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**Auwae-McMoore**

## 53 Sean AUWAE-MCMOORE

**Offensive Line**  
**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-4 • 305**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii ★ Kapolei HS**

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

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

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

**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 cousin, Micah Kapoi is starting tackle at Wisconsin.



**Barksdale**

## 38 Gil BARKSDALE

**Defensive Back**  
**Sophomore ★ 5-10 • 180**  
**Solon, Ohio ★ Solon HS**

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

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

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

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



**Birchmeier**

## 91 Drew BIRCHMEIER

**Defensive Line**  
**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-4 • 295**  
**Midlothian, Va. ★ Cosby HS**

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

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

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

**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.



**Blasingame**

## 23 Khari BLASINGAME

**Running Back**  
**Junior ★ 6-1 • 235**  
**Huntsville, Ala. ★ Buckhorn HS**

**2016** As a first-year contributor on offense, Blasingame played a key role in diversifying the Commodore attack... After moving from linebacker to running back in spring drills, Blasingame played in all 13 games at running back and on special team return units... His presence gave the Commodore offensive backfield an inside-the-tackles power back to go with three-year standout Ralph Webb... Blasingame finished the season second behind Webb with 449 rushing yards and 10 rushing touchdowns on 97 carries... He also registered four receptions... Blasingame impressed in the opener, rushing for 68 yards and a score against South Carolina... Later in the year, he produced career highs with 100 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns vs. Tennessee State... Notched two rushing scores in a victory over MTSU, and added scores in SEC games against Georgia, Tennessee and Missouri...

### Blasingame's Career Highs:

RUSHING YARDS: 100, vs. Tenn. State, 10/22/2016  
 RUSH ATTEMPTS: 15, vs. So. Carolina, 9/1/2016  
 TD RUSHES: 3, vs. Tenn. State, 10/22/2016  
 LONGEST RUSH: 22, vs. Tenn. State, 10/22/2016  
 LONGEST CATCH: 9, vs. MTSU, 9/10/2016

Blasingame posted his final rushing score in Camping World Independence Bowl... Blasingame also contributed at least five rushing attempts in 11 games, including a high of 15 carries against South Carolina... A workout

warrior, Blasingame also received the coaches' postseason Lifter of the Year Award.

**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

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one of team's top contributors on coverage teams...Earned first career start at Ole Miss... Finished the year with 13 total tackles, including eight solo stops... Posted career high with three tackles in win over Austin Peay... Registered tackles in six straight midseason games.

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

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

**ACADEMICS** Blasingame is working toward a degree in medicine, health & society. He is a 2015 and 2016 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.

## Blasingame's Career Rushing Statistics

	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2016	97	449	4.6	10	22



## 20 Oren BURKS

**Inside Linebacker**

**Senior ★ 6-3 • 230**

**Fairfax Station, Va. ★ South County HS**

**2016** Playing a new position closer to the end of scrimmage, the versatile Burks enjoyed one of the best seasons of any Commodore defender, establishing several new personal highs... Burks played in all 13 games and earned 10 starting assignments -- nine from the "Star" linebacker-safety hybrid position and another at inside linebacker... He finished the season setting career highs with 59 total tackles, 40 solo tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 quarterback sacks and team-high 6.5 quarterback hurries... Burks also added a fumble recovery, interception and six defended passes... Burks was most productive late in the season, contributing 23 total tackles in the Commodores' final three regular season games... His nine-tackle total in the finale against Tennessee matched a career high... Burks was superb in an early-season win over Middle Tennessee, registering a sack, three defended passes, four tackles and an acrobatic interception that he returned 59 yards... He contributed three tackles against NC State in the Camping World Independence

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Bowl... Off the field, the defensive co-captain was named to the 22-member Allstate-AFCA FBS National Good Works Team where he was recognized at the Sugar Bowl... Also named as a finalist for the Coach Wooden Citizenship Cup and Vanderbilt's Outstanding Senior Award, and was

## Burks' Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 9 (2x), vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 8 (2x), vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016  
**INTERCEPTIONS:** 2, vs. Kentucky, 11/14/2015  
**LONGEST INT RETURN:** 59, vs. MTSU, 9/10/2016  
**PASSES DEFENDED:** 3, vs. MTSU, 9/10/2016

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... Third interception came at Ole Miss.

**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 defended passes, and ranked 10th with 37 total tackles... Also contributed 16 solo tackles and registered one fumble recovery.

**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 on schedule to complete an undergraduate degree this December in human & organizational development. He is a three-time (2014-16) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient. In May, Burks joined other Vanderbilt undergraduates studying biodiversity along the Great Barrier Reef and rainforests of western Australia.

**PERSONAL** Oren Spencer Burks ... Son of Orlanda and Wanda Burks... Born March 21, 1995... A younger sister, Whitney, is a standout softball player at Stanford... Dad works as senior system engineer; mom works as program operations manager... Burks has become an active leader on campus, serving the 2016-17 calendar year as president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and as a football team representative to SAAC the previous year ... He also co-founded and coordinated events last year for campus organization Revitalizing & Empowering Vanderbilt's African-American Male Population (REVAMP)... Also volunteers time with Project Safe on-campus organization... Named to 2016 Allstate-American Football Coaches Association National Good Works Team; also considered for the 2016 Wuerffel Trophy... Voted finalist for Vanderbilt's campus-wide Outstanding Senior Award... Focus of national story in NCAA Champions magazine in July 2017... Two-time team representative to SEC Media Days.

## Burks' Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2016	40-19-59	6.5-22	3.5-17	1-59	6	1/0
2015	35-24-59	2.0-5	0.0-0	3-31	6	1/1
2014	16-21-37	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	7	0/1
Career	91-64-155	8.5-27	3.5-17	4-90	19	2/2



Cochran

## 77 Devin COCHRAN

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-7 • 315**

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

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

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

**ACADEMICS** Cochran is undecided on a major. He is a 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

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



Cockrell

## 82 Turner COCKRELL

**Tight End**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-5 • 230**

**Acworth, Ga. ★ Allatoona HS**

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

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

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

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



Coppet

## 35 Frank COPPET

**Safety**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 5-11 • 185**

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

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

defensive back.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Starting cornerback for one of nation's most respected programs... Helped powerful South Florida school to 2015

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7A state title... As senior, contributed 96 total tackles, 37 solo stops, and four interceptions, returning one for a score, in 13-1 campaign... Named to 7A first-team All-State unit... Invited to play in Dade vs. Broward All-Star Game... Also played important role in secondary for St. Thomas Aquinas' run to the 2014 state championship.

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

**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, Chambre and Chassity... Dad works in transportation industry; mom works in retail... Brother was standout running back at Bowling Green State University... Enjoys fishing.



**Crawford**

## 22 Josh CRAWFORD

**Running Back**

**Junior ★ 5-10 • 198**

**Montgomery, Ala. ★ Edgewood Academy**

**2016** Crawford participated as part of a deep running back corps in his second season on campus...

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

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

### Crawford's Career Highs:

**RUSHING YARDS:** 149, vs. *Tenn. State*, 10/22/2016  
**RUSH ATTEMPTS:** 6 (2x), vs. *Tenn. State*, 10/22/2016  
**LONGEST RUSH:** 20, vs. *Tenn. State*, 10/22/2016

Year as senior after rushing for 1,198 yards and 27 touchdowns... Two-time Montgomery AISA All-Metro Player of the Year, two-time AISA All-State, and three-time All-Region

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

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

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

### Crawford's Career Rushing Statistics

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



**DeBrossard**

## 70 Darion DeBROSSARD

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-4 • 295**

**Snellville, Ga. ★ Shiloh HS**

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

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

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

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

**PERSONAL** Darion Andre DeBrossard... "Big D"... Born Sept. 26, 1996... Son of 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.





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**DellaRipa**

## 76 Egidio DELLARIPA

**Offensive Line**

**Junior ★ 6-4 • 300**

**Castaic, Calif. ★ West Ranch HS/  
(College of the Canyons)**

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

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

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

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

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



**Dobbs**

## 84 Sam DOBBS

**Tight End**

**Junior ★ 6-4 • 230**

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

**2016** Dobbs played in all 13 games as a second-year tight end... Earned lone start of the year -- and second of his Commodore career -- in victory over Ole Miss... Concluded the season with six receptions, good for 73 yards and a touchdown... Biggest catch of Dobbs' career came in regular season finale - a 20-yard TD reception that started Commodore comeback from 14-point deficit versus Tennessee... Also posted career-long catch of 30 yards earlier in the season.

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

### Dobbs' Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 2, vs. MTSU, 9/10/2016

RECEIVING YARDS: 30 yards, at Kentucky, 10/8/2016

LONGEST CATCH: 30 yards, at Kentucky, 10/8/2016

State and All-Region TE after junior and senior seasons... Posted 30 receptions for 355 yards and six TDs while playing first half of senior season... As a junior, hauled in 65 receptions for 811 yards and five TDs.

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

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

### Dobbs' Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2016	6	73	12.2	1	30
2015	2	30	15.0	0	21
Career	8	103	12.9	1	30



**Duncan**

## 19 C.J. DUNCAN

**Wide Receiver**

**Senior ★ 5-11 • 203**

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

**2016** Healthy after missing the entire 2015 season, Duncan enjoyed the finest year of his Commodore career... Played in all 13 games, utilized as a wide receiver and return specialist... Earned starting assignments against Western Kentucky, Auburn and Tennessee... Topped all Commodore receivers with 44 receptions and 494 receiving yards... Arguably most consistent target for QB Kyle Shurmur, posting a catch in 12 games... Had four or more catches in seven games, including four SEC contests... Matched single-game high with seven receptions at Auburn... Registered season-high 89 receiving yards at Missouri... Had six catches for 47 yards vs. NC State in Camping World Independence Bowl... 31-yard reception, Duncan's longest of the season, was instrumental in Commodores' comeback win at Western Kentucky.

**2015** Duncan did not see action after suffering a lower leg injury in camp.

**2014** Duncan was one of the Commodores' most productive 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... Set career highs with seven catches and 119 receiving yards in victory over Charleston Southern... 65-yard touchdown catch from Johnny McCrary vs.

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Charleston Southern marked the team's longest offensive play... Had four catches in wins over UMass and Old Dominion, and notched three receptions against SEC foes Kentucky and Georgia.

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

## Duncan's Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 7 (2x), at Auburn, 11/5/2016  
RECEIVING YARDS: 119, vs. Charleston So., 10/11/2014  
LONGEST CATCH: 65 yards, vs. Charleston So., 10/11/2014

Montgomery private school... Two-time All-Metro pick by *Montgomery Advertiser*... As senior 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 enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, and is expected to complete a degree in political science this December.

**PERSONAL** Clarence J. Duncan... Son of Clarence and Helena Duncan... Born March 24, 1995... Has a younger 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 2015-16 summer months... Involved in community service efforts around Vanderbilt campus.

## Duncan's Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2016	44	494	11.2	0	31
2015	Did Not Play				
2014	28	441	15.8	4	65
<b>Career</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>65</b>



## 36 Trey ELLIS

**Wide Receiver**

**Senior ★ 5-9 • 170**

**Charlotte, N.C. ★ Ardrey Kell HS**

**Ellis**

**2016** Injuries slowed Ellis during his third season as a walk-on contributor... The wide receiver did not see action for the first time in his career after suffering a leg injury early in the season.

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

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

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

**ACADEMICS** Ellis is expected to complete a major in political science in May. He is a three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient (2014-16).

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

## Ellis' Career Punt Return Statistics

	RETURNS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2016	Did Not Play				
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>







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Taurean  
FERGUSON

**Cornerback**  
**Senior ★ 5-9 • 190**  
**Jonesboro, Ga. ★ Jonesboro HS**

Ferguson

2016 Ferguson enjoyed his best season as a Commodore, posting career highs in numerous categories... Ferguson played in every game, making nine starts as the team's primary nickel defensive back... Finished the year with 52 total tackles, 38 solo stops, three tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, six defended passes and an interception... Contributed at least two tackles in 11 games... Had a superb performance at Kentucky, registering seven tackles and returning a fumble for 22-yard touchdown... Posted eight solo stops in late-season win over Ole Miss... Interception

Ferguson's Career Highs:

TOTAL TACKLES: 8, vs. Ole Miss, 11/19/2016  
 SOLO TACKLES: 8, vs. Ole Miss, 11/19/2016  
 PASSES DEFENDED: 8 (3x), most recently vs. MTSU, 9/10/2016

came at Georgia Tech... Registered forced fumbles against Western Kentucky and Missouri.

**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.

**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 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 for school located just south of Atlanta... As a senior, contributed five INTs and eight defended passes 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	FF/FR
2016	38-14-52	3.0-8	1-0	6	2/1
2015	11-2-13	0.5-1	0-0	4	0/0
2014	25-5-30	1.5-2	2-0	4	0/0
Career	74-21-95	5.0-11	3-0	14	2/1



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David  
FLOYD

**Offensive Line**  
**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-5 • 300**  
**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Lipscomb Academy**

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

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

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

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

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**George**

## 27 Jaire GEORGE

**Fullback**

**Sophomore ★ 6-1 • 230**

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Granier**

## 75 Bailey GRANIER

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Junior ★ 6-6 • 316**

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

**2016** Granier became the team's top reserve offensive lineman while playing through injuries for much of the year... Granier participated in nine games, seeing most of his snaps at guard... After missing four midseason games with an injury, Granier returned to play his best football late in the season, helping an impressive Vanderbilt line dominate in home SEC victories over Ole Miss and Tennessee... Granier and the line helped Vanderbilt's offense improve in nearly every stat category from a year ago, including points, first downs and total yards, and ranked second in the NCAA in red zone efficiency.

**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 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 degree 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.







# THE PLAYERS



## 40 Jordan GRIFFIN

**Inside Linebacker**  
**Junior ★ 6-0 • 223**  
**Tampa, Fla. ★ Armwood HS**

**Griffin**

**2016** Griffin became a valuable contributor for the Commodore defense as a second-year inside linebacker... Griffin played in all 13 games, finishing the year with his first career start in the team's win over Tennessee... Concluded the year with 21 total tackles, 12 unassisted stops and 1.5 tackles for loss... Posted a career outing in victory over Ole Miss -- five solo stops among six total tackles... Also had four tackles at Auburn, and multiple stops against Middle Tennessee,

Tennessee State, Tennessee and NC State.

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

### Griffin's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 6, vs. Ole Miss, 11/19/2016  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 5, at Ole Miss, 11/19/2016

stops... Registered multiple tackles vs. Ole Miss and Florida.

**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 title appearances in 2013 and 2014... As senior, registered 158 tackles, nine sacks and seven fumble recoveries for 14-1 squad... Named first-team All-America LB by Max Preps and Tampa Bay Defensive Player of the Year as senior... Three-time 6A All-State.

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

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

### Griffin's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2016	12-9-21	1.5-3	0-0	0	0/0
2015	6-3-9	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0
Career	18-12-30	1.5-3	0-0	0	0/0



**Guay**

## 98 Ryley GUAY

**Placekicker**  
**Sophomore ★ 5-10 • 190**  
**Napier, Ill. ★ Benet Academy**

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

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

**ACADEMICS** Guay is undecided on a major and is a 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

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



**Hamilton**

## 15 Elijah HAMILTON

**Cornerback**  
**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-2 • 200**  
**Roswell, Ga. ★ Blessed Trinity HS**

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain for Atlanta private school... Three-year defensive starter... As senior DB, helped 13-1 Blessed Trinity to Class AAA state title appearance... Contributed 34 solo stops, 47 total tackles, four interceptions, six defended passes and two fumble recoveries as senior, earning honorable mention All-State honors... Two-time All-Region and twice named team's defensive MVP... Registered 48 tackles and scored six TDs as junior for 13-1 squad that reached AAA state semifinals... Lettered in track & field... Honors student.

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

**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.

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**Hebert**

## 42 Kenny HEBERT

**Outside linebacker**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-4 • 228**

**New Orleans, La. ★ Holy Cross HS**

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

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

**ACADEMICS** Hebert is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, and is a 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

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



**Herndon**

## 31 Tre HERNDON

**Cornerback**

**Senior ★ 6-1 • 188**

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

**2016** As a second-year starter, Herndon played a vital role in Vanderbilt's defensive secondary... Herndon started every game for the Commodores at cornerback, extending his streak of consecutive starts to 25 games... He finished the year with 41 total tackles, including 30 unassisted stops, topped the Commodores with two interceptions, ranked second with eight defended passes, and returned one fumble recovery 27 yards... Registered at least two tackles in 12 of 13 games, topped by a five-tackle effort in Commodores' win at Western Kentucky... Herndon's performance at WKU also included a key interception in the Vanderbilt end zone and a fumble recovery... Herndon registered a second interception at Kentucky... He posted

### 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

multiple defended passes against SEC opponents South Carolina and Ole Miss, and concluded the second with four solo stops in the win over Tennessee... Also contributed four tackles vs. NC State in Camping World Independence Bowl.

**2015** Herndon enjoyed a breakout season at cornerback during his second year on campus... Started all 12 games at cornerback... Finished year among team leaders with 35 solo tackles and 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.

**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 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.

**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 sportswriters' first-team All-State squad and All-Region... Participated in Tennessee East-West All-Star Game... As a junior, posted 63 tackles and four picks, helping school to a 11-2 record.

**ACADEMICS** Herndon is working toward a degree in sociology. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll and SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**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, a Chattanooga insurance company... First player from high school to earn SEC football scholarship.

### Herndon's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2016	30-11-41	0.5-3	2-4	8	0/1
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>72-25-97</b>	<b>1.5-9</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0/1</b>





33 Jay HOCKADAY

Inside Linebacker

Sophomore ★ 6-3 • 230

Nashville, Tenn. ★ Christ Presbyterian Acad.

Hockaday

**2016** Hockaday missed the season with a leg injury but showed promise at linebacker during spring drills.

**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 3A first-team All-State RB, District MVP, and All-Midstate by the *Tennessean*... Had 19 rushing TDs and 95 tackles for 14-1 team as junior.

**ACADEMICS** Hockaday is working toward a degree in economics.

**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	FF/FR
2016		-DNP-			
2015	1-1-2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0
Career	1-1-2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0



6 Zaire JONES

Safety

Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-0 • 200

Meridian, Miss. ★ Meridian HS

Jones

**2016** Jones did not play as a true freshman, seeing time as a safety on the scout team... Participated in spring drills after enrolling in January 2016.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starting defensive back for Mississippi powerhouse... As senior, helped Meridian to 8-6 record and Class 6A state semifinals by contributing 92 tackles, three interceptions and a fumble recovery... Earned 6A first-team All-State as a senior, and played in postseason Alabama-Mississippi Prep All-Star Classic... Registered 63 stops 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.

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

**PERSONAL** One of two classmates on team to start 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... Enjoys bowling.



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## 65 Braden KOPP

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-5 • 285**

**Houston, Texas ★ Houston Christian HS**

**Kopp**

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

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

**ACADEMICS** Kopp is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, and is undecided on a major. He is a 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

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



## 77 Nifae LEALAO

**Defensive Tackle**

**Senior ★ 6-5 • 315**

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

**Lealao**

**2016** Lealao had a superb season in his third year as an interior defensive lineman for the Commodores...

Starting 11 of 13 games at nose tackle, Lealao established new career highs with 15 solo tackles, 22 total tackles, four tackles for loss, 2.5 quarterback sacks, three defended passes and a fumble recovery... Registered a career-high six solo tackles and a fumble recovery against Kentucky... Produced sacks versus Tennessee State and Missouri... Added tackles for loss in SEC games against Florida, Georgia and Ole Miss.

**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.

**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

### Lealao's Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 6, at Kentucky, 10/8/2016  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 6, at Kentucky, 10/8/2016  
**SACKS:** 1.5, vs. Tenn. State, 10/22/2016

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 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 enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a degree in sociology. He is a 2016 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2014-15 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recipient, and is a Dean's List 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
<b>2016</b>	<b>15-7-22</b>	<b>4.0-7</b>	<b>2.5-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>9-9-18</b>	<b>1.0-2</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>2-5-7</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>26-21-47</b>	<b>5.0-9</b>	<b>2.5-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/2</b>	<b>1</b>





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**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
2016	7-3-10	0.0-0	0-0	1	0/0
2015	0-1-1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0
Career	7-4-11	0.0-0	0-0	1	0/0



## 30 Bryce LEWIS

**Cornerback**

**Junior ★ 6-0 • 185**

**Lilburn, Ga. ★ Parkview HS**

**Lewis**

**2016** Lewis enjoyed his most significant role in the Vanderbilt secondary as a sophomore, seeing action in all 13 games... Lewis earned starts at cornerback in SEC games against Florida and Georgia... He concluded the regular season with 10 total tackles, including seven solo stops... He registered a career-high with three tackles in win over Georgia.  
**2015** Lewis played in 11 of 12 games during his second year on campus, seeing action on special team units and as reserve cornerback... Registered assisted tackle in win over Austin Peay.

### Lewis' Career Highs:

SOLO TACKLES: 2, vs. Georgia, 10/15/2016  
TOTAL TACKLES: 3, vs. Georgia, 10/15/2016

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 a degree in special education from the Peabody College.

**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



## 16 Kalija LIPSCOMB

**Wide Receiver**

**Sophomore ★ 6-1 • 200**

**New Orleans, La. ★ Jesuit HS**

**Lipscomb**

**2016** One of six true freshmen to see action during the regular season, Lipscomb was among the top aerial targets for quarterback Kyle Shurmur... Playing in 12 games, Lipscomb was the team's third leading receiver with 27 catches, good for 317 yards and two touchdowns... Also topped team with 14.9-yard average on 10 punt returns... Registered season high with six receptions and 59 receiving yards at Georgia Tech... Posted touchdown catches against Middle Tennessee





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and Georgia Tech... Contributed at least one catch in Vanderbilt's first 10 games... Lipscomb provided one of team's top special team highlights

## Lipscomb's Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 6, at Georgia Tech, 9/17/2016  
RECEIVING YARDS: 59, at Georgia Tech, 9/17/2016  
LONGEST CATCH: 45, at Western Ky., 9/24/2016  
LONGEST PUNT RETURN: 71, vs. NC State, 12/26/2016

All-Metro and All-Catholic League recipient... Contributed 56 catches for 1,036 yards and 11 TDs as senior, helping Jesuit to 5A playoffs... As a junior, registered 64 receptions for 989 yards and 14 TDs, helping Blue Jays to state title, first at team since 1960... Scored both Jesuit's TDs in title game... Surpassed 130 receptions and 2,300 receiving yards during prep career.

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

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

## Lipscomb's Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2016	27	319	11.8	2	45



**19 Sam LOY**

**Punter**

**Sophomore ★ 6-1 • 190**

**San Clemente, Calif. ★ Catholic HS**

**2016** Loy put together a Freshman All-Southeastern Conference caliber season in his first year on campus... Loy showed superb diversity in technique, having the ability to punt traditionally and rugby style... Inserted as the team's primary punter during the opener against South Carolina, Loy went on to lead all SEC freshmen with a 41.6-yard average on 68 punts... Loy also helped change field possession, placing 22 attempts inside the opponent 20-yard line... He averaged more than 45 yards per punt against four opponents: Middle Tennessee, Florida, Kentucky and Auburn... Opposing teams averaged just

## Loy's Career Highs:

PUNTS: 8 (2x), vs. Ole Miss, 11/19/2016  
PUNT AVG: 49.2, vs. Middle Tenn., 9/10/2016  
LONGEST PUNT: 67, at Georgia, 10/15/2016  
PUNTS INSIDE 20: 3, vs. Middle Tenn., 9/10/2016

of Orange County Specialist of the Year and All-Trinity League MVP Punter awards as senior punter for Santa Margarita Catholic... Averaged 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.



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

**PERSONAL** Samuel Riley Loy... Born Feb. 18, 1998 in Southern California... Son of Terry and Leslie Loy... Dad is regional manager; mom is teacher... Enjoys soccer and golf.

## Loy's Career Punting Statistics

	PUNTS	YARDS	AVG.	LONG	FC	IN-20	50+
2016	68	2832	41.7	67	15	22	12







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Nathan

MARCUS

**Tight End**  
**Senior ★ 6-5 • 242**  
**Glen Ellyn, Ill. ★ Glenbard West HS**

**2016** Marcus enjoyed his best year as a Commodore, earning 12 starts at tight end while playing in all 13 games... The fourth-year player became a more complete tight end during the season, displaying greater physicality as a blocker while establishing new career highs for receptions... Marcus ended the season with 11 catches and

### 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

touchdown... Had receptions in each of team's first six games... Posted multiple catches against Florida, Kentucky and Ole Miss.  
**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 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 did not see 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 expected to complete a degree in communication studies from the College of Arts and Science this December. He is a 2016 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.  
**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
2016	11	73	6.2	1	11
2015	4	34	8.5	0	12
2014	6	56	9.3	2	25
<b>Career</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>



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Cody

MARKEL

**Tight End**  
**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-5 • 245**  
**Middleton, Wisc. ★ Middleton HS**

**2016** Markel did not participate in a game during his first year on campus... Worked during the season as an offensive scout tight end.  
**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-way starter (TE/DE) for public school power near Madison... As senior TE, named All-State recognition from state coaches association... Also earned All-Conference and All-Area as senior, helping Cardinals to 8-2 mark, Big 8 Conference championship and state playoff berth... Posted 18 catches for 225 yards and five TDs as senior... Earned three varsity letters in basketball, helping team to conference title as senior... Earned letters for four-time conference champion tennis team... High academic achiever.  
**ACADEMICS** Markel is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, and is undecided on a major.  
**PERSONAL** Cody Steinkamp Markel... Born Sept. 11, 1997... Son of Mark Markel and Lisa Steinkamp... Dad is a veterinarian; mom is a physical therapist... Has an older brother, Tyler... Dad played football at California-Davis; mom played soccer at Stanford University... Enjoys playing hockey.

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## 54 Kade MAYLE

**Defensive Line**

**Junior ★ 6-2 • 255**

**McConnelsville, Ohio ★ Morgan HS**

**2016** Mayle did not see action as a defensive line candidate... Participated as defensive tackle on scout teams during the season.

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

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

**ACADEMICS** Mayle is enrolled in the School of Engineering, working toward a degree in engineering science.

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



## 39 Bailey McELWAIN

**Fullback**

**Sophomore ★ 6-0 • 238**

**Trussville, Ala. ★ Hewitt-Trussville HS**

**2016** McElwain was a pleasant surprise for the Commodore offense after arriving on campus the first day of preseason camp... He quickly moved into a key role as the team's top fullback, playing all 13 games as a punishing blocker and quality receiver out of the backfield... McElwain's strong lead blocks helped the offense to tremendous success inside the opponent's 20-yard line where the Commodores converted 43-of-46 possessions into points... While McElwain had just one rush attempt on the year, he caught six passes for 35 yards, including important touchdowns in conference wins against Ole Miss and Tennessee.

### McElwain's Career Highs:

**RECEIVING YARDS:** 18, vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016  
**LONGEST CATCH:** 18, vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016  
**TOUCHDOWN CATCH:** 1 (2x), most recently vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-time team captain... Three-year letter-winner for public school just north of Birmingham... Two-year starter (FB/LB)... Earned All-State and All-Area honors as junior and senior... As

linebacker, registered more than 200 tackles, along with 18 tackles for loss and five quarterback sacks... Was co-captain of Alabama squad in postseason Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game... Also played in International Bowl All-American Game.

**ACADEMICS** McElwain is undecided on a major. He is a 2016-07 Freshman Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Bailey Emerson McElwain... Born March 19, 1998 in St. Louis... Son of Juanita Taylor... Has a younger brother, Elliott, and younger sister, Emma Grace.



### McElwain's Career Offensive Statistics

	RUSHES-YDS	LONG	REC-YDS	LONG	TDS
2016	1-0	-	6-35	18	2



## 48 Andre MINTZE

**Outside Linebacker**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-3 • 235**

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

**2016** Mintze did not see action as a true freshman, missing most of the fall to injury.

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

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

**PERSONAL** Andre Rasheen Mintze... Born Sept. 10, 1998... Son of Andre and Catrina Mintze... Has two sisters, Awtum and Alycia... Dad is a barber; mom is an associate client representative.





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**Nelson**

## 97 Reid NELSON

**Punter**

**Senior ★ 6-2 • 215**

**Hueytown, Ala. ★ Hueytown HS**

**2016** Nelson saw his first collegiate action on special teams as a third-year walk-on with the Commodores...

Had two punts early in the opener against South Carolina before Sam Loy took over the chores.

**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 two-time (2015-16) 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.



**Odeyingbo**

## 34 Dare ODEYINGBO

**Defensive End**

**Junior ★ 6-2 • 272**

**Irving, Texas ★ Cistercian Prep**

**2016** Odeyingbo enjoyed his best year in a Commodore uniform as a sophomore... Played in all 13 games, earning starts at defensive end against Georgia, Auburn and Missouri...

Finished the season with 21 total tackles, 10 solo stops, four tackles for loss and a quarterback sack... Also contributed a fumble recovery and defended pass... Established a game high with four tackles at Auburn... Also produced multiple stops against South Carolina, Georgia Tech and Georgia... Posted a sack against Georgia Tech.

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

### Odeyingbo's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 4, at Auburn, 11/5/2016

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 2 (3x), most recently at Auburn, 11/5/2016

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain for Dallas-Fort Worth metro area private school... Started all four years at RB... Also started at DE and LB as junior and senior... Two-time Texas-Okla. Private School All-State and All-Area recipient... As senior, rushed for 1,178 yards and seven touchdowns... Rushed for 1,791 yards and 23 TDs as a junior... Amassed 5,456 rushing yards and 74 total TDs during four-year varsity career... Helped squad to state playoff appearances in 2012 and 2013... Also earned letters in basketball and track & field... National Merit Semifinalist.

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

**PERSONAL** Oluwadamilare Odeyingbo... "Dar-A Oh-DANG-bow"... Born Nov. 25, 1996 in New York... Son of Gary and Betty Odeyingbo... His younger brother, Dayo, is a Commodore freshman defensive lineman... 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
<b>2016</b>	<b>10-11-21</b>	<b>4.0-12</b>	<b>1.0-7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/1</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>0-2-2</b>	<b>0.5-1</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>10-13-23</b>	<b>4.5-13</b>	<b>1.0-7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/1</b>



**Openshaw**

## 17 Tommy OPENSHAW

**Kicker/Punter**

**Graduate Student ★ 6-2 • 200**

**Jacksonville, Fla. ★ Creekside HS**

**2016** Openshaw enjoyed an All-Southeastern Conference caliber campaign - and one of the best ever by a Commodore placekicker... As a third-year starter, Openshaw converted 15-of-19 field goals... His 78.9 percent conversion rate has been bettered only once (Carey Spear's 83.3% in 2012) since the mid-1970s... Openshaw was also 11-of-12

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inside 40 yards and converted on four attempts of 47 yards or longer, including a pair of 52-yard efforts.... He made seven of his last eight FG attempts, including three at Auburn... Openshaw's conversions from 52 yards came at Auburn and against NC State in the Camping World Independence Bowl... Openshaw's 81 points scored ranks as the third highest single-season scoring total ever by a Commodore kicker... His career scoring output of 175 points ranks fifth all-time among Commodores.

**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 against Missouri, matching the sixth longest in team history... 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, redshirting behind three-year starter Carey Spear.

**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 6A first-team All-State from writers after making five FGs and 45.6-yard punting average as senior... Also named All-District as senior...

## Openshaw's Career Highs:

FGS IN GAME: 3 (2x), most recently at Auburn, 11/5/2016

LONGEST FG: 52 (2x), most recently at NC State, 12/26/2016

LONGEST PUNT: 78, vs. Missouri, 10/24/2015

Was 16-of-22 on field goals as junior, including team-record 56-yarder, as team advanced to state playoffs.

**ACADEMICS** Openshaw completed undergraduate degrees in engineering science and economics last May, and is currently

working toward a master's in leadership and organizational performance from Vanderbilt's Peabody College. He is a three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient (2014-16), and 2016 Academic All-America nominee.

**PERSONAL** Thomas Reilly Openshaw... Son of Mark 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... Active in youth activities at hometown church and with campus chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes... Enjoys golf... Has been nominated for the Allstate-AFCA National Good Works Team for his numerous community service activities in the Nashville area and mission trips as a Vanderbilt student.

## Openshaw's Career Kicking Statistics

	FG-FGA	FG%	LG.	PATS	PTS.	PUNTS	AVG.	LG
2016	15-19	79.0	52	35-35	80	-	-	-
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	35-49	71.4	52	70-70	175	79-3,324	40.9	78



## 40 Baffour OSEI

**Running Back**

**Junior ★ 5-8 • 180**

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

**2016** Osei did not see action as a first-year player... Contributed during the season as an offensive scout running back.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Played varsity football in 2013 for one of Southern California's most powerful private schools... Helped Oaks Christian to deep run in CIF state playoffs... National Honor Society member.

**ACADEMICS** Osei is working toward a degree in mechanical engineering.

**PERSONAL** Born July 17, 1995... Son of Kwame and Gloria Osei... Has an older brother, Kwabena, and older sister, Awoh... Born in Ghana before moving to Southern California... Dad is a retired naval captain in Ghana; mom works as commercial manager for Ghana airport company... Family has lived in several countries due to father's occupation.





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**Peart**

## 9 Caleb PEART

**Outside Linebacker**  
**Sophomore ★ 6-1 • 235**  
**Chandler, Ariz. ★ Hamilton HS**

**2016** Peart made appearances in 11 of the 'Dores' 13 regular season games, seeing action at outside linebacker as a redshirt freshman... Concluded the regular season with five total tackles, including three unassisted stops... Made collegiate debut in victory over Middle Tennessee.

### Peart's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 3, at Middle Tenn., 9/10/2016  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 2, at Middle Tenn., 9/10/2016

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

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

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

### Peart's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2016	3-2-5	0-0	0-0	0	0/0



**Pfeifer**

## 57 Ean PFEIFER

**Offensive Guard**  
**Sophomore ★ 6-4 • 300**  
**Bentonville, Ark. ★ Bentonville HS**

**2016** Pfeifer took over for Delando Crooks at left guard early in the season and never relinquished his position... Pfeifer has shown improvement with each game, playing most of the team's critical snaps over the last nine games... By the end of the season, he and the line played a huge role in RB Ralph Webb becoming Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher and QB Kyle Shurmur producing in the passing game... Pfeifer and the line helped the Commodore offense improve in nearly every stat category from the year before, including points scored, first downs, total yards and red zone efficiency.

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year OL starter, helping Bentonville to 32-5 overall record and consecutive 7A state titles in 2013 and 2014... Named 7A first-team All-State OL as senior, posting 50 knockdown blocks and helping Tigers overcome 0-4 start with 9-game win streak to conclude season... As senior, received Willie Roaf Award as state's top prep offensive lineman... Earned All State and All-Region as junior.

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

**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.

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## 80 Jared PINKNEY

**Tight End**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-4 • 255**  
**Norcross, Ga. ★ Norcross HS**

**Pinkney**

**2016** As first-year contributor, Pinkney has played in every game, providing the Commodores with a quality receiving threat at the tight end position... Earned six starts, including the first of his career in the opener against South Carolina... Concluded the season as the team's top receiving tight end, hauling in 22 catches for 274 yards and two touchdowns... Posted multiple catches in seven games... Registered

season highs with five receptions and 50 receiving yards in win over Tennessee State... Played key role as a receiver in late-season wins over Ole Miss and Tennessee, combined for 83 receiving yards against those

SEC rivals... Contributed touchdown catches against TSU and Auburn.

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

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

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

### Pinkney's Career Highs:

RECEPTIONS: 4, vs. Tenn. State, 10/22/2016  
RECEIVING YARDS: 50, vs. Tenn. State, 10/22/2016  
LONGEST CATCH: 28, vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016

majoring in communication studies.

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

### Pinkney's Career Receiving Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2016	22	274	12.5	2	28



## 29 Austin QUILLEN

**Safety**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 5-11 • 190**  
**Jenks, Okla. ★ Jenks HS**

**Quillen**

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

team defensive back.

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

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

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



## 61 Bruno REAGAN

**Offensive Guard**

**Redshirt Junior ★ 6-3 • 315**  
**Clarksville, Tenn. ★ Clarksville HS**

**Reagan**

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Rector**

## 26 Andrew RECTOR

**Safety**

**Junior ★ 6-0 • 205**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Father Ryan HS**

**2016** Rector participated in three games as a sophomore safety and special teams contributor this season... Registered tackles in early-season games against South Carolina and Georgia Tech... Also saw action in victory against Florida.

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain, three-year starter for Nashville private school...

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

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

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

### Rector's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INTS	PBU	FF/FR
2016	2-0-2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0
2015	0-2-2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0/0
Career	2-2-4	4.5-13	0.0-0	0	0/0



**Rivers**

## 28 Dallas RIVERS

**Running Back**

**Senior ★ 6-1 • 225**

**Stone Mountain, Ga ★ Stephenson HS**

**2016** Rivers participated in all 13 regular season games, contributing at both tailback and fullback in the Commodore backfield... Finished the year with 144 rushing yards on 26 carries... Produced arguably best performance of career in season finale win against Tennessee, rushing for a season-high 52 yards on six carries... One

### Rivers' Career Highs:

**RUSHING YARDS:** 73, vs. *Old Dominion*, 11/1/2014  
**RUSH ATTEMPTS:** 17, vs. *Old Dominion*, 11/1/2014  
**LONGEST RUSH:** 39, vs. *Tennessee*, 11/26/2016

of Rivers' rushes against the Vols was a career-long carry of 39 yards that gave the Commodores a critical first down late in the game.

**2015** Rivers participated in every game, 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 Commodores' No. 2 running back behind Ralph Webb... Finished the season with 218 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 61 carries... 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** Standout RB at two Atlanta-area public school powers, 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 AAAA playoffs... Earned first-team All-Area honors as senior... Played in postseason DeKalb County All-Star Game... Transferred to Stephenson prior to senior season... Was DeKalb County's leading rusher with 1,110 yards and 14 TDs as a junior at nearby Tucker HS, helping the school to a 10-3 record and state quarterfinals appearance... As sophomore, rushed for 882 yards and 18 TDs, helping Tucker to 15-0 record and AAAA state title.

**ACADEMICS** Rivers is majoring in economics from the College of Arts and Science, expected to graduate this May. He is a two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient (2014-15).

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**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 Commodore student-athlete Jonathan Wynn.

## Rivers' Career Rushing Statistics

	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2016	20	92	4.6	1	39
2015	60	183	3.0	1	16
2014	61	218	3.6	2	12
<b>Career</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>39</b>



## 57 Josiah SA'O

**Defensive Tackle**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-2 • 295**  
**San Diego, Calif. ★ Kearney HS**

**Sa'o**

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

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

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

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

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



**Schiager**

## 47 Tommy SCHIAGER

**Snapper/Fullback**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-0 • 220**  
**Portland, Ore. ★ Sunset HS**

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

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

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

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



**Scott**

## 9 Caleb SCOTT

**Wide Receiver**

**Senior ★ 6-2 • 202**  
**Suwanee, Ga. ★ North Gwinnett HS**

**2016** Scott overcame early-season injuries to become one of the team's top receivers in Vanderbilt's 4-2 stretch drive... Earning starts against Tennessee State, Tennessee and NC State while playing in all 13 games, Scott concluded the season third on the team with 24 receptions for 466 yards... His 19.4-yard average per catch easily topped the Commodores and ranked third in the Southeastern Conference among receivers with at least 20 catches... In his last five games, Scott produced a series of explosive plays, catching 18 passes for 346 yards... In the regular season finale win over Tennessee, Scott set a career high with 114 receiving yards on four catches, including acrobatic receptions of 45 and 40 yards that led to important Commodore touchdowns... Scott's 19-yard diving catch early in the Ole Miss game sparked a series of spectacular receptions by Commodore receivers in the win... Scott also produced a critical 66-yard catch at Western Kentucky that set up Vanderbilt's game-tying touchdown in the fourth quarter... Scott added 49 receiving yards in the Camping World Independence Bowl.

**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 starts, including the final eight games of the year... Concluded the season with season highs of 24 catches, 339 receiving yards and two TDs... Averaged 14.1 yards per catch, highest among team's WRs... Posted

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at least two catches in eight games, topped by a five-catch effort at Ole Miss... Made three key catches, including one for a score, and career-high

## Scott's Career Highs:

**CATCHES:** 5, at Ole Miss, 9/26/2015  
**RECEIVING YARDS:** 117, vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016  
**LONGEST CATCH:** 66, at Western Ky., 9/24/2016

87 yards in victory over Kentucky... Had 43 yards in road win at Middle Tennessee... Ended season with catches of 36 and 25 yards at Tennessee.

**2014** Scott saw action in 11 of 12 games during his first year on campus... Participated 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... Notched two acrobatic catches for first downs in narrow loss at Missouri.

**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 will complete a degree in medicine, health and society this May. He is a 2015-16 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient, and a 2014 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**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 played 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
2016	24	466	19.4	0	66
2015	24	339	14.2	2	37
2014	6	78	13.0	0	39
Career	54	891	16.5	2	66



## 21 Donovan SHEFFIELD

**Cornerback**

**Junior ★ 6-0 • 190**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Ensworth HS**

**2016** Sheffield played in every game as a sophomore defensive back, earning a larger role as the season progressed... Played both nickel back and cornerback in the Commodore secondary... Concluded

## Sheffield's Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 2, at Missouri, 11/12/2016  
**PASSES DEFENDED:** 2, vs. Texas A&M, 11/21/2015

the season with seven total tackles, including four solo stops... Posted multiple tackles against Middle Tennessee and Missouri.

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain and three-time starter for one of Tennessee's most powerful private schools... As two-way starter, helped Ensworth to 34-3 overall record, Division II-AA state titles in 2012 and 2013, and the D-II



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state title game in 2014... As senior, registered 33 tackles and six INTs as CB, and posted 16 touchdowns as RB, earning D-II first-team All-State and All-Midstate honors... Named to *Tennessean's* Dandy Dozen All-Region team... Ended prep career with 12 INTs, 121 tackles and 21 defended passes on defense, and 23 total TDs and more than 2,000 rushing 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... Third-generation college football player in family.

## Sheffield's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR
2016	4-3-7	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0
2015	4-1-5	2.0-9	0-0	2	0/0
Career	8-4-12	2.0-9	0.0	2	0/0



## 10 Trent SHERFIELD

Wide Receiver

Senior ★ 6-1 • 205

Danville, Ill. ★ Danville HS

Sherfield

**2016** Sherfield concluded his third season in a Commodore uniform on a high note, enjoying a tremendous performance in Vanderbilt's decisive victory over Tennessee... A seven-game starter who played in every contest, Sherfield finished the season second on the team with 472 receiving yards.. His 34 receptions also ranked second on the team... He also had 7 rushes for 97 yards, including a 45-yard gain vs.

NC State in the Camping World Independence Bowl... Sherfield posted a season-high nine catches, good for 184 yards, in the win over Tennessee. The receiving yardage total is tied for the 10th highest in team history... The UT

## Sherfield's Career Highs:

CATCHES: 16, vs. Austin Peay, 9/19/2015  
RECEIVING YARDS: 240, vs. Austin Peay, 9/19/2015  
LONGEST CATCH: 76 yards, vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016  
LONGEST RUSH: 45 yards, vs. NC State, 12/26/2016

performance included a career-long 76-yard catch that led to Vanderbilt's third score... One week earlier, Sherfield had a 67-yard reception in the Commodores' victory over Ole Miss.

**2015** Sherfield 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 MTSU, and six in finale at Tennessee... Registered rushes of 34 yards against MTSU and 17 yards at Florida.

**2014** Sherfield played in seven games, and was one of two true freshmen to see action at 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 while accounting for 33 total touchdowns... Accounted for 443 total yards and seven TDs – four rushing and three passing – in 2013 season opener... Two-time honorable mention All-State recipient who played in postseason Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... Three-year letterwinner in basketball and track & field.

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

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

## Sherfield's Career Offensive Statistics

	REC.	AVG	TDS	LONG	RUSHES	AVG	TDS	LONG
2016	34-472	13.9	1	76	7-97	13.9	1	45
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	86-1140	13.3	4	76	14-192	13.7	0	45





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Kyle

SHURMUR

Quarterback

Junior ★ 6-4 • 227

Philadelphia, Pa. ★ La Salle College Prep

Shurmur

2016 Shurmur put together one of the most productive seasons ever by a Commodore quarterback... Showing progress with each game, Shurmur was one of the SEC's top quarterbacks in the final weeks of the season... Starting all 13 games, Shurmur finished the regular season completing 204 of 375 passes (54.4 percent) for 2,409 yards and nine touchdowns... He also did an excellent job limiting turnovers, throwing an interception every 47 passes... His 2,409 passing yards broke the team's sophomore passing record previously set by Jay Cutler in 2003... Shurmur was superb in the last month of the regular season, combining to complete 79 of 129 passes (61.2%) for 1,162 yards and five touchdowns against SEC foes Auburn, Missouri, Ole Miss and Tennessee... In the win over Tennessee, Shurmur set a career high with 416 passing yards, the fifth highest single-game total in team history... He also threw for 273 yards against Ole Miss and 251 yards at Missouri... Shurmur's campaign also included leading last-minute comeback wins at Western Kentucky and Georgia... Completed 19 for 158 yards against NC State in the Camping World

Independence Bowl.

2015 Shurmur ended his true freshman campaign as the Commodores' starting quarterback... Shurmur played and started in five games, making his initial Commodore appearance in October against Missouri... Shurmur guided the squad to victories over Missouri and Kentucky in his first two starts against SEC teams... Finished the year completing 44-of-103 passes for 503 yards and

Shurmur's Career Highs:

ATTEMPTS: 46, vs. NC State, 12/26/2016

COMPLETIONS: 24, at Auburn, 11/2/2016

PASSING YARDS: 416, vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016

TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015

LONGEST PASS: 76 yds., vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016

five touchdowns... Was combined 23-of-46 for 255 yards, two TD passes and no interceptions against Missouri and Kentucky... In season finale at Tennessee, threw for 209 passing yards and three touchdowns.

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

**ACADEMICS** Shurmur is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working toward a degree in economics. He is a 2016 SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2014-15 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

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

Shurmur's Career Quarterback Statistics

	ATT-COMP-INT	YARDS	PCT.	TD	LONG
2016	375-204-10	2409	54.4	9	76
2015	103-44-3	503	42.7	5	37
Career	478-248-13	2912	51.9	14	76



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Justin

SKULE

Offensive Tackle

Junior ★ 6-6 • 315

Clifton, Va. ★ Centreville HS

Skule

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

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

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**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... Registered more than 50 pancake blocks and allowed just one QB sack as two-year starter... Threw shot put and discus on track & field team as junior.

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

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



## 4 Emmanuel SMITH

**Inside Linebacker**

**Senior ★ 6-2 • 240**

**Murfreesboro, Tenn. ★ Oakland HS**

**Smith**

**2016** Smith dealt with injuries as a third-year contributor for the Commodore defense... Smith played in nine games at linebacker and safety, finishing the year with six total tackles, including four unassisted stops... He matched a career high with three tackles in the team's win at Georgia... Shifted to inside linebacker after season during spring drills.

**2015** Smith became a valuable member in 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 Houston... Concluded with 10 total tackles and a defended pass... Registered two tackles against Kentucky and three stops versus

Austin Peay.

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

### E. Smith's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 3 (2x), most recently vs. Georgia, 10/15/2016

**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 environmental sociology. He is a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient. He studied abroad in Brazil in May 2016.

**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
2016	4-2-6	0.0-0	0-0	1	0/0
2015	1-9-10	0.0-0	0-0	1	0/0
2014	1-2-3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0/0
<b>Career</b>	<b>6-13-20</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0/0</b>





## 25 Josh SMITH

**Outside Linebacker**

**Junior ★ 6-4 • 240**

**Murfreesboro, Tenn. ★ Oakland HS**

**Smith**

**2016** Smith was hampered by injuries, but finished the regular season on a high note by starting at outside linebacker in the victory over Tennessee... During course of the season, Smith played both inside and outside linebacker, seeing action in nine games... Smith concluded the year with three total tackles, including an important quarterback sack against Tennessee, quarterback hurry and pass breakup.

### J. Smith's Career Highs:

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

**2015** Smith saw action in every game as an outside linebacker during his first year on campus... Finished the season with seven total tackles... Posted two stops against three opponents – Western Kentucky,

Austin Peay and Florida... Also registered a tackle for loss in the opener against Western Kentucky.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and two-year starter at linebacker for one of Tennessee's top public schools... Posted 128 tackles, nine quarterback sacks, four forced fumbles and 25 tackles for loss as senior, leading team to 14-2 record and 6A state title... Named *Daily News Journal's* Defensive Player of the Year as senior... Played in prestigious U.S. Army All-American Game as senior... Two-time first-team All-State and All-Region selection... 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 enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, working

toward a degree in environmental sociology. He is a 2016 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**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.

### Josh Smith's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	PBU	FF/FR
<b>2016</b>	<b>2-1-3</b>	<b>0.5-3</b>	<b>0.5-3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>1-6-7</b>	<b>0.5-1</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>3-7-10</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>0.5-3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>



**Southers**

## 71 Jared SOUTHERS

**Offensive Line**

**Redshirt Sophomore ★ 6-5 • 310**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Stankavage**

## 3 Shawn STANKAVAGE

**Quarterback**

**Redshirt Junior ★ 6-2 • 205**

**Durham, N.C. ★ Cardinal Gibbons HS**

**2016** Injuries derailed Stankavage's progress for the second straight season... Stankavage missed the entire season after suffering a leg injury during spring drills.

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

**ACADEMICS** Stankavage is majoring in economics from the College of Arts and Science. 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 numerous community service activities on campus.



**Stump**

## 15 Alex STUMP

**Wide Receiver**

**R-So. ★ 6-3 • 210**

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

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner at one of metro Cleveland's top powers... Regarded among the Midwest's top receivers coming out of high school... Started three seasons at wide receiver at St. Edward... Helped Eagles to 2014 state championship though missed several games due to injury... As a junior, earned honorable mention All-State and all-conference after posting 57 receptions for 987 yards and 14 TDs... Also lettered in track & field.

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

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



**Sypniewski**

## 51 Scott SYPNIEWSKI

**Snapper**

**Graduate Student ★ 6-1 • 220**

**Ottawa, Ill. ★ Marquette Academy/(Michigan)**

**AT MICHIGAN (2014-16)** Three-year starting long snapper for University of Michigan... As senior, handled both punt and conversion snap responsibilities for Wolverine squad that played in Orange Bowl... Appeared in 36 games as a key specialist for Michigan.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain... Three-year snapper at Marquette (Ill.) Academy... Also started at OL and LB during junior and senior seasons... In 2013, helped team to complete reversal, winning conference title after going from 0-9 to 10-1.

**ACADEMICS** Sypniewski is enrolled in graduate courses in marketing at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management. He completed an undergraduate degree in English from University of Michigan this May.

**PERSONAL** Scott David Sypniewski... Born Jan. 26 1995... Son of Scott and Kathleen Sypniewski... Dad is a contractor... Has a brother, Michael, and two sisters, Katie and Anna... Dad played center at Western Michigan... Enjoys golf.



**Tarpley**

## 2 Arnold TARPLEY III

**Safety**

**Senior ★ 6-1 • 203**

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

**2016** Tarpley had 12 appearances, including starts in the last seven games, at safety in the Commodore secondary... He concluded the season on a high note, registering career highs with eight solo stops and 12 total tackles - along with a tackle for loss, forced fumble and fumble recovery - vs. NC State in Camping World Independence Bowl... He concluded the regular season with 29 solo tackles among 40 total stops, three tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries... Tarpley posted six tackles - a season high - in the Commodores' win at Georgia, and had five stops, including 1.5 that resulted in losses, in the victory over Ole Miss... Tarpley's fumble recovery against Tennessee led to the game-deciding Vanderbilt touchdown.

### Tarpley's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 12, vs. NC State, 12/26/2016  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 8, vs. NC State, 12/26/2016  
**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** 2, at Tennessee, 11/28/2015

in second half of season at nickel back, and started at strong safety in eventual win over Middle Tennessee... Established numerous season highs, including 36 total tackles, 24 solo tackles and five tackles for loss... 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 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 tackles at Kentucky.

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**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 a marketing entrepreneur.

## Tarpley's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INTS	PBU	FF/FR
2016	29-11-40	3.0-14	0-0	3	2/2
2015	24-12-36	5.0-27	0-0	3	0/0
2014	14-4-18	2.0-13	0-0	0	2/0
Career	67-24-94	10.0-54	0-0	6	4/2



## 4 Donaven TENNYSON

**Wide Receiver**  
**Sophomore ★ 5-10 • 170**  
**Richmond, Va. ★ Benedictine Preparatory**

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter for one of Richmond's



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

**ACADEMICS** Tennyson is enrolled in the Peabody College working toward a degree in human and organizational development. He is a 2016 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

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

## Tennyson's Career Offensive Statistics

	REC-YDS	LONG	RUSH-YDS	AVG	LONG
2016	-	-	4-28	7.0	16



## 90 Cameron TIDD

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

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

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

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end as freshman and sophomore... Four-year letterwinner as thrower in track & field... State champion in the discus.

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

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



Vaughn

## 5 Ke'Shawn VAUGHN

**Running Back**

**Junior ★ 5-10 • 215**

**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Pearl-Cohn HS/(Illinois)**

**AT ILLINOIS (2015-16)** Two-year letterwinner as running back at Illinois... Earned eight career starts... In two years, amassed 1,024 rushing yards and nine touchdowns on 217 carries... As a freshman in 2015, Vaughn was named squad's Offensive Newcomer of the Year after rushing for team-high 723 yards and six scores... As a sophomore, contributed 301 rushing yards on 60 carries.

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

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

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



Wakefield

## 32 Jamauri WAKEFIELD

**Running Back**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-1 • 220**

**Jacksonville, Fla. ★ Providence HS**

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-time team captain... Three-year starting RB... Two-time 3A All-State and All-Region selection... Accumulated 5,112 rushing yards and 67 total TDs during Providence career... As a senior, rushed for 1,885 yards and 23 TDs... Named to Times-Union Super 24 and finalist for 3A Mr. Football Award... Invited to play in Blue-Grey All-American Bowl... As a junior, rushed for 2,537 yards and 37 TDs for 8-3 squad, including a record-setting 469-yard effort in regular season... Rushed for 690 yards and seven TDs as sophomore... Earned letters in basketball and track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Wakefield is undecided on a major. He is a 2016-17 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

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



Wallace

## 2 Deuce WALLACE

**Quarterback**

**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-2 • 210**

**Sevierville, Tenn. ★ Sevier County HS**

**2016** Wallace did not play as a true freshman, serving as the scout team quarterback during the

regular season.

**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 5A first-team All-State QB by state sportswriters... 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.

**ACADEMICS** Wallace is undecided on a major. He is a 2016 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**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.



Webb

## 7 Ralph WEBB

**Running Back**

**Senior ★ 5-10 • 202**

**Gainesville, Fla. ★ Gainesville HS**

**2016** Webb became Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher in another record-breaking season for the three-year starter... Ran his consecutive starts streak to 37 games... Broke Zac Stacy's team career record in win over Ole Miss, then eclipsed Stacy's single-season mark during a superb performance in the Camping World Independence Bowl... For his career, Webb has 3,342 rushing yards on 739 yards - both new Commodore career records... Career rushing total ranks No. 20 in SEC history... Concluded the season with 1,283 rushing yards, breaking Stacy's record of 1,193-yard total from 2011... Also rushed for 13 touchdowns, third most by a SEC player and the most by a Commodore since 2013... Also caught 21 passes for 166 yards out of the backfield... Surpassed 100 rushing yards in seven games, and has 13 100+ rushing performances in career, another Vanderbilt record... Campaign was highlighted by a career-best, 211-yard effort in an early-season win over Middle Tennessee... Had more than 100 rushing yards against conference foes Florida, Kentucky, Ole Miss and Tennessee... Rushed for 123 yards and three touchdowns to spark late-season victory over Ole Miss, then closed the regular season with 114-yard, 2-touchdown effort in regular season finale win over Tennessee... Contributed three touchdowns, including the game-clincher in overtime, at Western Kentucky... Rushed for 111 yards and a score vs. NC State in the Independence Bowl.

**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,

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the second highest total in team history... Rushing total was sixth highest in SEC... Established a single-season mark with 277 rush attempts...

### 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

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 in narrow loss at Florida... Had 149 rushing yards at Tennessee, highest total by a Commodore back vs. Vols in four decades.

**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... 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... 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 personal best of 23'8".

**ACADEMICS** Webb is expected to complete a degree in sociology this December. A three-time (2014-16) SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient, Webb joined other Vanderbilt students in May 2015 to study biodiversity 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... In 2016, mentored students at Nashville's Whites Creek H.S... Served as camp counselor at East Nashville YMCA.

Webb's Career Rushing Statistics								
	ATT-YDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG	REC-YDS	AVG.	TDS	LONG
2016	250-1,283	5.1	13	49	21-166	7.9	0	37
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
Career	739-3,342	4.5	22	74	55-384	7.0	2	37

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## 14 Ryan WHITE

### Safety

**Graduate Student ★ 5-10 • 190**  
**Louisville, Ky. ★ Trinity HS**

**White**

**2016** Named co-captain for the second consecutive season... Earned 12 starting assignments at strong safety, missing only the Ole Miss game with injury... Ended year by setting numerous season highs - 49 solo stops, 75 total tackles, two forced fumbles and six pass breakups... Set single-game career high with 12 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss in win at Georgia... Late in regular season, registered another career high with 10 solo stops in victory over Tennessee... Also contributed double-digit tackles in win over MTSU and nine tackles at Kentucky... Registered five tackles vs. NC State in the Independence Bowl.

**2015** Earned postseason co-captain (special teams) vote from teammates... Played in every game, contributing as a safety and punt returner... Started at safety vs. 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 MTSU and interception at Florida.

**2014** White played in nine games as a safety and special teams contributor... Earned his first career start as 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

versus South Carolina, contributing eight total tackles and a forced fumble... Had 2.5 tackles for loss against Temple.

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

### White's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 12, at Georgia, 10/15/2016  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 10, at Tennessee, 11/26/2016  
**INTERCEPTIONS:** 1, at Florida, 11/7/2015

**HIGH SCHOOL** Captain for one of nation's elite prep teams... Three-year starter at CB for squad that captured three 6A state titles, going 42-1 during 2010-12 seasons... As senior, earned All-State recognition after 44 tackles and three INTs.

**ACADEMICS** White graduated in May 2017 with a degree in communication studies, and is enrolled in postgraduate studies at Vanderbilt's Peabody College. He is a 2016 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**PERSONAL** Ryan Andrew White... Son of Robin Woolfolk and Ryan White... Born June 26, 1995... Has a brother, Roman, and sister, Reagan... Mom works as a nurse... An uncle, Oliver White, played tight end at Kentucky.

### White's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/FR	PR	AVG.	I.G.
2016	49-26-75	3.5-6	0-0	6	2/0	5-(10)	(2.0)	2
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	-
<b>Career</b>	<b>86-49-135</b>	<b>10.0-30</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>26-140</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>36</b>



**Wiley**

## 5 Ladarius WILEY

### Safety

**Redshirt Junior ★ 6-1 • 210**

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

**2016** Wiley enjoyed his finest season in his third year on campus... As a seven-game starter at safety who played in all 13 contests, Wiley became one of the Commodores' most productive defenders... Concluded the season second on team with 50 solo tackles and 76 total tackles... Also had 2.5 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, and four defended passes... Registered 10 total tackles at Florida... Had a tackle for loss and seven stops at Georgia, and seven solo tackles against Tennessee... Contributed forced fumbles against Tennessee State and Auburn, and recoveries versus MTSU and Missouri.

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

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

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

### Wiley's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 10, vs. Florida, 10/1/2016  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 7, vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016

**ACADEMICS** Wiley is enrolled in College of Arts and Science, working toward 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... Video game enthusiast.





Wiley's Career Defensive Statistics					
	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/ER
2016	49-26-75	2.5-16	0-0	3	2/2
2015	5-3-8	1.0-1	0-0	0	0/1
Career	54-29-83	3.5-17	0-0	3	2/3

Williams' Career Defensive Statistics					
	TACKLES	TFL	INT	PBU	FF/ER
2016	14-5-19	1.5-5	0-0	2	0/0



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Joejuan WILLIAMS

**Cornerback**  
**Sophomore ★ 6-3 • 208**  
**Nashville, Tenn. ★ Father Ryan HS**

Williams

**2016** One of six true freshmen to see action, the talented Williams played in all 13 games... Enjoyed his finest moments late in the season when he was contributing in the team's primary cornerback rotation with Tre Herndon and Torren McGaster... Concluded the year with 14 solo tackles among 19 total stops and a defended pass... Enjoyed his finest game in the season finale, registering three solo stops and a tackle for loss among four tackles in Independence Bowl... Registered two tackles in wins over Ole Miss and Tennessee.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Did not play as senior after hardship appeal was denied by state high school governance association... Transferred to Hendersonville (Tenn.) HS as a senior after playing two years at Father Ryan HS in Nashville... As junior at Father Ryan, registered 48 tackles, two interceptions and 11 pass breakups as in 2014, earning All-State and All-District

Williams' Career Highs:	
TOTAL TACKLES: 4, vs. NC State, 12/26/2016	
SOLO TACKLES: 3, vs. NC State, 12/26/2016	



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Jackson WINROW

**Wide Receiver**  
**Redshirt Freshman ★ 6-1 • 195**  
**Shawnee, Okla. ★ Shawnee HS**

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

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

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

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

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## 74 Jay WOODS

**Defensive Tackle**  
**Senior ★ 6-3 • 285**  
**Jackson, Ga. ★ Jackson HS**

**Woods** Despite suffering a leg injury in spring drills, Woods returned to contribute on the defensive front participating in all 13 games... He was part of a defensive tackle rotation that included Nifae Lealao and Adam Butler... Woods finished the regular season with six total tackles... In his best effort of the season, Woods had

### Woods' Career Highs:

**SOLO TACKLES:** 5, vs. *So. Carolina*, 10/17/2015  
**TOTAL TACKLES:** 6, vs. *Georgia*, 9/12/2015  
**SACKS:** 1, vs. *Georgia*, 9/12/2015

two tackles in an impressive late-season win over Ole Miss.  
**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, and key fumble recovery 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, 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-team 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
2016	2-4-6	0.5-4	0.5-4	0/0	0
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
<b>Career</b>	<b>26-35-61</b>	<b>4.0-18</b>	<b>1.5-9</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>0</b>



## 11 Charles WRIGHT

**Outside Linebacker**  
**Junior ★ 6-3 • 240**  
**Irvine, Calif. ★ Beckman HS**

**Wright** 2016 Wright enjoyed his biggest role as a Commodore, contributing in 12 games at outside linebacker...

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

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

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

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and defensive starter... As senior DE,

### Wright's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 3, vs. *Austin Peay*, 9/19/2015  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 2, vs. *N.C. State*, 12/26/2016

posted 7.5 quarterback sacks and 13 tackles for loss among 74 total tackles... Also posted a touchdown among eight receptions as TE... Team MVP and Southern California All-State DL recipient... As a

junior, registered 46 total tackles, including four sacks... Earned All-State honors as a power forward in basketball.

**ACADEMICS** Wright is majoring in human & organizational development, and is a 2016 All-SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

**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	FF/FR	QH
2016	9-4-13	3.5-14	0.0-0	1/1	2
2015	1-2-3	1.5-5	1.0-4	0/0	0
Career	10-6-16	5.0-19	1.0-4	1/1	2



## 49 Jonathan WYNN

### Defensive End

**Senior ★ 6-5 • 265**

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

**2016** Wynn enjoyed his finest year as a Commodore... Played in 12 of 13 games at defensive end, earning 10 starting assignments... Finished the year by setting career highs with 20 solo stops and 28 total tackles... Concluded year with five total tackles -- a career high -- in Commodores' win over Tennessee... Registered four stops vs. NC

State in Camping World Independence Bowl... Also contributed a key quarterback sack in late-season victory over Ole Miss. **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... Finished with single-season highs of eight solo tackles, 21 total tackles and three tackles for loss... Produced QB sack in opener vs. Western

### Wynn's Career Highs:

**TOTAL TACKLES:** 6, vs. UMass, 9/21/2014  
**SOLO TACKLES:** 4 (2x) most recently vs. Tennessee, 11/26/2016



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... Posted career-high six tackles in win over UMass.

**2013** Wynn did not see action, spending his first year on campus getting stronger and adding bulk in the weight room.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Standout defender at Atlanta's top public schools... Started two years at DE for Jaguars... As senior earned first-team All-State DL recognition after posting 19 tackles for loss and 11 sacks among 87 tackles... Also contributed a pair of forced fumbles 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 letterwinner in track & field.

**ACADEMICS** Wynn is scheduled to complete majors in educational studies and history this December. He is a 2016 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient who studied abroad 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 Commodore senior RB Dallas Rivers.

### Wynn's Career Defensive Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	QH	FF/FR
2016	20-8-28	2.0-2	1.0-1	3	0/0
2015	8-13-21	3.0-13	1.0-7	2	0/0
2014	5-8-13	1.5-10	1.0-8	0	0/0
Career	33-29-62	6.5-25	3.0-16	5	0/0

# THE SIGNEES



SIGNEES	POSITION	HT.	WT.	RESIDENCE	HIGH SCHOOL/OTHER
Feleti Afemui	Linebacker	6-3	235	Kahului, Hawaii	Maui
Colin Anderson	Linebacker	6-2	215	Florence, Ala.	Brooks
Bryce Bailey	Offensive Line	6-5	305	Newburgh, Ind.	Castle
James Bostic	Wide Receiver	6-3	208	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Cardinal Gibbons
Jonah Buchanan	Defensive Line	6-4	270	Honolulu, Hawaii	Iolani
Cole Clemens	Offensive Line	6-6	305	South Jordan, Utah	Bingham
Tae Daley	Defensive Back	6-0	185	Warner Robins, Ga.	Northside
Brayden DeVault-Smith	Linebacker	6-3	208	Nashville, Tenn.	Pearl-Cohn
Stone Edwards	Defensive Line	6-5	245	Hillsborough, N.C.	Orange
Jacob Free	Quarterback	6-4	215	Brantley, Ala.	Brantley
Allan George	Defensive Back	6-1	185	Andalusia, Ala.	Andalusia
Randall Haynie	Defensive Back	6-0	185	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Cardinal Gibbons
Grant Miller	Offensive Line	6-4	260	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
Dimitri Moore	Linebacker	6-3	215	Cedar Hill, Texas	Cedar Hill
Dayo Odeyingbo	Defensive Line	6-6	250	Irving, Texas	Ranchview
Michael Owusu	Linebacker	6-5	228	Oxnard, Calif.	Oaks Christian
Chris Pierce	Wide Receiver	6-4	208	Smithfield, Va.	Smithfield
Jalen Pinkney	Defensive Line	6-4	230	Norcross, Ga.	Norcross
Jonathan Stewart <sup>^</sup>	Offensive Line	6-8	305	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Mountain View
Saige Young	Offensive Line	6-4	315	Versailles, Ky.	Woodford Co./Dodge City

<sup>^</sup>Enters Vanderbilt as sophomore

## FELETI AFEMUI

Linebacker • 6-3, 235  
Kahului, Hawaii • Maui HS



Afemui

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain... Three-year starter for Sabers... Started at linebacker during junior and senior seasons... Earned Maui Interscholastic League Defensive Player of the Year Award and All-State honors as senior after registering 61 tackles, 16 tackles for

**17** loss, three quarterback sacks and three forced fumbles... Earned team's MVP Award as senior... Two-time All-District selection played in postseason Polynesian Bowl following senior campaign... Initially earned varsity starting role at wide receiver as sophomore... Lettered on varsity basketball squad as junior... High academic performer who ranks among the top of his senior class.

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

## COLIN ANDERSON

Linebacker • 6-2, 215  
Florence, Ala. • Brooks HS



Anderson

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter at linebacker for two-time north Alabama regional champs... In 2016, contributed 56 total tackles, 14.5 tackles for loss, three quarterback sacks and three forced fumbles for 9-3 squad that advanced to second

**18** round of 5A playoffs... As junior, earned All-State and Region Defensive Player of the Year honors after helping Lions to 11 wins and 4A state semifinals...

Registered 78 tackles, 17 tackles for loss and four sacks in 2015... Standout sprinter on track team... High academic achiever.

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

## BRYCE BAILEY

Offensive Line • 6-5, 305  
Newburgh, Ind. • Castle HS



Bailey

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year offensive line starter for south Indiana power located on Ohio River... As senior, earned 5A first-team All-State and All-Metro, helping Castle to 8-4 mark, sectional title and 5A state quarterfinals... Credited with 25 domination blocks and 12

**78** pancake blocks as senior, contributing to offense averaging 35.1 points and breaking numerous school records... Two-time state finalist in shot put, with personal best toss of 50'8"... Four-year Student Council representative... Honors student.

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



# THE SIGNEES

## JAMES BOSTIC

Wide Receiver • 6-3, 208  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. • Cardinal Gibbons HS



**Bostic**

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior co-captain... Starting wide receiver as senior, helping Fort Lauderdale private school to five-win improvement over previous season... As senior, registered 26 catches for 415 receiving yards and seven touchdowns as Cardinal

**81** Gibbons finished 9-2 and reached second round of 5A playoffs... Earned All-Broward County honors as senior; invited to play in postseason Broward-Dade All-Star Game... Moved to wideout as senior after playing both tight end and receiver as junior... Played basketball through sophomore year.

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

## TAE DALEY

Defensive Back • 6-0, 185  
Warner Robins, Ga. • Northside HS



**Daley**

**HIGH SCHOOL** Postseason defensive captain as senior... Three-year starter in secondary for central Georgia power... As senior CB, registered five interceptions, eight passes defended, four forced fumbles and 84 tackles for 11-3 Eagles squad that advanced to

**12** 6A state semifinals... Earned All-State and All-Middle Georgia recognition as senior... Accumulated 13 interceptions, 20 defended passes and more than 200 tackles in prep career... As sophomore, started for Northside squad that captured 5A state championship... Standout on Northside soccer team, earning All-State honors as junior.

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

## JONAH BUCHANAN

Defensive Line • 6-4, 270  
Honolulu, Hawaii • Iolani HS



**Buchanan**

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year varsity letterwinner... Two-year starter on defensive line for college prep school in Honolulu... Two-time Second Team All-District honoree in powerful Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH)... Key contributor in team's

**92** turnaround from seven conference losses to eventual appearance in Division I state finals... Registered 39 total tackles, three quarterback sacks and three fumble recoveries... Contributed to Division II state championship squad as a sophomore... Threw shot put and discus on track & field squad... Earned two letters in basketball.

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

## BRAYDEN DEVAULT-SMITH

Linebacker • 6-3, 208  
Nashville, Tenn. • Pearl-Cohn HS



**DeVault-Smith**

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter, three-year letterwinner for one of region's top public school programs... As senior, named Region Defensive MVP after posting 155 total tackles, 26 tackles for loss and three forced fumbles, helping Pearl-Cohn to 12-2

**52** record and 4A state final appearance... All-State, All-Midstate and All-Region as senior... Helped Firebirds to state semifinals or finals in all three varsity years...

Though a member of Pearl-Cohn squad, attended Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet School... Finalist for Hume Award, given to top student-athlete in metro Nashville schools.

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

## COLE CLEMENS

Offensive Line • 6-6, 305  
South Jordan, Utah • Bingham HS



**Clemens**

**HIGH SCHOOL** Multi-year captain for one of nation's top football powers... Three-year starter for school located in Salt Lake City suburb... As physical senior tackle, registered more than 30 knockdown blocks for Miners squad that captured 14 consecutive wins, a 5A state

**74** championship, and received invitation to play south Florida power St. Thomas Aquinas HS in the postseason GEICO State Champions Bowl in Texas... Helped Bingham to back-to-back state championships as junior and senior... Three-time All-State and All-Region offensive line selection... Earned multiple letters as pitcher on baseball team and shot put/discus thrower on track & field squad.

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

## STONE EDWARDS

Defensive Line • 6-5, 248  
Hillsborough, N.C. • Orange HS



**Edwards**

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year varsity letterwinner for school near Durham... Two-year defensive starter, playing tackle and end... As senior, was a standout for defense that allowed only 35 total points during the regular season... Registered 15 quarterback

**99** sacks and 23 tackles for loss among 67 total tackles as senior, helping 12-1 Panthers to first undefeated regular season in school history... Named First Team All-State and All-Region as senior... Posted a sack in postseason Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas All-Star Game appearance... Contributed four sacks among 26 tackles in five appearances as a junior... Lettered in wrestling prior to focusing on football as junior... High academic achiever.

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

# THE SIGNEES



## JACOB FREE

Quarterback • 6-4, 215  
Brantley, Ala. • Brantley HS



Free

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starting quarterback, helping south Alabama school to 30-9 overall record... As senior, threw for 2,727 yards and 32 touchdowns, and ran for another nine scores, helping Bulldogs to 7-5 record and Class 1A playoffs...

**12** Named first-team All-State, All-Region and finalist for Alabama 1A Back of the Year Award as a senior... Also averaged more than 40 yards as team's punter... Amassed 7,367 passing yards and 95 touchdown passes during three-year career... Standout pitcher/shortstop in baseball... Also lettered in basketball.

**PERSONAL** Jacob Randall Free... Born Nov. 16, 1998... Son of Randall Free and Ginger Nichols... Has four younger sisters: Gracie, Savannah, Anna Claire and Evelyn... Dad is self-employed; mom works as an insurance underwriter... Avid duck hunter and golfer.

## ALLAN GEORGE

Defensive Back • 6-1, 185  
Andalusia, Ala. • Andalusia HS



George

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior co-captain... Standout cornerback-return specialist as senior at Andalusia, a 4A power in south Alabama... As senior, named first-team All-State and All-Region after contributing seven interceptions, nine defended passes and 49 tackles for

**28** 12-2 Bulldog squad that advanced to 4A semifinals... George's interception total ranked second in state... Returned two punts and an interception for scores... Transferred to Andalusia after starting two years at nearby Straughn HS... Standout guard in hoops, currently starting for a fourth year of varsity basketball... National Honor Society and student government member.

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

## RANDALL HAYNIE

Defensive Back • 6-0, 185  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. • Cardinal Gibbons HS



Haynie

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starting defensive back for one of south Florida's top private programs... As a senior shutdown cornerback, posted four interceptions, nine defended passes, 43 tackles, forced two fumbles and two blocked punts for

**24** 9-2 Cardinal Gibbons squad that lost to eventual 5A champion in second round of state playoffs... As senior, earned All-Broward County honors from Fort Lauderdale *Sun-Sentinel* as senior... Played in postseason Blue-Grey All-American Game... Also lettered in track & field.

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

## GRANT MILLER

Offensive Line • 6-4, 260  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. • St. Thomas Aquinas HS



Miller

**HIGH SCHOOL** As senior transfer, started at offensive tackle for one of nation's top prep programs... Helped St. Thomas Aquinas to 13-2 mark and 2016 7A state title, the Raiders' third straight championship, and appearance in postseason GEICO State Champions Bowl

**63** played in Texas... As senior, credited with 28 knockdown blocks, 11 pancake blocks and just one sack allowed, earning First Team All-State and All-Area honors from *Miami Herald*... Also did not commit a single penalty during 2016 senior... Invited to participate in postseason Offense-Defense All-American Game... Started as junior on offensive line at another powerful Florida private school, IMG Academy... Also lettered in baseball.

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

## DIMITRI MOORE

Linebacker • 6-3, 215  
Cedar Hill, Texas • Cedar Hill HS



Moore

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-time team captain... Starter at outside linebacker for one of top programs in Dallas-Fort Worth area... Helped Cedar Hill to 34-7 overall record as three-year letterwinner, including one 6A state title and three playoff appearances... As senior, posted

**7** 61 solo tackles, 12 quarterback sacks and 18 tackles for loss among 90 total tackles, helping Longhorns to 11-3 mark and deep run in state playoffs... Posted 28 solo tackles and four sacks for 9-2 squad as junior... Honorable mention All-State as senior, two-time All-Region recipient... Contributed on Cedar Hill's state title as sophomore... Accumulated 15 sacks among 200 tackles during career.

**PERSONAL** Dimitri Deontae Moore... "Mimi"... Born Sept. 29, 1998... Son of Valesca Moore... Has four siblings; three brothers, Herman, Richard and Jalon, and a sister, Jasmine... His brother Richard is a rising junior linebacker at Texas A&M... Plays the piano... Enjoys swimming and playing pool... Enrolled in Vanderbilt classes in January.

## DAYO ODEYINGBO

Defensive Line • 6-6, 250  
Irving, Texas • Ranchview HS



Odeyingbo

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner for Dallas-Fort Worth metro power... Two-year starter at defensive end and offensive tackle... As senior, registered 20 tackles for loss and seven quarterback sacks among 47 total tackles and added three forced fumbles,

**10** helping Wolves to 7-4 record and 4A state playoffs for three straight years... On offense, posted 25 knockdown blocks as left tackle... Two-time All-District recipient... Lettered as hurdler and shot put/discus thrower on track & field squad.

**PERSONAL** Temidayo Jordan Odeyingbo... (DI-oh Oh-DANG-bow)... Born Sept. 24, 1999 in Brooklyn, NY... Older brother, Dare, is a rising junior defensive end with the Commodores... Dad works as software engineer; mom is a nurse practitioner... Parents are natives of Nigeria... Enjoys cooking.



# THE SIGNEES

## MICHAEL OWUSU

Linebacker • 6-5, 228  
Oxnard, Calif. • Oaks Christian HS



Owusu

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter for one of Southern California's top private schools... Two-way starter for Lions, appearing at linebacker, defensive line and wide receiver... As senior, helped 8-3 Oaks Christian reach CIF So. California Division 2 state playoffs,

**88** contributing 28 solo tackles among 54 total stops, and four quarterback sacks... Earned All-Region recognition as senior... Started at wide receiver as a junior, contributed 15 catches for 11-1 squad

that reached Division 2 state quarterfinals... Standout forward in basketball.

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

## CHRIS PIERCE

Wide Receiver • 6-4, 208  
Smithfield, Va. • Smithfield HS



Pierce

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year team captain... Four-year starter for Packers... Team offensive MVP as senior... Topped district as senior with 43 receptions, good for 709 yards and 11 touchdowns, helping Smithfield to 8-3 record and 4A East Region playoffs... Also

**85** posted 47 solo tackles, six tackles for loss and an interception as senior linebacker... Registered 45 receptions for 776 yards and 13 scores during junior season... Three-time All-Region recipient... Standout four-year starter on Smithfield hoops team that captured district title in 2016... Two-time All-Region forward on basketball squad.

**PERSONAL** Christopher Alphonso Pierce Jr... Born Nov. 2, 1998... Son of Christopher and Doreatha Pierce... Has two older brothers, Jaqoun Goodman and Deljuan Goodman... Dad works in transportation; mom is a librarian... Interested in pursuing engineering degree... Enjoys boxing.

## JALEN PINKNEY

Defensive Line • 6-4, 230  
Norcross, Ga. • Norcross HS



Pinkney

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year letter-winner... Two-year starter at defensive end for one of top programs in Atlanta vicinity... As senior, registered 13 quarterback sacks and 23 tackles for loss among 71 total stops, helping Norcross to 11-1 overall record,

**44** undefeated regular season and second round of 7A state playoffs... Named All-State as senior, and two-time All-Region recipient... Appeared in Elite Classic and Gwinnett All-Star Game... As junior, posted six quarterback sacks among 68 tackles as 7-4 Blue Devils reached 7A playoffs... Helped Norcross to 7A state championship as sophomore in 2014.

**PERSONAL** Jalen Theodore Pinkney... Born Nov. 29, 1998... Son of Horace and Anika Pinkney... Older brother, Jared, is a redshirt sophomore tight end for the Commodores... Also has a younger sister, Alayna... Dad is a regional manager; mom is human resources professional... Enjoys singing and cooking.

## JONATHAN STEWART

Offensive Line • 6-8, 305  
Lawrenceville, Ga. • Mountain View HS



Stewart

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior co-captain... Two-year starter on offensive line for north Georgia public school... As senior, contributed 29 knockdown blocks as starting left tackle, leading Mountain View squad to 8-3 overall record and 7A state playoffs...

**73** Stewart's blocking helped Bears' offense average 32.1 points and produce nearly 4,000 total yards... As senior, named All-Region and All-County... Played in postseason Gwinnett County All-Star Game... Started every game as a junior, his first year to participate in organized football... Honors student.

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

## SAIGE YOUNG

Offensive Line • 6-4, 315  
Versailles, Ky. • Woodford Co. HS/Dodge City



Young

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

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

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