teams contributor... Finished with nine tackles, including six solo stops... Registered pair of tackles at Ole Miss and at Florida.

### Griffin's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 2 (2x), most recently at Florida, 11/7/2015

**SOLO TACKLES:** 2, at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and three-year starter at linebacker... Finished career with 428 tackles, ranking No. 2 all-time at Armwood... Topped Hawks in tackles all

three years as starter, helping team to 37-6 three-year record as starter, including 6A state championship game appearances in 2013 and 2014... As senior, registered 158 tackles, nine sacks and seven fumble recoveries for



14-1 squad... Named First Team All-America LB by Max Preps and Tampa Bay Defensive Player of the Year as senior... Three-time 6A All-State and All-Area selection.

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

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

### Griffin's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2015	6-3-9	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0



## 87 WINSTON GUILLORY

**Wide Receiver**

**Sophomore ★ 5-11 • 170**

**Dallas, Texas ★ Episcopal HS**

**Guillory**

**2015** Guillory did not see action as a first-year participant... He worked as a scout team receiver.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Four-year varsity letter winner at Episcopal School... Starter at receiver and return specialist... Twice named first team all-conference... As senior, posted 83 catches for 1,623 yards and 11 TDs... Amassed 191 receptions for 3,350 receiving yards and 32 TDs in career... Also earned letters in soccer, lacrosse and track & field... High academic achiever.

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

**PERSONAL** Winston V. Guillory III... Born May 21, 1996... Son of Winston and Dr. Linda Guillory... Has a younger sister, Gabrielle... Dad is CEO of Belisarius Capital private equity firm; mom is an optometrist.

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## 60 Cole HARDIN

**Offensive Line**

**Junior ★ 6-4 • 305**

**Florence, Ala. ★ Florence HS**

**2015** Hardin saw limited action as a redshirt freshman offensive line prospect, enjoying first career snaps at center in victory over Austin Peay.

**2014** Hardin did not see game action as a true freshman... Displayed solid blocking skills as a center-guard on offensive scout teams during fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter and letterwinner on offensive line for Class 6A school in northwest Alabama... As senior left tackle, earned sportswriters' first team All-State and All-Region OL honors helping 9-4 Falcons to state quarterfinals and best finish in program history... First freshman lineman to ever start on team's varsity squad... Participated in postseason Alabama-Mississippi All-State Game... Started at tackle as junior, helping Florence to 7-4 record and 6A playoffs.

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

**PERSONAL** Coleman Lee Hardin... Born April 27, 1996... Son of Tony and Yana Hardin... Has one younger brother, Bryant... Dad is a banker; mom is a hair stylist.



## 31 Tre HERNDON

**Cornerback**

**Junior ★ 6-1 • 188**

**Chattanooga, Tenn. ★ East Hamilton HS**

**2015** Herndon enjoyed a breakout season at cornerback during his second year on campus... Started all 12 regular season games at cornerback opposite two-year starter Torren McGaster... Finished the year tied for third on defense with 35 solo tackles and ranked fifth with 42 total tackles... Also contributed four defended passes... Posted career game late in season against Texas A&M, contributing personal highs with eight solo tackles and two defended passes... Came back to notch five solo stops in finale at Tennessee... In first career start, Herndon registered a quarterback sack among three tackles against Western Kentucky.

### Herndon's Career Highs:

SOLO TACKLES: 8, vs. Texas A&M, 11/21/2015  
TOTAL TACKLES: 8, vs. Texas A&M, 11/21/2015  
DEFENSED PASSES: 2, vs. Texas A&M, 11/21/2015

defensive back and special teams contributor... Concluded season with seven solo tackles and nine total tackles... Posted two tackles against Temple, South Carolina and Old Dominion... Also had stops vs. UMass, Georgia and Florida... Averaged 26 yards on three kick returns.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter... Two-way starter as senior, helping Hurricanes to 10-3 record and 5A state playoffs... In 2013, posted 46 total tackles and an interception as CB and 30 catches for 417 yards as WR... Also averaged 47.2 yards and produced two TDs on kick returns... Named to *Chattanooga Times-Free Press* "Best of Preps Team" and sportswriters' First Team All-State squad... Participated in Tennessee East-West All-Star

**2014** Herndon was among four true freshmen to see action in the Commodore defensive secondary during the season... Participated in all 12 games as reserve



Game... As a junior, posted 63 tackles and four picks, helping school to a 11-2 record.

**ACADEMICS** Herndon is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a degree in sociology. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient, and earned SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recognition in 2014.

**PERSONAL** Willie Herndon III... Born March 5, 1996 in Detroit... Son of Sabrina and Willie Herndon Jr... Has a younger sister, Sierra... Both parents work at Unum, an insurance company headquartered in Chattanooga... First SEC signee in school history... Enjoys juggling and playing Xbox video games.

### Herndon's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2015	35-12-47	1.0-6	0-0	4	0/0
2014	7-2-9	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0
<b>Career</b>	<b>42-14-56</b>	<b>1.0-6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.0</b>



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## 33 Jay HOCKADAY

**Inside Linebacker**

**Sophomore ★ 6-3 • 220**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Christ Presbyterian Acad.**

**2015** Hockaday participated in eight games as a true freshman, seeing action on special team coverage units and as inside linebacker... First career appearance came in win over Austin Peay... Registered two total tackles.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-way starter as junior and senior... Helped CPA to 3A state championship as senior, starting at RB and LB... Rushed for 887 yards and 19 TDs, and registered nearly 100 tackles, including four sacks, for 15-0 Lions squad in 2014... Dominated state title game, rushing for 124 yards and posting 15 tackles en route to Offensive MVP honors... Named First Team 3A All-State RB, District MVP, and All-Midstate by Tennessean... As junior, topped squad with 19 rushing TDs and contributed 95 tackles for 14-1 team.

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

**PERSONAL** James Edward Hockaday III... Born Feb. 6, 1996 in Nashville... "Jayhock"... Son of Jimmy and Krista Hockaday... Has two sisters, Holly and Ally... Dad is a sales vice president; mom is a nurse... Dad played WR at University of Georgia... His grandfather, Jim Hockaday, played in the NBA... Avid golfer.

### Hockaday's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FE/FR
2015	1-1-2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0



## 74 Will HOLDEN

**Offensive Line**

**Senior ★ 6-7 • 312**

**Green Cove Springs, Fla. ★ Clay HS**

**2015** Holden became a stalwart on the Commodore offensive line in his fourth year on campus... Started every game protecting the quarterback's blindside as left tackle... Projected as starting right tackle only to move to opposite tackle slot during preseason drills when Andrew Jelks suffered season-ending injury... Played more than 870 offensive snaps, second most on OL behind senior center Spencer Pulley... Credited with 33 pancake and 13 domination blocks during the season, and earned or shared team's offensive lineman of the week honors on three occasions.

**2014** Holden put together an excellent season during his first year as a starter on the offensive line... After earning limited snaps during the 2013 season, Holden played in all 12 games, seeing action at right tackle... Earned 10 starts during the season, with first career start coming against Ole Miss... After being inserted into the lineup, registered 26 pancake blocks and eight domination blocks.

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**2013** Holden played in 12 games during the regular season, participating on the offensive line and conversion units... Utilized as both guard and tackle.

**2012** Holden redshirted during his first season on campus, while helping out the offensive line on the practice squad... Added strength through efforts in weight room.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter on offensive front for Class 5A school near Jacksonville... Starting left tackle as senior for district runners-up, earning first team All-State honors by Florida sportswriters... Name to *Jacksonville Times-Union's* prestigious Super 24 Team as senior.

**ACADEMICS** Holden is expected to complete a major this year in human & organizational development, with a emphasis on leadership. He is a two-time (2014-15) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** William Thomas Holden... Son of Kevin and Rita Holden... Born Sept. 14, 1993... Has one brother, Kevin... Dad is retired from U.S. Navy; mom is food service manager... Eagle scout... Aspires to become an FBI agent.



Jasper

## 56 Bradyn JASPER

**Outside Linebacker**

**Senior ★ 6-3 • 245**

**Washington, Mo. ★ St. Francis Borgia HS**

**2015** Jasper did not see action as a second-year walk-on candidate... Participated as scout team

linebacker during regular season.

**2014** Jasper joined squad as a walk-on outside linebacker candidate during spring drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Jasper did not participate in football as a prep athlete... Two-time varsity letterwinner in wrestling... High academic achiever.

**ACADEMICS** Jasper is working toward a degree in neuroscience.

**PERSONAL** Bradyn Channing Jasper... Born Oct. 4, 1993... Son of Dean and Deanna Jasper... Mom owns daycare business... Has two sisters, Aly and Victoria, and a brother, Adam.



Jelks

## 50 Andrew JELKS

**Offensive Line**

**Senior ★ 6-6 • 305**

**Paris, Tenn. ★ Henry County HS**

**2015** Jelks experienced a disappointing season in his third year on campus... Projected as the team's starting left tackle after manning the position in 2014, Jelks suffered a season-ending leg injury during August drills and never played a snap during the regular season.

**2014** Jelks started all 12 games at left tackle despite playing at less than full health... Moved from playing right tackle as redshirt freshman to left tackle where he replaced All-SEC performer Wesley Johnson... Has started 21 consecutive games on the offensive front... Participated in nearly 90 percent of team's offensive snaps, contributing 16 pancake blocks and 14 domination blocks.

**2013** Named Freshman All-America OT by Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and SEC All-Freshman OL by league's head coaches... Jelks became a starter along the offensive front as a redshirt freshman... Participated in 12 games, earning 10 starting assignments, including nine at right tackle... Commodores registered 7-2 start with Jelks as starter... First career start came in win at UMass... Registered 41 blocks that led directly to Commodore first downs or TDs... Also credited with 28 knockdown blocks.



**2012** Jelks drew attention from the staff despite redshirting as a true freshman... Jelks displayed excellent agility and techniques during fall practices and also added bulk through the weight room.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year offensive line starter... As senior left tackle, contributed over 70 pancake blocks as Henry County went 15-0 and earned first state title in school history... Finalist for 5A Mr. Football Lineman of the Year as senior... First Team 5A All-State and named to *Tennessean's* Dream Team, Dandy Dozen and All-Midstate squads... Started on varsity hoops team.

**ACADEMICS** Jelks is expected to complete a degree this year in human & organizational development degree (leadership emphasis) from the Peabody College. He is a three-time (2013-15) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Andrew Moore Jelks... Son of Bill and Debbie Jelks... Born Dec. 6, 1993... Dad is an insurance agent; mom is a physical therapist... Has two brothers, Will, who played football at Southeast Missouri State, and Ben.



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**Johnson**

## 37 Wilson JOHNSON

**Snapper**

**Senior ★ 6-2 • 212**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Montgomery Bell Academy**

**2015** Just as Johnson looked to lock down a key special teams role in his third year on campus, injury prematurely ended his season... Johnson served as the team's primary long snapper against Western Kentucky and Georgia, but suffered a leg injury against the Bulldogs that forced him out of action for the rest of the year.

**2014** Johnson did not participate in a game as a second-year special teams' contributor... Competed for much of the year as the top backup to senior snapper Andrew East.

**2013** Johnson did not play in his first year with the Commodores... Worked as a practice squad snapper on conversions.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner and starter for one of Middle Tennessee's top private schools... Started at WR, safety and as snapper for Big Red, helping school to three straight Division II state playoff appearances... Also lettered on baseball.

**ACADEMICS** Johnson is working toward a degree in economics from the College of Arts and Science. He is a two-time (2014-15) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** James Wilson Johnson... Born April 5, 1994... Son of Joseph and Nancy Johnson... Has three siblings: sister, Mary, and brothers, Stephen and Camden... Dad serves as MBA's Director of Alumni and Development; mom teaches at Westminster Kindergarten in Nashville.



**Lealao**

## 77 Nifae LEALAO

**Defensive Tackle**

**Junior ★ 6-5, 312**

**Sacramento, Calif. ★ Capital Christian HS**

**2015** Lealao enjoyed his best season as a sophomore defensive lineman... Lealao played in all 12 regular season games, earning starting assignments at nose tackle against late-season SEC foes Florida, Kentucky, Texas A&M and Tennessee... Showed improvement and greater confidence with each game played... Posted game highs of nine solo tackles and 18 total tackles during the season... Career high of four total tackles came vs. Georgia... Capped year off with three solo stops at Tennessee.

### Lealao's Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 3, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 4, vs. Georgia, 9/12/2015

**2014** Lealao was the only true freshman to see action on the interior defensive front, serving as a reserve to veteran defensive tackle Vince Taylor... Saw action in nine games... Finished the season with seven total

tackles and one fumble

recovery... Posted pair of tackles against Temple and South Carolina... Contributed fumble recovery at Kentucky.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain... Four-year varsity letterwinner... Two-time team MVP... As senior starter at DE/OT, helped Capital Christian to 9-2 mark and Division IV state playoffs... As a three-year starting defensive end, produced 58 tackles for loss, including 22 for losses as a sophomore, and 16 quarterback sacks... Registered 229 total tackles and

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blocked 17 punt or FG attempts during career... Three-time Cal-Hi All-State and All-Region pick... As senior, played in prestigious U.S. Army All-American Game... Ranked among region's top basketball and volleyball players... Earned letters as thrower in track & field... Honors student.

**ACADEMICS** Lealao is majoring in sociology from the College of Arts and Science. He is a 2015 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Nifae Penitala Lealao Jr... Born Aug. 16, 1995... Son of Mary and Nifae Lealao Sr... Dad is a senior technician; mom works in the medical field... Enjoys singing... Wants to become an entrepreneur.

## Lealao's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2015	9-9-18	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0/0	0
2014	2-5-7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/1	0
Career	11-14-25	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0/1	0



## 93 Hayden LEKACZ

**Placekicker**

**Junior ★ 6-0 • 195**

**Glen Ellyn, Ill. ★ Glenbard West HS**

Lekacz

**2015** Lekacz served as the team's primary kickoff specialist for much of the season... Played in all 12 games... Opponents averaged just 18.4 yards returning Lekacz's kickoffs... As a reserve placekicker, he was 4-of-4 on extra point attempts.

**2014** A first-year contributor, Lekacz has participated as a placekicker and kickoff specialist... Saw action in five games during first half of season.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starting placekicker for Chicagoland power... As senior, named All-Area after helping Glenbard West to 11-2 record and second round of 7A state playoffs... As junior, earned All-Area recognition after kicking game-winning field goals in playoffs and state championship game... Nearly 80 percent of kickoffs resulted in touchbacks... Also earned letters in varsity lacrosse... High academic achiever.

**ACADEMICS** Lekacz is majoring in economics from the College of Arts and Science. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient and earned 2014-15 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recognition.



**PERSONAL** Hayden Bernard Lekacz... Born Oct. 23, 1985... Son of Eric and Patricia Lekacz... Has one brother, Alex... Dad is corporate executive vice president... Prep teammate of Vanderbilt TE Nathan Marcus.

## Lekacz's Career Kicking Statistics

	FG-FGA	FG%	PATS	PAT%	POINTS
2015	0-0	-	4-4	100.0	4
2014	0-1	.000	1-1	100.0	1
Career	0-1	.000	5-5	100.0	5



## 30 Bryce LEWIS

**Cornerback**

**Sophomore ★ 6-0 • 185**

**Lilburn, Ga. ★ Parkview HS**

Lewis

**2015** Lewis played in 11 of 12 games during his second year on campus, seeing action on special team units and as reserve cornerback... Contributed tackle in win over Austin Peay.

**2014** Lewis did not see action as a true freshman... Displayed excellent coverage skills as a scout team cornerback during fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain... Three-year starter at CB for AAAAAA school near Atlanta... As senior, was Parkview's MVP after recording 84 total tackles, 12 passes defended and an INT... Played in postseason East-West All-Star Game... Helped team to 9-4 mark and state quarterfinal appearance as junior, posting 40 tackles and two INTs... Honorable mention All-State, All-Area recipient... Versatile sprinter-jumper in track.

**ACADEMICS** Lewis is working toward degrees in special education and economics.

**PERSONAL** Bryce Marshall Lewis... Born Oct. 5, 1995... Son of Marshall and Mershara Lewis... Mom works with children's ministries; dad is entrepreneur with BackFire Intelligence.

## Lewis' Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2015	0-1-1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0





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## 83 Nathan MARCUS

**Tight End**

**Junior ★ 6-5 • 244**

**Glen Ellyn, Ill. ★ Glenbard West HS**

**Marcus**

**2015** Marcus saw action in 11 games at tight end... Earned starting assignment in multiple TE formations against Georgia and Texas A&M... Ended the season with four receptions, good for 34 yards... Posted catches against SEC opponents Ole Miss, South Carolina, Missouri and Tennessee.

**2014** Marcus played in 11 games as a first-year contributor on the Commodore offense... Earned starts against South Carolina, Georgia and Old Dominion - in multiple tight end formations... Ended season with six receptions, good for 56 yards and two touchdowns... All of his receptions came in the team's last six games... Set

### Marcus' Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 3, vs. Old Dominion, 11/1/2014  
RECEIVING YARDS: 25, at Missouri, 10/25/2014  
LONGEST CATCH: 25, at Missouri, 10/25/2014

season bests with three receptions, including one for a score, in victory over Old Dominion... Also had a 9-yard TD catch at Missouri... First career catch, a 25-yarder vs. Charleston Southern, was his longest of the season.

**2013** Marcus has not seen action as a true freshman... Added strength in the weight room while impressing as a practice squad tight end.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter and two-way contributor for one of nation's elite prep programs... Named First Team All-State by Illinois Coaches Association and *Chicago Tribune* after helping 2012 Hitters' squad to 14-0 campaign and 7A state championship... Team ended season ranked No. 20 in *USA Today* national prep Top 25 poll... In 2012, named team's MVP after posting 56 catches for 939 yards and eight TDs as TE, and 25 tackles and eight sacks as DE/LB... Also earned First Team All-

Conference as a senior... In 2011, contributed 30 receptions and six TD catches... Helped team to 34-3 overall record as starter... Also earned varsity letters in basketball and track & field.

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

**PERSONAL** Nathan Marcus... Son of Bruce and Danae Marcus... Born Sept. 14, 1994... Has one sister, Meredith, and one brother, Ben... Dad is a manufacturer's rep... Enjoys skiing and golf.

### Marcus' Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2015	4	34	8.5	0	12
2014	6	56	9.3	2	25
Career	10	90	9.0	2	25



**McGaster**

## 5 Torren MCGASTER

**Cornerback**

**Senior ★ 6-0 • 198**

**Daphne, Ala. ★ Daphne HS**

**2015** McGaster established himself as the 'Dores' top cover corner as a second-year starter in the secondary... Played in every game, earning 11 starting assignments... Concluded the year with 41 solo tackles, 51 total tackles and 4.5 tackles for loss... Ranked among SEC leaders with 13 defended passes... Contributed at least two tackles in 11 of 12 games, topped by 7-tackle performances at Ole Miss and at Florida... Career high of two tackles for loss also came in Ole Miss effort... Made three defended passes and a fumble recovery in road win at Middle Tennessee... Posted six solo tackles against three opponents... Western Kentucky, Ole Miss and Florida... Also had four punt returns for 29 yards.

**2014** McGaster developed into the Commodores' most consistent cornerback as a first-year starter... Played in all 12 games, McGaster earned 11 starting assignments in the secondary... Finished the year with two interceptions, sharing team lead with cornerback Taurean Ferguson... Ranked first on the squad with 46 solo tackles, second with five defended

### McGaster's Career Highs:

SOLO TACKLES: 7, at Miss. State, 11/22/2014  
TOTAL TACKLES: 9, at Miss. State, 11/22/2014  
INTERCEPTIONS: 2, vs. Tennessee, 11/29/2014  
TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2, at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015  
DEFENSED PASSES: 3, at Middle Tenn., 10/3/2015

passes, and third with 66 total tackles... Also contributed 3.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble... Concluded the year in outstanding fashion, picking off two passes in narrow loss vs. Tennessee... Season high of seven solo tackles and nine total

tackles came at Mississippi State... All season totals marked new career highs for McGaster... Registered seven total tackles and a forced fumble vs. South Carolina... Also posted at least four tackles in 11 of 12 games.

**2013** McGaster played in all 12 regular season games, and earned a start in the secondary at Texas A&M... Finished the year with 14 total tackles and a fumble recovery... Contributed pair of tackles against UMass, UAM, Missouri, Texas A&M and Wake Forest... Fumble recovery came in win over Georgia.

**2012** Though McGaster never played as a true freshman, he received valuable practice time working frequently with the team's travel roster.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starter in defensive secondary for one of state's top 6A programs... Three-year letterwinner... As senior, posted 37 tackles, two INTs, seven passes defended, four fumble recoveries as DB for 10-2 Trojans squad... Returned four kicks for TDs as senior.

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**ACADEMICS** McGaster is expected to complete an interdisciplinary degree in human motivation & culture.

**PERSONAL** Torren McGaster... Son of Alane Perdue and Robert McGaster... Stepdad is Johnnie Perdue... Born May 25, 1993... Mom works with Daphne schools; dad is self-employed... Has three brothers, Brandilion, Jonathan and Johnnie; and three sisters, Amber, Fredrika and Nastisa.

## McGaster's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2015	41-10-51	4.5-8	0-0	0/1	13
2014	46-20-66	3.5-9	2-6	1/0	4
2013	10-5-15	0.0-0	0-0	0/1	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>97-35-132</b>	<b>8.0-17</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>17</b>



## 44 Nehemiah MITCHELL

**Defensive End**

**Senior ★ 6-4 • 260**

**Hayward, Calif. ★ CC-San Francisco/O'Dowd HS**

2015 A first-year transfer from City College of San Francisco, Mitchell played in every game at outside linebacker... Earned starting assignments in first seven games, then split



repetitions with Landon Stokes... Finished the season with 24 total tackles, nine solo stops, 1.5 tackles for loss and a defended pass... Posted season high of five tackles against Georgia... Registered three solo stops in win over Middle Tennessee... Shared a QB sack in narrow road loss at Florida... Opened career with three tackles vs. Western Kentucky.

## Mitchell's Career Highs:

SOLO TACKLES: 3, at Middle Tenn., 10/3/2015  
TOTAL TACKLES: 5, vs. Georgia, 9/12/2015

## JUNIOR COLLEGE/HIGH SCHOOL

Played 2014 season at City College of San Francisco, helping the Rams to an 11-2 record that played in the California Junior College state championship

game... As senior DE, posted 52 tackles, 10 quarterback sacks and returned an interception for touchdown... Earned All-NCJC and All-Conference honors... Transferred to CCSF after two years at Sacramento State when he played 2013 season as hybrid DE/OLB... Graduated from Bishop O'Dowd HS in Oakland, starting two years at DE... Helped Dragons to CIF Northern California D-III playoffs in 2010-11.

**ACADEMICS** Mitchell is working toward a degree in communication studies from the College of Arts and Science.

**PERSONAL** Nehemiah Robert Mitchell... Born July 21, 1994 in San Francisco Bay Area... Son of Robert and Linda Mitchell... Younger siblings, Natalie and Nathanael, are twins... Dad is a contractor; mom is a consultant... An uncle, Lance Mitchell, started at LB for University of Oklahoma and Arizona Cardinals.

## Mitchell's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	FF/FR	QH	PBU
2015	9-15-24	1.5-12	0.5-3	0/0	0	1



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## 97 Reid NELSON

**Punter**

**Junior** ★ 6-2 • 215

**Hueytown, Ala. ★ Hueytown HS**

**Nelson**

**2015** Nelson did not see game action as a second-year punting prospect.

**2014** Nelson did not see game action as a prospective punter.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Earned three letters... Two-year starting punter and place-kicker for Birmingham-area school... Named All-Area punter as senior after averaging 43 yards... Also lettered in golf... Recipient of the state's Bryant-Jordan Scholarship and school's top scholar-athlete as senior.

**ACADEMICS** Nelson is working toward a degree in economics. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** William Patrick Reid Nelson... Born Nov. 16, 1995... Son of Robert and Ronee Nelson... Has two older brothers, Evan and Kyle, and older sister, Melissa... Dad is retired, mom is nurse at Birmingham children's hospital.



## 34 Dare ODEYINGBO

**Defensive End**

**Sophomore** ★ 6-2 • 262

**Irving, Texas ★ Cisterician Prep**

**Odeyingbo**

**2015** Odeyingbo participated in eight games as a true freshman, seeing action on special teams and as a defensive end... Concluded his first season with a pair of tackles, including a tackle for loss, all coming in the Commodores' win over Austin Peay.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain for Dallas-Fort Worth metro area private school... Started all four years at RB... Also started at DE and LB as junior and senior... Two-time Texas-Okla. Private School All-State and All-Area recipient... As senior, rushed

### Odeyingbo's Career Highs:

TOTAL TACKLES: 2, vs. Austin Peay, 9/19/2015

for 1,178 yards and seven touchdowns... Rushed for 1,791 yards and 23 TDs as a junior... Amassed 5,456 rushing yards and 74 total TDs during four-year varsity career... Helped squad to state playoff appearances in 2012 and 2013... Also earned letters in basketball and track & field... National Merit Semifinalist.

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

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

### Odeyingbo's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	PBU	FF/FR
2015	0-2-2	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0/0



## 17 Tommy OPENSHAW

**Kicker/Punter**

**Junior** ★ 6-2 • 195

**Jacksonville, Fla. ★ Creekside HS**

**Openshaw**

**2015** Openshaw played in every game, spending much of the year in dual capacity of punter and placekicker... As first-year punter, Openshaw averaged 40.9 yards on 79 punts... Booted a 78-yard punt, equalling No. 6 all-time on team charts, against Missouri... As placekicker, Openshaw converted on 62.3 percent of field goals (12-of-19)... Made 7-of-10 attempts between 40-49 yards... Made field goals of 28, 41 and 34 yards at Ole Miss... All of team's FG attempts came in first seven games.

**2014** Openshaw saw action in 11 games, serving as the team's primary placekicker in his redshirt freshmen season... Made 72.7 percent of field goals, converting 8-of-11... Was 6-of-6 on FGs inside 40 yards... Last two conversions came from 48 and 46 yards... Made all 21 PATs on the season.

**2013** Openshaw did not see action as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Ranked among nation's top kicking specialists by several services... Started three years as kicker... Became team's kicker as sophomore, adding punting duties as a senior... Became school's first player to earn First Team 6A All-State from writers after making five FGs and 45.6-



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yard punting average as senior... Also named All-District as senior... Was 16-of-22 on field goals as junior, including team-record 56-yarder, as team advanced to state playoffs.

## Openshaw's Career Highs:

FGS IN GAME: 3, at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015  
LONGEST FG: 49, vs. Western Kentucky, 9/3/2015  
LONGEST PUNT: 78, vs. Missouri, 10/24/2015

Openshaw... Son of Mark Openshaw and Susanne Openshaw... Born Sept. 30, 1994... Has three younger sisters: Colleen, Tara and Claire... Dad works as a construction manager; mom is retired from the U.S. Navy... Mom was a gymnast at U.S. Naval Academy... High academic achiever... Active in youth activities at hometown church... Enjoys golf... Has been involved in community service projects in the Nashville area and has travelled for spring break mission trips.

## Openshaw's Career Kicking Statistics

	FG-FGA	FG%	LG	PATS	PTS.	PUNTS	AVG.	LG
2015	12-19	63.2	49	14-14	50	79-3,324	40.9	78
2014	8-11	72.7	48	21-21	45	-	-	-
Career	20-30	66.7	49	35-35	95	79-3,324	40.9	78

**ACADEMICS** Openshaw is working toward degrees in engineering science and economics. He is a two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient (2014-15).

**PERSONAL** Thomas Reilly

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year offensive line starter, helping Bentonville to 32-5 overall record and consecutive 7A state titles in 2013 and 2014... Named First Team 7A All-State OL and All-Region as senior, posting 50 knockdown blocks and helping Tigers overcome 0-4 start with nine-game win streak to conclude season... As senior received Willie Roaf Award as Arkansas' top high school offensive lineman from Little Rock Touchdown Club... Also earned All State, All-Region honors as junior.

**ACADEMICS** Pfeifer is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. He has not declared a major at this time.

**PERSONAL** Ean Paul Pfeifer... Born Feb. 4, 1997 on Maryland's Eastern Shore... Son of Tom Pfeifer and Carla Burns... Has five siblings: brothers Stefan and Garrett; sisters Elise, Erika and Jaclyn... Dad works in automotive sales; mom is a mammographer.



Pinkney

## 80 Jared PINKNEY

**Tight End**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-4 • 250**

**Norcross, Ga. ★ Norcross HS**

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multiple-year captain and standout WR/HB for one of north Georgia's top public school programs... Received team's "Iron Man" Award after senior season... Earned three varsity letters, helping Blue Devils to 2012 and 2013 Class AAAAAA state titles and playoff appearance in 2014... As senior WR, caught 32 passes for 480 yards and three touchdowns for 7-4 squad, earning First Team All-Region honors.

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

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



Rayford

## 86 Latevius RAYFORD

**Wide Receiver**

**Senior ★ 6-1 • 201**

**Memphis, Tenn. ★ Whitehaven HS**

**2015** Rayford played in 11 games as a third-year wide receiver, earning starts against Western Kentucky, Austin Peay and Houston... Finished with 19 receptions, good for 151 yards and a touchdown... Most productive performance was a seven-catch, 57-receiving yard effort against Georgia that included a 7-yard TD in the fourth quarter... Also posted three catches against South Carolina and Houston.

## Rayford's Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 8, vs. Florida, 11/8/2014  
REC. YARDS: 79 (2), vs. ODU, 11/1/2014  
LONGEST CATCH: 24, vs. Austin Peay, 9/7/2014

**2014** Rayford ranked among the team's top aerial targets in virtually every stat category... Participated in all 12 games, earning 10 starting assignments at wide receiver... Finished the campaign ranked second in the receiving



Peart

## 9 Caleb PEART

**Outside Linebacker**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-1 • 234**

**Gilbert, Ariz. ★ Hamilton HS**

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and three-year DE starter for Phoenix-area power... Recipient of NFF's 2014 Curley Culp Award given to Arizona's top high school defensive lineman... Three-time recipient of All-State DL and All-Region DL honors... Team's defensive MVP as senior after posting 82 tackles, 15 quarterback sacks and two forced fumbles for 12-2 squad that played in state's Division AIA state championship... Participated in prestigious Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl following senior season... As junior helped Hamilton to another state runnerup finish after starting on Division 1 state title squad as a sophomore.

**ACADEMICS** Peart is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. He is undecided on a major at this time.

**PERSONAL** Caleb Jamal Peart... Born Nov. 13, 1996... Native of Phoenix metro area... Son of Jacqueline and Carl Peart... Has a younger sister, Keturah... Mom is a personal trainer; dad is a general contractor.



Pfeifer

## 57 Ean PFEIFER

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-4 • 290**

**Bentonville, Ark. ★ Bentonville HS**

**2015** Pfeifer did not see action as a true freshman offensive line candidate... He participated through the regular season as an offensive guard and center on scout teams.



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corps with 36 catches and third with 350 receiving yards... Registered a catch in 11 of 12 games... Set career highs with eight receptions against Florida and 79 receiving yards vs. Old Dominion... Totaled 20 catches and 203 receiving yards in final four appearances... Touchdown came vs. Old Dominion.

**2013** Rayford was one of three true freshmen WR who earned playing time... Saw action in six games... Posted two receptions for 29 yards.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter at WR for Warriors... As a senior, averaged 26.2 yards on 19 receptions for run-oriented offense... Also produced 11 TDs as a WR/returner and had two INTs as senior safety... Impressed in postseason Semper Fi All-American Bowl.

**ACADEMICS** Rayford is expected to complete a degree this year in communication studies.

**PERSONAL** Latavius D'Vonte Rayford... Son of Marcus and LaKeydra Brown... Born May 3, 1995... Has two brothers, Marcus and Shuntrell... Mom works for the Memphis Board of Education; dad works in retail.

## Rayford's Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2015	19	151	7.9	1	20
2014	36	350	9.7	1	20
2013	2	29	14.5	0	24
Career	57	530	9.3	2	24



Reagan

## 61 Bruno REAGAN

**Offensive Guard**

**Sophomore ★ 6-3 • 310**

**Clarksville, Tenn. ★ Clarksville HS**

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



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

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

**ACADEMICS** Reagan is majoring in communication studies.

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



Rector

## 26 Andrew RECTOR

**Safety**

**Sophomore ★ 5-11 • 198**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Father Ryan HS**

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

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

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

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

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## 28 Dallas RIVERS

**Running Back**

**Junior ★ 6-1 • 225**

**Stone Mountain, Ga ★ Stephenson HS**

**Rivers**

**2015** Rivers participated in every game as a second-year contributor, serving as a primary option to

Ralph Webb in the running game... Concluded the season with 183 rushing yards and a touchdown on 60 carries... Had rush attempts in all 12 games, including 11 rushes for 26 yards in the opener vs. Western Kentucky... Had 137 all-purpose yards – 30 rushing yards and 107 in kick returns – against Texas A&M... Lone TD rush came in victory over Middle Tennessee.

**2014** As a true freshman, Rivers played in all 12 games, serving as the

### Rivers' Career Highs:

**RUSHING YARDS:** 73, vs. *Old Dominion*, 11/1/2014  
**RUSH ATTEMPTS:** 17, vs. *Old Dominion*, 11/1/2014  
**LONGEST RUSH:** 16, vs. *Texas A&M*, 11/21/2015

Commodores' No. 2 running back behind Ralph Webb... Finished the season with 218 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 61 carries... Rivers' powerful built gave Commodore

rushing attack different dimension from Webb's style... Set single-game highs with 73 rushing yards on 17 carries in victory over Old Dominion... Had 47 yards and a score in win over Charleston Southern... First career rushing touchdown came at Georgia.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starting RB for two Atlanta area schools, Stephenson HS and Tucker HS... As senior RB, rushed for 1,127 yards and 22 TDs for 9-3 Stephenson squad that advanced to second round of Class AAAAA playoffs... Earned First Team All-Area honors as senior... Played in postseason DeKalb County All-Star Game... Transferred to Stephenson

prior to senior season... is a junior at nearby Tucker HS, was DeKalb County's leading rusher with 1,110 yards and 14 TDs, helping Tucker to 10-3 and state quarterfinals... As sophomore, rushed for 882 yards and 18 TDs helping Tucker to 15-0 record and AAAA state title... Honors student, Atlanta Carson Scholar recipient.

**ACADEMICS** Rivers is majoring in economics from the College of Arts and Science. He is a 2014-15 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Dallas James Rivers... Born May 25, 1996... Son of Rhonda and Lester Rivers III... Has two younger brothers, Dawson and Dylan... Involved in Young Life organization, worked as counselor at local summer camps... Video game enthusiast... Attended same high school as fellow Commodore student-athletes Darreon Herring and Jonathan Wynn.

### Rivers' Career Rushing Statistics

	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDs	LONG
2015	60	183	3.0	1	16
2014	61	218	3.6	2	12
<b>Career</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>



**Schultz**

## 48 Jacob SCHULTZ

**Snapper**

**Junior ★ 6-4 • 235**

**Murfreesboro, Tenn. ★ Siegel HS**

**2015** As a third-year member of the squad, Schultz enjoyed his first year as a key member of Commodore special teams... Handled the squad's conversion snaps through the season, and took on long snapping chores after an early-season injury to Wilson Johnson.

**2014** Schultz did not see action in his second year.

**2013** Schultz did not play in first year as a snapper.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner, two-year starter for Middle Tennessee public school... As senior, started as center and snapper for 13-1 squad that advanced to state semifinals... National Merit Semifinalist and National Honor Society president.

**ACADEMICS** Schultz is majoring in biology science and medicine, health & society. He is a two-time (2014-15) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Jacob Daniel Schultz... Born Dec. 30, 1994... Son of Jack and Kristine Schultz... Has an older brother, Josh.





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**Scott**

## 9 Caleb SCOTT

**Wide Receiver**

**Junior ★ 6-2 • 202**

**Suwanee, Ga. ★ North Gwinnett HS**

**2015** Scott came into his own as a sophomore, becoming one of the team's top options at wide receiver... Played in every game, earning nine games, including the final eight of the year... Concluded the season with season highs of 24 catches, 339 receiving yards and two TDs... Averaged 14.1 yards per catch, tops among team's WRs... Posted at least two receptions in eight games, topped by a five-catch effort at Ole Miss... Made three important catches, including one for a touchdown, and career-high 87 yards in victory over Kentucky... Had 43 yards in road win at Middle Tennessee... Ended season with receptions of 36 and 25 yards at Tennessee.

**2014** Scott saw action in 11 of 12 games during his first year on campus... Participated

### Scott's Career Highs:

**CATCHES:** 5, at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015  
**RECEIVING YARDS:** 87, vs. Kentucky, 11/14/2015  
**LONGEST CATCH:** 39, vs. Old Dominion, 11/1/2014

at wide receiver... Earned first start in season finale vs. Tennessee... Leader among the team's true freshmen with six catches and 78 receiving yards... Longest reception of season was 39-yarder in win over Old Dominion... Notched two acrobatic catches for first downs in narrow loss at Missouri... Also posted receptions vs. Temple, Georgia and Tennessee.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner... Two-year starting WR for Class

AAAAA power northeast of Atlanta... As senior captain, amassed 1,057 yards and 10 TDs on 72 catches helping North Gwinnett to 13-2 record and state title game... Top game – 12 catches for 211 yards – came against rival Collins Hill... Two-time All-State, All-Area recipient... Played in postseason North-South Georgia All-Star Game... As a junior, posted 38 receptions for 684 yards and 11 TDs... Captured regional hurdles title in track & field... High academic achiever.

**ACADEMICS** Scott is studying in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a medicine, health and society degree. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient and earned 2015 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recognition.

**PERSONAL** Caleb Gregory Scott... Born Feb. 8, 1996... Son of Chuck and Julie Scott... Has one brother, Chad, and one sister, Jenna... Both parents graduated from Vanderbilt and work with Young Life ministry... Dad was an All-America tight end at Vanderbilt who played in the NFL. Brother plays WR at Furman... Involved in visiting ailing youngsters at Vanderbilt's Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital on campus.

### Scott's Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
<b>2015</b>	24	339	14.2	1	37
<b>2014</b>	6	78	13.0	0	39
<b>Career</b>	30	417	13.9	1	39



**Sheffield**

## 21 Donovan SHEFFIELD

**Cornerback**

**Sophomore ★ 6-0 • 190**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Ensworth HS**

**2015** Limited by an injury early in the year, Sheffield came on to create valuable role in Commodore secondary as true freshman... Played in the final six games, contributing at cornerback and nickel back... Finished the year with five total tackles, including four solo stops... Also registered a pair of defended passes against Texas A&M.



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**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and three-time starter in secondary for one of Tennessee's most powerful private schools... As two-way starter, helped Ensworth to 34-3 overall record, Division II-AA state titles in 2012 and 2013, and the D-II state title game in 2014... As senior, registered 33 tackles and six INTs as CB, and posted 16 touchdowns as RB, earning First Team D-II All-State and All-Midstate honors... Named to *Tennessean's*

## Sheffield's Career Highs:

PASSES DEFENDED: 2, vs. *Texas A&M*, 11/21/2015

Dandy Dozen All-Region team... Ended prep career with 12 INTs, 121 tackles and 21 defended passes on defense, and 23 total touchdowns and more than

2,000 rushing yards on offense... Captured state triple jump title as a junior with 46'11" leap.

**ACADEMICS** Sheffield is working toward a degree in human & organizational development from the Peabody College.

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

## Sheffield's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2015	4-1-5	2.0-9	0-0	2	0/0



**Sherfield**

## 10 Trent SHERFIELD

**Wide Receiver**

**Junior ★ 6-0 • 200**

**Danville, Ill. ★ Danville HS**

**2015** Sheffield developed into one of the top offensive leaders and became the Commodores' leading receiving target in his second year on campus... Started every game at wide receiver... Finished the year with team highs of 51 receptions, 659 receiving yards and three touchdowns... Rushed for 55 yards on four reverses... Produced arguably the greatest game ever by a Commodore receiver in win over Austin Peay, setting a team record with 240 receiving yards on 16 catches... Reception total vs. Austin Peay ranks as third highest in team history... Hauled in seven catches at Ole Miss, six in win at Middle Tennessee, and six in finale at Tennessee... Registered rushes of 34 yards against Middle

## Sherfield's Career Highs:

CATCHES: 16, vs. *Austin Peay*, 9/19/2015

RECEIVING YARDS: 240, vs. *Austin Peay*, 9/19/2015

LONGEST CATCH: 44 yards, vs. *Georgia*, 9/12/2015

LONGEST RUSH: 34 yards, at *Middle Tenn.*, 10/3/2015

Tennessee and 17 yards at Florida.

**2014** Sheffield played in seven games, and was one of two true freshmen to see action at wide receiver... Ended the year with one reception and three rush attempts... Nine-yard catch came at Missouri... First career rush resulted in 25-yard carry vs. South Carolina... Posted two rushes for 15 yards vs. Old Dominion.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-time captain... Four-year letter varsity winner for Class 6A school... Three-year starter on offense and defense... Started at QB as junior and senior, accounting for 4,790 yards and 64 total TDs on offense... As three-year DB starter, amassed 146 tackles and six interceptions... As senior QB, accumulated 2,429 total yards, threw 22 TD passes and rushing for 11 TDs passed for 22 TDs and rushed for 11 TDs... Also registered 83 tackles as senior... Accounted for 443 total yards and seven TDs – four



rushing and three passing – in 2013 season opener, ... Two-time honorable mention All-State and All-Area recipient who played in postseason Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... Three-year letterwinner as guard in basketball and sprinter-jumper in track & field.

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

**PERSONAL** Trent Nyrell Sherfield... Son Feb. 25, 1996... Son of Tedrone Sherfield... Step-dad, DaJuan Gouard, is basketball head coach at Danville Area Community College... Has a younger brother, Thomas.

## Sherfield's Career Offensive Statistics

	REC.	AVG	TDS	LONG	RUSHES	AVG	TDS	LONG
2015	51-659	12.9	3	44	4-55	13.8	0	34
2014	1-9	9.0	0	9	3-40	13.3	0	25
Career	52-668	12.5	3	44	7-95	13.6	0	34



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## 14 Kyle SHURMUR

**Quarterback**

**Sophomore ★ 6-4 • 223**

**Philadelphia, Pa. ★ LaSalle College Prep**

**Shurmur**

**2015** Shurmur ended his true freshman as the Commodores starting quarterback... Shurmur played and started in five games, making his initial Commodore appearance in October against Missouri... Shurmur guided the squad to victories over

Missouri and Kentucky in his first two starts against SEC teams... Finished the year completing 44-of-103 passes for 503 yards and five touchdowns... Was combined 23-of-46 for 255 yards, two TD passes and no

interceptions against Missouri and Kentucky... In season finale at Tennessee, set personal highs with 15 completions, 209 passing yards and three touchdowns.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starting QB for Philadelphia private school, helping Explorers to 16-6 overall record and two Class AAAA runnerup finishes... As senior, completed 180 of 307 passes for 2,472 yards and 25 touchdowns, earning AAAA First Team All-State and

### Shurmur's Career Highs:

ATTEMPTS: 34, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015  
COMPLETIONS: 15, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015  
PASSING YARDS: 209, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015  
TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015  
LONGEST PASS: 37 yards, vs. Kentucky, 11/14/2015

All-League honors... Named Maxwell Club's Pennsylvania Player of the Year as senior... Played in 2014 Semper Fidelis All-American Game... Passed for 4,996 yards and 53 TDs as two-year starter... Standout swimmer, helping team to 2014 state title... Member of state record-setting 200-medley relay... Transferred to La Salle College as junior.

**ACADEMICS** Shurmur is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. He is a 2015 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Kyle Patrick Shurmur... Born Nov. 6, 1996... Son of Pat and Jennifer Shurmur... Has three sisters: Allyson, Erica and Claire... Dad is offensive coach for Minnesota Vikings and is the former head coach of Cleveland Browns... Dad played football and mom swam at Michigan State.

### Shurmur's Career Quarterback Statistics

	ATT-COMP-INT	YARDS	PCT.	TD	LG
2015	103-44-3	503	42.7	5	37



## 6 Darrius SIMS

**Wide Receiver**

**Senior ★ 5-9 • 191**

**Memphis, Tenn. ★ Whitehaven HS**

**Sims**

**2015** For the first time in his Commodore career, the versatile Sims was featured as a triple threat, seeing action at running back and receiver on offense, and as kick and punt returner on special teams... Played in all 12 games, earning four starts at receiver and two at running back... Finished the year second on the team

with 249 rushing yards and a TD... Averaged 5.8 yards per carry... Also contributed 110 receiving yards on 10 catches... As kick returner, averaged 18.9 yards on 25 returns... Put together excellent game at South Carolina, accumulating 146 all-purpose yards including 104 rushing yards and 22 receiving

### Sims' Career Highs:

RUSHING YARDS: 104, at South Carolina, 10/17/2015  
RUSH ATTEMPTS: 9, vs. Missouri, 10/24/2015  
LONGEST RUSH: 41, at South Carolina, 10/17/2015  
RECEIVING YARDS: 32, vs. Austin Peay, 9/19/2015  
RECEPTIONS: 2, at South Carolina, 10/17/2015  
LONGEST CATCH: 24 yards, vs. Missouri, 10/24/2015  
LONGEST KICK RETURN: 100 yards, vs. South Carolina, 9/20/2014  
KICK RETURN TDS: 2, vs. South Carolina, 9/20/2014

yards... Scored first touchdown of the season in finale at Tennessee on 7-yard rush.

**2014** The Commodores' most versatile player, Sims saw action in all three phases of the game... Participated in all 12 games, seeing action as a running back and wide receiver on offense, nickel back on defense, and return specialist... Ranked among the leading SEC kick returners, averaging 24.5 yards on 31 returns... Put together one of the greatest individual performances in team history against South Carolina, becoming first player in SEC history to return two kicks for touchdowns in the same game... Touchdowns against Gamecocks came on returns on 91 and 100 yards... Performance vs. South Carolina earned SEC Specialist of the Week honors... On offense, Sims had two rush attempts and caught a pair of passes... On defense, Sims totaled five tackles and an interception... Provided team's only points vs. Kentucky with a 13-yard INT for touchdown.

**2013** Sims was one of three true freshmen to see action for the 'Dores during the regular season, contributing as a cornerback and return specialist... Played in all 12 games... Finished 10 total tackles, including eight solo stops... Also contributed a fumble recovery and pass defended... Was one of the SEC's top kickoff returners, averaging 23.1 yards on 22 returns...

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Posted season best return of 71 yards in win at Tennessee... Registered three solo tackles at South Carolina, and a pair of unassisted stops against both Texas A&M and UAB.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter at cornerback... Played instrumental role as CB and WR in Whitehaven's first state title campaign... Was named Defensive MVP in 36-35 6A state championship victory over Maryville that capped 15-0 record... As senior, earned First Team All-State honors after contributing four INTs and 13 pass breakups... Accounted for seven TDs as senior, including two INT returns and three punt returns... Hauled two INTs in postseason AutoZone Liberty Bowl All-Star Game... Sprinted in track and lettered in basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Sims is expected to complete a degree in sociology this year. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Darrius D. Sims... Son of Phyllis Carter... Born Oct. 26, 1994... Has two brothers, DeMario and DeMarcus; and two sisters, Joselyn and Deeleen... Godparents are Marvin and Trione Cooper.

## Sims' Career Offensive & Return Statistics

	RUSH	AVG	TDS	LG	REC.	AVG	LG	KOR	AVG	TDS	LG
2015	43-250	5.7	1	41	10-110	11.0	24	25-497	19.9	0	47
2014	2-2	1.0	0	5	2-14	7.0	14	31-760	24.5	2	100
2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22-509	23.1	0	71
Career	45-252	5.6	1	5	2-114	7.0	24	78-1766	22.6	2	100



## 58 Justin SKULE

**Offensive Line**

**Sophomore ★ 6-6 • 305**

**Clifton, Va. ★ Centreville HS**



Skule

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter at LT for Northern Virginia power... Helped Wildcats to 27-3 overall record, including 2013 Class AAA state championship and 2014 state title appearance... As senior, registered nearly 30 pancake blocks as Wildcats' Wing-T offense produced nearly 4,600 rushing yards... Named to sportswriters' First Team AAA All-State and *Washington Post's* prestigious All-Metro Team as senior... Totalled more than 50 pancake blocks and allowed just one QB sack as two-year starter... Threw shot put and discus on track & field team as junior... Honors student.

**ACADEMICS** Skule has not decided on a major. He is a 2015 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recipient.

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



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## 7 Emmanuel SMITH

**Safety**

**Junior ★ 6-2 • 219**

**Murfreesboro, Tenn. ★ Oakland HS**

**Smith**

**2015** Smith became a valuable member of the Commodore secondary as a second-year contributor... Played in 11 of 12 games, missing only the Georgia game... Played both safety and nickel back, earning starts in victory at Middle Tennessee and against

### E. Smith's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES: 3, vs. Austin Peay, 9/19/2015**

**2014** Smith saw action in 10 games as a true freshman, contributing three solo tackles... Participated on special teams and as safety/nickel back.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-way starter as junior and senior... In 2013, helped Patriots to superb 12-1 record, district title and Class 6A quarterfinals... Posted 34 solo tackles, 54 total stops, three interceptions and four forced fumbles as DB... Caught 16 passes for 201 yards as WR... Named to sportswriters' 6A First Team All-State squad and *Tennessean's* Dandy Dozen and All-Midstate teams... Played in postseason Semper Fi All-American Game... Started at QB and DB as junior.

**ACADEMICS** Smith is majoring in earth & environmental science. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient. He studied abroad in Brazil last May.

**PERSONAL** Emmanuel Demetric Smith... Born July 25, 1995... Son of Demetrius and Stephanie Smith... Dad is a police officer; mom works at Dupont... Younger brother, Josh, is a Commodore sophomore linebacker... Dad played at Middle Tennessee.

### Emmanuel Smith's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
<b>2015</b>	<b>1-9-10</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>1-2-3</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>2-11-14</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>



## 25 Josh SMITH

**Linebacker**

**Sophomore ★ 6-3 • 236**

**Murfreesboro, Tenn. ★ Oakland HS**

**Smith**

**2015** Smith saw action in every game as an outside linebacker during his first year on campus... Finished the season with seven total tackles... Posted two stops against three opponents – Western Kentucky, Austin Peay and Florida... Also registered a tackle for loss in the opener against Western Kentucky.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and two-year starter at linebacker for one of Tennessee's top public schools...

### J. Smith's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES: 2 (3x), most recently at Florida, 11/7/2016**

Posted 128 tackles, nine quarterback sacks, four forced fumbles and 25 tackles for loss as senior, leading team to 14-2 record and 6A state title... Named *Daily News Journal's* Defensive Player of the Year as senior...

Played in prestigious U.S. Army All-American Game as senior... Two-time First Team All-State and All-Region selection... Also named to preseason watchlist for Butkus Award presented to nation's top prep linebacker... As junior, registered 81 tackles, helping Oakland to 12-0 regular season.

**ACADEMICS** Smith is majoring in mechanical engineering.

**PERSONAL** Joshua D. Smith... Born Feb. 25, 1997 in Nashville... Son of Demetrius and Stephanie Smith... Older brother, Emmanuel, is a junior safety for the Commodores... Dad is a police officer, mom works in factory management... Dad played football at Middle Tennessee State.



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## Josh Smith's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2015	1-6-7	0.5-1	0-0	0	0/0



## 71 Jared SOUTHERNS

### Offensive Line

Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-5 • 308

South Orange, N.J. ★ Seton Hall Prep

Southerns

**2015** Southerns did not play as a true freshman, working instead as a tackle and guard on scout teams.

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

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

**PERSONAL** Jared Daniel Southerns... Born May 14, 1997 in New Jersey... Son of Virginia and David Southerns... Has one older sister, Arianna... Mom is an attorney; dad is a social worker... Enjoys cooking.



## 3 Shawn STANKAVAGE

### Quarterback

Sophomore ★ 6-1 • 201

Durham, N.C. ★ Cardinal Gibbons HS

Stankavage

**2015** Stankavage did not see action during his second year on campus as a prospective quarterback...

Suffered offseason leg injury that limited his ability to play.

**2014** Stankavage did not see game action as a true freshman... Impressed teammates as a scout team quarterback during fall camp... Added weight through solid conditioning effort during first year on campus.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter for Raleigh private school power... As senior QB, completed 247 of 408 passes for 3,564 yards and 34 TDs, helping Crusaders to 9-4 record and 3A state playoff run... Also rushed for 1,058 yards and 13 TDs... Named region Offensive Player of the Year and First Team Big 8 as senior... In 2012, threw for 1,920 yards and 28 TDs, helping school to 11-1 record and conference title... Played varsity basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Stankavage is majoring in economics. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient and earned SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recognition in 2014-15.

**PERSONAL** Shawn Anthony Stankavage... Born Oct. 3, 1995... Son of Scott Stankavage and Sue Walsh... Has four sisters, Sarah, Shelby, Ella and Jordan, and a brother, Leo... Dad played QB at University of North Carolina and in NFL with Denver Broncos; mom was an elite swimmer, qualifying for the 1980 Moscow Olympics in the 200-meter backstroke which was boycotted by the United States... Participates in community service projects on campus.



## 99 Landon STOKES

### Outside Linebacker

Junior ★ 6-4 • 240

Orlando, Fla. ★ Lake Highland Prep



Stokes

**2015** Stokes earned the most significant role of his Commodore career as a redshirt sophomore... Playing

in every game, Stokes started the final five games at outside linebacker... Rotated with Nehemiah Mitchell for much of the year in the OLB role... Set numerous season highs, including 12 solo tackles, 24 total tackles, three tackles for loss, four defended passes and three QB hurries... In five starts, accumulated 18 tackles and four defended passes... Career high of five

### Stokes' Career Highs:

TOTAL TACKLES: 5, vs. Kentucky, 11/14/2015  
SOLO TACKLES: 4, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015  
SACKS: 1, vs. Missouri, 10/14/2015

total tackles came in win over Kentucky... Had another career high of four solo tackles in finale at Tennessee... First career QB sack proved a key defensive play in eventual victory over Missouri.

**2014** Stokes participated in 10 of 12 games as a redshirt freshman... Earning playing time at outside linebacker in 3-4 defensive scheme... Served as key reserve to starters Kyle Woestmann and Stephen Weatherly... Registered four total tackles during the season.

**2013** Stokes did not see action as a true freshman... Improved strength while impressing coaches as a practice squad defensive end.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter for Orlando school... Started as DE/LB on defense and WR/TE on offense... As a senior, contributed 54 tackles, and eight sacks... Also added 15 catches for 264 yards and three TDs on offense... Named Second Team 4A All-State



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and listed as a top prospect by *Orlando Sentinel* as senior... Posted nearly 20 sacks and more than 175 tackles during career... Started on Highlanders' basketball team coached by former Vanderbilt basketball standout Jeff Turner... Also lettered in track & field.

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

**PERSONAL** Landon Foster Stokes... Son of Fred and Regina Stokes... Born Oct. 31, 1993... Has two brothers, Lance and Luke... Dad owns food distribution firm and played defensive end for 10 years in the NFL; mom serves as director of children's ministry at Orlando World Outreach Center... Plays saxophone.

## Stokes' Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QH	FF/FR	PBU
2015	12-12-24	3.0-12	1.0-9	3	0/0	3
2014	2-2-4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0	0
Career	14-14-28	3.0-12	1.0-9	3	0/0	3



## 2 Arnold TARPLEY

**Safety**

**Junior ★ 6-0 • 200**

**Pittsburgh, Pa. ★ Central Catholic HS**

**2015** Tarpley participated in all 12 games, and started seven games in defensive secondary... Earned six starts in second half of season at nickel back, and started in eventual win over Middle Tennessee strong safety vs. Middle Tennessee... Established numerous season highs, including 36 total tackles, 24 solo tackles and five tackles for loss... Posted at least three tackles in 10 of 12 games... Set game highs with five solo stops and eight total tackles at Ole Miss.



**2014** Tarpley was among four true freshmen to see action in the Commodore defensive secondary during the 2014 season... Participated in 11 games, missing the season finale vs. Tennessee... Contributed at safety

## Tarpley's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 8, at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 5 (2x), most recently at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015  
**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 2, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015

and nickel back, and saw action on special team coverage units... Contributed a team-high two forced fumbles during the year... Concluded with 14 solo tackles, 18 total tackles and a pair of tackles for loss... Forced fumbles came against

Temple and Missouri... Had five solo tackles at Kentucky.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year defensive starter for Pittsburgh private power... As senior DB, posted 75 tackles, including 10 for losses and four INTs for 15-1 Viking squad that captured Western Penn. Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) Class AAAA title and finished runnerup in the PIAL state championship... Earned All-State and All-League honors as senior DB... Named to Pennsylvania roster for Big 33 Pennsylvania-Ohio Prep Football Classic.

**ACADEMICS** Tarpley is working toward a degree in communication studies.

**PERSONAL** Arnold Lee Tarpley III... Born June 18, 1996... Son of Darieth and Arnold Tarpley Jr... Dad is a podiatrist; mom is former Pittsburgh TV news anchor who works as marketing entrepreneur.

## Tarpley's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2015	24-12-36	5.0-27	2.0-22	0-0	0/0	0
2014	14-4-18	2.0-13	0.0-0	0-0	2/0	0
Career	38-16-54	7.0-40	2.0-22	0-0	2/0	0



## 40 Ja'Karri THOMAS

**Inside Linebacker**

**Senior ★ 6-1 • 225**

**Tallahassee, Fla. ★ Godby HS**

**Thomas**

**2015** Thomas played in all 10 games as special teams contributor and inside linebacker... Concluded the year with 14 total tackles, including seven solo stops... Posted a season high of three solo tackles in finale at Tennessee... Also had five assisted stops in win over Austin Peay.

**2014** Thomas played in 11 of 12 games as inside linebacker... Missed an early-season encounter vs. Ole Miss... Only career start came in win over

## Thomas's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 9, vs. Charleston So., 10/11/2014  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 3, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015

Charleston Southern... Ended the season with 22 total stops, including six solo stops, and a defended pass... Had nine tackles, a career high, vs. Charleston

Southern... Also posted five stops vs. Old Dominion, four vs. Florida and three at Miss. State.

**2013** Thomas played in all 13 games, seeing action at linebacker and on special team coverage units... Finished with 23 tackles, including nine solo stops and 2.5 tackles for loss... Posted four total tackles against UMass, UAB and Florida... Also registered a forced fumble vs. Missouri.

**2012** Thomas showed plenty of ability as the practice squad linebacker during his first year on campus.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior co-captain... Four-year defensive starter for 5A school, seeing action along the defensive front and linebacker positions... As senior OL/DE, posted 57 tackles, five QB sacks and an interception for

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9-3 squad that advanced for second straight year to second round of 5A state playoffs... Earned First Team 5A All-State and All-Area as senior... Had 73 tackles, 6.5 sacks and pair of forced fumbles as junior... Started at DE as true freshman when Godby advanced to state finals.

**ACADEMICS** Thomas is expected to complete a degree in sociology this year.

**PERSONAL** Ja'karri Mar'quise Thomas... Son of Morris Knight and the late Catina Ponder... Born Aug. 15, 1993... Has four younger siblings: two brothers, E'yelle, and E'mmanuel; and two sisters, O'sha and I'mani.

## Thomas' Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2015	7-7-14	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	0
2014	6-16-22	0.5-1	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	1
2013	9-14-23	2.5-10	0.0-0	0-0	1/0	0
Career	22-37-59	3.0-11	0.0-0	0-0	1/0	1



## 95 Riley TINDOL

**Defensive Line**

**Junior ★ 6-5 • 267**

**Billingsley, Ala. ★ Autauga Academy**

**2015** Tindol did not see action as a second-year defensive line prospect... Participated during regular season as a scout team defensive lineman.

**2014** Tindol did not see game action as a true freshman... Participated on the defensive line for scout teams during fall camp.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and two-year starter at private school near Montgomery... Earned two varsity letters in nearby Billingsley H.S. before transferring to Autauga Academy... Started at LT and DE the last two years... As a senior DE, had 69 tackles, eight quarterback sacks and 16 tackles for

loss for Generals' squad that went 9-3 and advanced to private school state quarterfinals... On offense, paved way for 2,500-yard rusher Eric Graham... Named AIA First Team All-State and All-Area OT... As junior, was instrumental in team's 1-2 season... Started as post for varsity basketball squad, pitcher & first baseman in baseball and throws shot put in track.

**ACADEMICS** Tindol is working toward a degree in medicine, health & society.

**PERSONAL** Harrison Riley Tindol... Born on June 8, 1996... Son of Brian Tindol and Regina Ferrell... Has a brother, Russell, and two sisters, Rachel and Reagan... Mom was state HS pentathlon champ in Alabama.



## 4 John WEBB

**Quarterback**

**Sophomore ★ 5-11 • 200**

**Dallas, Texas ★ St. Marks School**

**2015** Webb did not see action as a freshman walk-on... Participated as a practice squad quarterback.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Started three years at quarterback for Texas private school... As senior, helped Lions to 10-2 and state private school championship game... Played point guard for basketball squad... High academic achiever.

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

**PERSONAL** John Harlan Webb... Born Nov. 4, 1994... Son of Gary and Wanda Webb... Dad is a radiologist... Has three brothers, Clark, Alexander and William... Involved in campus activities with FCA chapter.



## 7 Ralph WEBB

**Running Back**

**Junior ★ 5-10 • 202**

**Gainesville, Fla. ★ Gainesville HS**

**2015** Webb put together the finest season ever by a Commodore sophomore running back, breaking several team marks along the way... Started in all 12 games at tailback, running his consecutive starts streak to 24 games... Concluded the year by setting a sophomore record with 1,152 rushing yards, the second highest total in team history... Rushing total was sixth highest in SEC... Established a single-season mark with 277 rush attempts... Concluded season ranked No. 8 on the team's career rushing charts... Averaged 106.7 rushing yards over last nine games, and 111.6 rushing yards in last five SEC games... Had 155 rushing yards, including game-deciding 39-yard TD, in win over Middle Tennessee...

Had career long 74-yard rush for team's one score in narrow loss at Florida... Had 149 rushing yards at Tennessee, highest total by a Commodore back vs. Vols in four decades... Registered several receiving season highs – 22 catches, 188 yards, 2 TDs – as receiving target out of the backfield, topped by 7-catch, 57-yard

## Webb's Career Highs:

RUSHING YARDS: 166, vs. ODU, 11/1/2014  
RUSH ATTEMPTS: 33, vs. Kentucky, 11/14/2015  
LONGEST RUSH: 74, at Florida, 11/7/2015  
RECEIVING YARDS: 7, vs. Georgia, 9/12/2015  
RECEPTIONS: 57, vs. Georgia, 9/12/2015  
LONGEST CATCH: 18, vs. Georgia, 9/12/2015

performance against Georgia.

**2014** Webb enjoyed arguably the greatest season ever by a Vanderbilt freshman running back... Established new freshman team records with 907 rushing yards and 212 rush attempts... Broke Kwane Doster's 12-year-old freshman rushing mark against Florida... Garnered SEC All-Freshman



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recognition but did not make coaches' team... Rushing total ranks No. 7 all-time among Commodore backs... Finished the year ranked ninth in the SEC in rushing yards and 10th with 76.0-yard per game average... Only one freshmen in conference - UGA's Nick Chubb (1,281 yards) - topped Webb's season total... Remarkably consistent, Webb rushed for at least 45 yards in 10 of 12 games... Ranked second in SEC to Auburn's Cameron Artis-Payne in rush attempts... Broke Rodney Williams' 1998 freshman single-game rushing record by gaining 166 yards on 31 carries in victory over Old Dominion... Rushed for 116 yards in win over UMass.

**2013** Webb did not see game action during his first year on campus...

Impressed observers with explosiveness as practice squad running back.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year letter winner for one of Florida's top 6A programs... Started as junior and senior at RB... As senior, named First Team All-State and All-Area by *Gainesville Sun* after leading Hurricanes to 6A state championship game for the first time in 30 years... Named MVP of 14-1 team as senior... Rushed for 2,020 yards and 28 TDs... Produced nearly 800 rushing yards in five playoff games, including 155-yard, 2-TD effort in title game... Rushed for eight TDs as junior, helping Hurricanes' to 10-3 record and state quarterfinals... Captured back-to-back long jump 3A state titles... Owns LJ PR of 23'8".

**ACADEMICS** Webb is working toward a major in sociology. A two-time (2014-15) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient, Webb joined dozen other Vanderbilt students in May 2015 to study bio-diversity along the Great Barrier Reef and rainforests of western Australia.

**PERSONAL** Rapheal Webb... Son of Pertina Davis and Douglas Webb... Born Nov. 21, 1994... Has an older sister, Latoria; and five brothers, Doug,

Dewayne, Deion, Jacquez and Jaquan... Dad is painting contractor; mom works with mentally challenged patients... Enjoys water sports, including wakeboarding, tubing and fishing... Roller coaster enthusiast... Twice monthly, mentors students at Nashville's Whites Creek H.S... Served as camp counselor this summer at East Nashville YMCA.

## Webb's Career Rushing Statistics

	ATT-YDS	AVG.	TDs	LG.	REC-YDS	AVG.	TDs	LG.
2015	277-1,152	4.2	5	74	24-188	7.8	2	18
2014	212-907	4.3	4	28	10-30	3.0	0	7
<b>Career</b>	<b>489-2,059</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>34-218</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>



**14 Ryan WHITE**

**Safety**

**Junior ★ 5-9 • 188**

**Louisville, Ky. ★ Trinity HS**

**White**

**2015** Earned postseason co-captain (special teams) vote from teammates... Played in every game, contributing as a safety and punt returner... Earned start at safety at South Carolina... Ended year with 26 total tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, a forced fumble and recovery, and one interception... Averaged 7.5 yards on 20 punt returns... Set career high with six solo tackles at South Carolina... Posted fumble recovery at Middle Tennessee and interception at Florida.



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**2014** In his first varsity season, White played in nine games as a safety and special teams contributor... Earned his career as starting nickel back in opener vs. Temple... Concluded season with 34 total tackles, 19 solo stops, 3.5 tackles for loss, two defended passes and a forced fumble... Registered career performance vs. South Carolina, contributing eight

## White's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 8, vs. So. Carolina, 9/21/2014  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 6, at So. Carolina, 10/17/2015  
**INTERCEPTIONS:** 1, at Florida, 11/7/2015  
**FORCED FUMBLE:** 1, at So. Carolina, 10/17/2015  
**FUMBLE RECOVERIES:** 1, vs. Middle Tenn., 10/3/2015

total tackles and a forced fumble... Had four solo tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss, vs. Temple... Posted at least three tackles in each of team's first seven games... Playing time in secondary diminished late in the season.

**2013** White redshirted during first year on campus.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain for one of nation's elite prep teams... Three-year starter at cornerback for Trinity squad that captured three straight 6A Kentucky state titles, going 42-1 during 2010-12 seasons... As senior, earned All-State and All-Region recognition after 44 total tackles, three interceptions and 10 defended passes for 13-1 squad that ranked No. 16 in *USA Today's* national high school Top 25.

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

**PERSONAL** Ryan Andrew White... Son of Robin Woolfolk and Ryan White... Born June 26, 1995 in Louisville... Has a brother, Roman, and sister, Reagan... Mom works as a nurse... An uncle, Oliver White, played tight end at Kentucky in mid-1980s... Aspires to become a business owner.

## White's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR	PR	AVG.	I.G.
2015	18-8-26	3.0-10	1-0	1	1/1	20-150	7.5	36
2014	19-15-34	3.5-14	0-0	2	0/0	1-0	0.0	-
Career	37-23-60	6.5-24	1-0	3	1/1	21-150	7.1	36



## 13 Ladarius WILEY

**Safety**

**Sophomore ★ 6-1 • 205**

**Los Angeles, Calif. ★ Cathedral HS**

**2015** Wiley participated in every game as a two-year player, contributing at cornerback, nickel back and on coverage units... Concluded the season with eight total tackles, one tackle for loss and a fumble recovery... Set career best with three solo tackles at Florida... Registered first fumble recovery in win over Missouri.

## Wiley's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 3, at Florida, 11/7/2015  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 3, at Florida, 11/7/2015  
**FUMBLE RECOVERIES:** 1, vs. Missouri, 10/24/2015

prior to being sidelined... Wiley did not register any defensive statistics during playing time.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain for Los Angeles private school... Two-way starter at CB and WR... As senior CB, posted 35 tackles, five interceptions and 18 passes defended for Phantoms' squad that finished 6-5... Also produced seven TDs and 503 yards as WR... As junior, helped Cathedral to Division IV state playoffs and 10-3 mark by contributing 38 tackles, two



interceptions and five forced fumbles on defense... Also registered 13 TDs on 45 receptions as an WR... Earned team's co-Offensive MVP as junior... Also lettered in track & field and basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Wiley is working on a major in medicine, health & society.

**PERSONAL** LaDarius R. Wiley... Born on June 3, 1996... Son of Sue Markham Wiley and Lincoln Wiley Jr... Has five brothers: Larry, Lincoln, London, Logan and LaVario... Dad works for Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway; mom works for U.S. Postal Service; Worked summers as counselor at local Boys & Girls Club... Video game enthusiast.

## Wiley's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2015	5-3-8	1.0-1	0-0	0	0/1



## 46 Reese WILSON

**Wide Receiver**

**Sophomore ★ 5-10 • 165**

**Rockwall, Texas ★ Rockwell-Heath HS**

**2015** Wilson joined the Commodores after the regular season, participating in spring drills as a wide receiver prospect.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter as cornerback for school located east of Dallas... As senior, contributed 32 tackles and an interception for 6-4 Hawks' squad... Earned varsity letter as hurdler in track... Class valedictorian and National Merit Semifinalist.

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

**PERSONAL** Reese Ellis Wilson... Son of Bret and Leslie Wilson... Has a brother, Charlie, and two sisters, Molly and Lindsay... Dad is an investment advisor; mom is a writer and speaker... Was high school class president and homecoming king.



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**Winkle**

## 51 Davis WINKLE

**Snapper**

**Junior ★ 6-4 • 250**

**Cumming, Ga. ★ South Forsyth HS**

**2015** Winkle did not see action during his second year on campus... He worked as a reserve snapper

during regular season.

**2014** Winkle did not see action as a true freshman... Worked as snapper during first fall on campus.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner for school located north of Atlanta... Regarded as one of the nation's top long snapper prospects... Started two years for War Eagles as snapper... As senior, also started offensive center, helping South Forsyth to 7-3 overall record... Lettered in baseball earlier in prep career... National Merit semifinalist.

**ACADEMICS** Winkle is working toward majors in the classics and history. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Jonathan David Winkle... Born Apr 11, 1996... Son of Jonathan and Ashleigh Winkle... Dad is an engineer; mom is a middle school teacher... Has a younger brother, Jack... Hopes to become a history teacher and football coach.



**Woods**

## 85 DeAndre WOODS

**Tight End**

**Junior ★ 6-3 • 238**

**Clay, Ala. ★ Clay-Chalkville HS**

**2015** Woods was enjoying his finest year in a Commodore uniform when early-season injury derailed his participation... Played in first three games, developing into a key receiving target from

tight end position... Averaged 18.4 yards on seven catches... Set personal highs with three receptions and 57 yards vs. Georgia... 43-yard catch vs. Austin Peay is longest of career.

### Woods' Career Highs:

**CATCHES:** 3, vs. Georgia, 9/12/2015

**RECEIVING YARDS:** 57, vs. Georgia, 9/12/2015

**LONGEST CATCH:** 43, vs. Austin Peay, 9/17/2015

**2014** Woods saw action as a reserve receiver in four games... Moved to tight end/H-back role during spring drills.

**2013** Woods did not see game action as a true freshman... Worked as a wide receiver early in the fall, but was forced off the practice field by injuries.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for one of north Alabama's top 6A programs... Started for three seasons at WR for Cougars... As senior, posted 51 receptions for 733 yards and nine TDs, helping north Birmingham squad to 12-2 season and 5A state semifinals... Named to *Birmingham News'* All-Metro team as senior... 6A All-State WR as a junior after posting 36 catches, good for 460 yards and 10 TDs... Became a starter as sophomore, hauling in 30 catches for nearly 400 yards and six TDs... Sprinted in track.

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

**PERSONAL** DeAndre Deon Woods... Born Feb. 10, 1995... Son of Sonya Woods... Has two younger sisters, Jonae and Amiya... Mentored athletes at Clay-Chalkville Junior High... Nominated for state's prestigious Bryant-Jordan Student-Athlete Achievement Award.



### Woods' Career Receiving Statistics

	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	TDs	LONG
2015	7	129	18.4	0	43



**Woods**

## 74 Jay WOODS

**Defensive Tackle/End**

**Junior ★ 6-3 • 285**

**Jackson, Ga. ★ Jackson HS**

**2015** Woods was a key performer in the interior defensive front of team's 3-4 scheme... Played in all 12 games, earning five starts at nose tackle... Rotated at interior tackle post with Nifae Lealao through the season... Ended year with 24 total tackles, 12 solo stops, a quarterback sack, two tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and

a fumble recovery... Had a stellar early-season game against Georgia, producing six tackles, a sack and forced fumble... Set personal high with five solo tackles against South Carolina... Registered a forced fumble at Florida... Contributed key fumble recovery that led to

### Woods' Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 5, vs. So. Carolina, 10/17/2015

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 6, vs. Georgia, 9/12/2015

**QB SACKS:** 1, vs. Georgia, 9/12/2015

**FUMBLE RECOVERIES:** 1, vs. Kentucky, 11/14/2015

**FORCED FUMBLE:** 1 (2x), most recently at Florida, 11/7/2015

touchdown in win over Kentucky.

**2014** Woods became a key contributor in the interior defensive front as a first-year player in team's 3-4 scheme... Participated in all 12 games,

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earning five starting assignments at defensive end... Starts came in opener against Temple, and later in season vs. South Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia and Charleston Southern... Ended the season with 12 solo tackles, 31 total stops and 1.5 tackles for loss... Season high of five tackles came at Georgia... Posted four tackles vs. SEC opponents Ole Miss, South Carolina and Florida.

**2013** Woods did not play as a true freshman... Impressed coaching staff with abilities as a practice squad defensive tackle.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain for school located between Atlanta and Macon... Earned four varsity letters... As senior DT, named First Time AAA All-State and All-Region after contributing 117 tackles, 22 tackles for loss, six sacks and three forced fumbles... Red Devils advanced to AAA state playoffs during senior campaign... Participated in postseason Offense-Defense All-American Game... Named All-Region after posting 99 tackles and seven sacks as junior... Also lettered as thrower in track and field.

**ACADEMICS** Woods is working toward a degree in medicine, health and society. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Jachovia LaTrez Woods... "Beast"... Son of Vickie Williams and Arthur Woods... Born Sept. 27, 1994... Has an older sister, Arkeriya... Was active in leadership and community service programs at school... Involved in church activities in hometown... Named school's homecoming king.

## Woods' Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	FF/FR	QH
2015	12-12-24	2.0-6	1.0-5	2/1	0
2014	12-19-31	1.5-8	0.0-0	0/0	0
Career	24-31-55	3.5-14	1.0-5	2/1	0



Wright

## 11 Charles WRIGHT

Outside Linebacker

Sophomore ★ 6-3 • 237

Irvine, Calif. ★ Beckman HS

**2015** Wright saw action in every game as a redshirt freshman outside linebacker and special teams contributor... Posted three tackles, including a sack, in victory over Austin Peay.

**2014** Wright did not see action as a true freshman defensive player... Participated as linebacker on practice squads.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and defensive starter... As senior DE, posted 7.5 quarterback sacks and 13 tackles for loss among 74 total tackles...

## Wright's Career Highs:

TOTAL TACKLES: 3, vs. Austin Peay, 9/19/2015  
SACKS: 1, vs. Austin Peay, 9/19/2015

Added two forced fumbles and pair of fumble recoveries... Also posted a touchdown among eight receptions as TE... Team MVP and Southern California All-State DL recipient...

As a junior, registered 46 total tackles, including four sacks... Superb power forward on Patriot varsity basketball squad... Earned All-State honors as a junior after leading Orange County with a 14.6-rebound average... High academic achiever.

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

**PERSONAL** Charles Eugene Wright... "Chuck"... Born May 24, 1996... Son of Ryan and Tyra Wright.. Dad is an engineer; mom is a financial analyst... Has one brother, Ryan Jr... Family moved to California from Florida.

## Wright's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	PBU	FF/FR
2015	1-2-3	1.5-5	1.0-4	0	0/0



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**49 Jonathan WYNN**

**Defensive End**

**Junior ★ 6-5 • 258**

**Stone Mountain, Ga. ★ Stephenson HS**

**2015** Wynn played in every game for the Commodores, seeing action at defensive end after moving from outside linebacker in spring drills... Earned starting assignments against Georgia, South Carolina, Missouri and Florida... Rotated much of the year with Caleb Azubike... Finished with single-season highs of eight solo tackles, 21 total tackles and three tackles for loss... Produced QB sack in opener vs. Western Kentucky... Season high of four tackles came at Florida.

**2014** As first-year defensive contributor, Wynn played in all 12 games, seeing action as outside linebacker... Also participated on various special team units... Finished the year with 13 total tackles, one quarterback sack and 1.5 tackles for loss... Earned early-season starts vs. UMass and South Carolina... Set several career highs - six total tackles, three solo tackles - in win over UMass... Also registered lone quarterback sack vs. UMass.

## Wynn's Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 3, vs. UMass, 9/21/2014

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 6, vs. UMass, 9/21/2014

**2013** Wynn did not see action, spending his first year on campus getting stronger and adding bulk in the weight room... Impressed as a defensive end prospect during fall practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for one of Atlanta's top public school programs... Started two years at DE for Jaguars... As senior earned First Team All-State and All-District DL recognition after posting 19 tackles for loss and 11 sacks among 87 total tackles... Also contributed a pair of forced fumbles and an INT helping 2012 Jags advance to second round of AAAAA state playoffs... As a first-year starter in 2011, registered 51 tackles and eight sacks for 9-2 team that also reached state playoffs... Two-year letter-winner in track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Wynn is working toward degrees in secondary education and history. He studied in Switzerland during May 2016.

**PERSONAL** Jonathan Paul Wynn... Son of Todd and Donna Wynn... Born Sept. 21, 1994... Has a sister, Sierra... Dad is an engineer; mom works in technical support and is a Nashville native... Attended same high school as current RB Dallas Rivers.



## Wynn's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QH	FF/FR
<b>2015</b>	<b>8-13-21</b>	<b>3.0-13</b>	<b>1.0-7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0/0</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>5-8-13</b>	<b>1.5-10</b>	<b>1.0-8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>13-21-34</b>	<b>4.5-23</b>	<b>2.0-15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0</b>





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SIGNEES	POSITION	HT.	WT.	RESIDENCE	HIGH SCHOOL
Drew Birchmeier	Defensive Line	6-4	280	Midlothian, Va.	Cosby HS
Devin Cochran	Offensive Line	6-7	305	Norcross, Ga.	Greater Atlanta Christian School
Turner Cockrell	Tight End	6-5	215	Acworth, Ga.	Allatoona HS
Frank Coppet	Defensive Back	5-11	185	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas HS
Elijah Hamilton	Defensive Back	6-2	195	Roswell, Ga.	Blessed Trinity Catholic HS
Kenny Hebert	Linebacker	6-4	220	New Orleans, La.	Holy Cross HS
Zaire Jones*	Defensive Back	6-0	193	Meridian, Miss.	Meridian HS
Braden Kopp	Offensive Line	6-5	280	Houston, Texas	Houston Christian HS
Kalija Lipscomb	Wide Receiver	6-1	190	New Orleans, La.	Jesuit HS
Sam Loy	Punter/Kicker	6-1	195	San Clemente, Calif.	Santa Margarita Catholic HS
Sean Auwae-McMoore	Offensive Line	6-4	308	Kapolei, Hawaii	Kapolei HS
Andre Mintze	Linebacker	6-3	225	Philadelphia, Pa.	Imhotep Institute
Austin Quillen	Defensive Back	5-11	190	Jenks, Okla.	Jenks HS
Josiah Sa'o	Defensive Line	6-2	290	San Diego, Calif.	Kearny HS
Donaven Tennyson	Wide Receiver	5-10	164	Richmond, Va.	Benedictine College Prep
Cameron Tidd	Defensive Line	6-3	275	Greenwood, Ind.	Center Grove HS
Jamauri Wakefield	Running Back	6-1	215	Jacksonville, Fla.	Providence HS
Deuce Wallace*	Quarterback	6-2	205	Sevierville, Tenn.	Sevier County HS
Joejuan Williams*	Defensive Back	6-3	202	Nashville, Tenn.	Father Ryan HS/Hendersonville HS
Jackson Winrow	Wide Receiver	6-1	182	Shawnee, Okla.	Shawnee HS

\* mid-year enrollee at Vanderbilt

## DREW BIRCHMEIER

Defensive Line • 6-4, 280  
Midlothian, Va. • Cosby HS



**Birchmeier**

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter for large public school located just south of Richmond... Started at DT, TE and OT in career... Two-time 6A All-State recipient on offense and defense... Named Offensive Player of the Year and All-Metro after

**91** senior season... As senior, moved from TE to OT after 0-3 start, helping propel Titans to eight-win season and 6A state quarterfinal appearance... Played in postseason Virginia Prep All-Star Game... Also earned two varsity letters in basketball and baseball... Honors student, selected to county's Youth Services Citizens Board.

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

## DEVIN COCHRAN

Offensive Line • 6-7, 305  
Norcross, Ga. • Greater Atl. Christian



**Cochran**

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner on offensive line for one of Atlanta's top private schools... Two-year starter at OT... As senior, registered more than 50 pancake blocks, leading 12-2 GAC squad to Class AA state semifinals... Did not allow single QB sack for team that

**77** attempted 288 passes... Earned post-season First Team All-State honors from Atlanta Journal-Constitution and state sportswriters as well as All-Gwinnett County recognition... Helped GAC to 14-1 mark and AA state championship game as junior... Played in Elite Junior Classic after 2014 campaign... Placed as thrower at state track meet as junior... High academic achiever.

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

## TURNER COCKRELL

Tight End • 6-5, 220  
Acworth, Ga. • Allatoona HS



**Cockrell**

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter for one of Georgia's top teams... Stated at TE for run-oriented attack... As senior, helped Allatoona to 14-1 mark and AAAAA state title, the first championship in school history... Averaged 25.3 yards on 13 receptions and hauled in three

**82** TDs as senior... Set school record with 93-yard touchdown reception in state semifinals... As senior, earned First Team All-State from sportswriters and All-Cobb County honors... As junior, played important role for 14-1 squad that lost in AAAAA title game... Standout on varsity lacrosse squad.

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



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## FRANK COPPET

Defensive Back • 5-11, 185  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. • St. Thomas Aquinas HS



Coppet

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Starting corner-back for one of nation's most respected programs... Helped powerful South Florida school to 2015 7A state title... As senior, contributed 96 total tackles, 37 solo stops, and four interceptions, returning one

**35** for a score, in 13-1 campaign... Named to 7A First Team All-State unit... Invited to play in Dade vs. Broward All-Star Game... Also played important role in secondary for St. Thomas Aquinas' run to the 2014 state championship.

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

## ELIJAH HAMILTON

Defensive Back • 6-2, 195  
Roswell, Ga • Blessed Trinity Catholic HS



Hamilton

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain for powerful north Atlanta private school... Three-year defensive starter... As senior DB, helped 13-1 Blessed Trinity to Class AAA state title appearance... Contributed 34 solo stops, 47 total tackles, four interceptions,

**15** six defended passes and two fumble recoveries as senior, earning honorable mention All-State honors... Two-time All-Region and twice named team's defensive MVP... Registered 48 tackles and scored six TDs as junior for 13-1 squad that reached AAA state semifinals... Competed in jumper in track & field... Honors student.

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

## KENNY HEBERT

Linebacker • 6-4, 220  
New Orleans, La. • Holy Cross HS



Hebert

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and defensive MVP for New Orleans private school... Two-year defensive starter... Showed plenty of versatility, starting at DE, OLB and safety during three-year varsity career... As senior, posted 47 solo tackles, five QB sacks, 13

**42** tackles for loss and two forced fumbles for squad that advanced to Division I quarterfinals... Earned All Metro, All-District and honorable mention All-State honors as senior... Registered 36 tackles as junior, helping Tigers to D-I playoffs... Participated as hurdler-sprinter on track & field... Honors student.

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

## ZAIRE JONES

Defensive Back • 6-0, 193  
Meridian, Miss. • Meridian HS



Jones

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starting defensive back for Mississippi power... As senior, helped Meridian to 8-6 record and Class 6A state semifinals by contributing 92 tackles, three interceptions and a fumble recovery... Earned

**12** 6A First Team All-State as a senior, and played in postseason Alabama-Mississippi Prep All-Star Classic... Registered 63 stops and an interception as junior for 7-5 Meridian squad as junior... Two-time All-Region pick... Posted three interceptions and 49 tackles as sophomore... Earned letters in basketball, track and bowling... High academic achiever.

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

## BRADEN KOPP

Offensive Line • 6-5, 280  
Houston, Texas • Houston Christian HS



Kopp

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year varsity letterwinner... Played on defensive line as freshman, then returned as senior offensive lineman... As senior OT, helped Houston Christian to 6-4 overall record and Southwest Preparatory Conference playoffs...

**65** Earned All-Region OL honors... Concentrated on basketball through much of prep career... School's all-time leading rebounder, two-time captain and team MVP as junior... Honors student.

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

## KALIJA LIPSCOMB

Wide Receiver • 6-1, 190  
New Orleans, La. • Jesuit HS



Lipscomb

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year starting WR for one of New Orleans' private school powers... Two-time 5A All-State, All-Metro and All-Catholic League recipient... As a senior, contributed 56 catches for 1,036 yards and 11 touchdowns helping Jesuit

**16** to 5A playoffs... As a junior, registered 64 receptions for 989 yards and 14 TDs, helping Blue Jays to 14-3 record and 5A state title, first by team since 1960... Registered both of Jesuit's scores on TD catches in championship game... Accumulated more than 130 receptions and 2,300 receiving yards during three-year career.

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

# THE NEWCOMERS

## SAM LOY

Punter/Kicker • 6-1, 195  
San Clemente, Calif. •  
Santa Margarita Catholic HS



Loy

**HIGH SCHOOL** Ranked by the Kornblue Kicking Service as five-star prospect and nation's top senior punter... Recipient of Orange County Specialist of the Year and All-Trinity League MVP Punter awards as senior punter for Santa Margarita Catholic... Aver-

**19** aged 42.0 yards as senior, with 15 of 35 attempts landing inside opponent's 20-yard line... Boomed punts of 69 and 75 yards as senior... None of his punts resulted in touchbacks as senior... Named Orange County Register's No. 26 top prospect... Allowed just one return in 51 kickoffs as senior... Transferred to Catholic as a senior after playing at San Clemente HS... High academic achiever.  
**PERSONAL** Samuel Riley Loy... Born Feb. 18, 1998 in Southern California... Son of Terry and Leslie Loy... Dad is regional manager; mom is teacher... Hopes to pursue degree in biomedical engineering... Enjoys soccer and golf.

## SEAN AUWAE-McMOORE

Offensive Line • 6-4, 308  
Kapolei, Hawaii • Kapolei HS



Auwae-McMoore

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain... Three-year starter on offensive line for school located west of Honolulu on the island of Oahu... As senior starting at center and left tackle, registered 33 pancake blocks, the second highest total in school history... Also did not allow a

**53** QB sack or tackle for loss during senior season... Earned First Team All-State and All-Region honors as senior, then impressed in postseason appearances in Semper Fidelis All-American Game and Polynesian All-American Bowl... Set school's bench press record.  
**PERSONAL** Toleafoa-lokepa Sean Auwae-McMoore... Born March 29, 1998 in Maui... Son of Paul Okimoto and Nia Okimoto... Has an older brother, William, and two younger sisters, Suzy and Akesa... Dad works as carpenter; mom works in guest relations with Marriott Corp... Brother is a freshman lineman at Utah State... Another relative, Micah Kapoi is starting tackle at Wisconsin.

## ANDRE MINTZE

Linebacker • 6-3, 225  
Philadelphia, Pa. • Imhotep Institute



Mintze

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year defensive starter for Philadelphia public school power... As senior DE/LB, helped Panthers to 15-0 overall mark and PIAA 3A state championship, becoming city's first public league team to claim state title... Registered 14

**48** QB sacks and 23 tackles for loss among more than 53 tackles during undefeated season, earning 3A All-State and All-Metro honors... Started as junior, but missed much of Imhotep's push to 3A playoffs due to injury... Transferred to Imhotep from West Catholic after sophomore season... Invited to play in postseason Big 33 Football Classic... National Honor Society member.

**PERSONAL** Andre Raashen Mintze... Born Sept. 10, 1998... Son of Andre and Catrina Mintze... Has two sisters, Awtum and Alycia... Dad is a barber; mom is an associate client representative... Hopes to pursue business-related major.

## AUSTIN QUILLEN

Defensive Back • 5-11, 190  
Jenks, Okla. • Jenks HS



Quillen

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year varsity letterwinner for one of Oklahoma's strongest programs... Three-year defensive starter, helping Jenks capture four straight 6A-I state titles... As senior LB/safety, contributed seven QB sacks and five tackles

**29** for loss among 93 tackles for 11-1 Trojans squad... Second Team All-State, All-Metro and All-League recipient... Posted 103 tackles, seven sacks, three forced fumbles and an interception for 11-2 during junior campaign... Helped Jenks to 14-0 mark as a sophomore safety, registering 21 tackles and an interception.

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

## JOSIAH SA'O

Defensive Line • 6-2, 288  
San Diego, Calif. • Kearney HS



Sa'o

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year team captain... Started on both sides of the ball (DT and OT) as junior and senior... As senior DT, contributed 102 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, seven QB sacks, four forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries, helping Komets capture

**57** Central League title and reach second round of CIF Division IV playoffs... Earned All-League as senior... Participated in two postseason games: the Polynesian All-American Bowl and Spanos Classic All-Star Game.

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

## DONAVEN TENNYSON

Wide Receiver • 5-10, 164  
Richmond, Va. • Benedictine College Prep



Tennyson

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter for one of Richmond's top private powers... Helped Benedictine to back-to-back VISAA Division I state titles in 2014-15, marking first such achievement in school history... As a senior, hauled in 38 passes for 698

**4** yards and 11 touchdowns... Two-time VISAA Division I First Team All-State and All-Conference pick... As a junior, posted 41 catches for 836 yards and eight TDs... Also returned three kicks for TDs as junior... Produced 498 all-purpose yards as sophomore WR at nearby Manchester HS.

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



# THE NEWCOMERS

## CAMERON TIDD

Defensive Line • 6-3, 275  
Greenwood, Ind. • Center Grove HS



Tidd

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter for 6A Indiana power... As a senior starting DT, helped Center Grove to 14-0 mark and 6A state title... Contributed eight QB sacks and 19 tackles for loss among 66 total tackles, earning First Team All-State and

**90** All-Region honors... Also blocked four field goal attempts... Invited to participate in the Blue-Grey All-American Game... As junior, helped Trojans to 9-4 record and state semifinals, registering six tackles for loss among 45 tackles... Played tight end as freshman and sophomore... Four-year letterwinner as thrower in track & field... As junior, captured state individual title in the discus throw with a winning toss of 190'4".

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

## JAMAURI WAKEFIELD

Running Back • 6-1, 215  
Jacksonville, Fla. • Providence HS



Wakefield

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-time team captain... Three-year starting RB... Two-time 3A All-State and All-Region selection... Accumulated 5,112 rushing yards and 67 total TDs during Providence career... As a senior, rushed for 1,885 yards and 23 TDs... Named to Times-Union

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

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

## DEUCE WALLACE

Quarterback • 6-2, 205  
Sevierville, Tenn. • Sevier County HS



Wallace

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain... Two-year starting QB for East Tennessee public school power... As senior, passed for 3,505 yards and 37 TDs, leading 12-3 Smoky Bears to 5A state title game... Named as First Team 5A All-State QB by state sportswriters...

**2** Invited to participate in postseason Tennessee East vs. West All-Star Game and Blue-Grey All-American Game... Passed for 2,783 yards and 25 TDs as junior at Sevier County... Two-time All-Region pick... Started as freshman and sophomore QB at Riverside Academy near New Orleans, throwing for 4,508 yards and 35 TDs over two-year span... Also earned varsity letters in basketball and baseball.

**PERSONAL** Entered Vanderbilt classes in January 2016... Randall Wayne Wallace II... Son of Randy and Kathleen Wallace... Born Dec. 3, 1996... Has a younger brother, Chase... Dad works in insurance; mom works in real estate... Avid golfer.

## JOEJUAN WILLIAMS

Defensive Back • 6-3, 202  
Nashville, Tenn. • Father Ryan HS



Williams

**HIGH SCHOOL** Did not play as senior after hardship appeal was denied by state high school governance association... Transferred to Hendersonville (Tenn.) HS as a senior after playing two years of varsity football at Father Ryan HS in Nashville... As junior at

**17** Father Ryan, registered 48 tackles, two interceptions and 11 pass breakups as in 2014... Earned All-State and All-Conference honors as a junior... Contributed 21 tackles and an INT return for TD as sophomore... Participated in basketball and track & field.

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

## JACKSON WINROW

Wide Receiver • 6-1, 182  
Shawnee, Okla. • Shawnee HS



Winrow

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starting WR for 5A school located east of Oklahoma City... Also contributed as DB for Wolves squad... As a senior, hauled in 52 receptions, good for 1,052 yards and 12 TDs in nine-game season... Registered

**11** two interceptions as senior DB... Named 5A All-State WR by state coaches association and All-Conference... As a junior, helped Wolves to second round of 5A state playoffs with 720 receiving yards and six TDs... As a sophomore, registered 26 catches for nearly 500 yards... Multi-year standout for basketball team... Finished fifth at state track meet in long jump... National Honor Society member.

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