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MACKENZI

ADAMS

9

R-So., Quarterback
6-3, 210
Tulsa, Okla.
Union H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS After enjoying the initial playing time of his collegiate career last year, Adams continued to develop in Spring Practice and could challenge for more action when preseason camp opens. Adams forms a potent quarterback trio with 2006 starter Chris Nickson and senior Richard Kovalcheck. One of the hardest working Commodores, Adams brings outstanding physicality and solid leadership skills to the offense. The dual-threat signal caller improved his passing accuracy last spring.



2006 Saw action in every game as first varsity season... Was team's No. 2 quarterback behind Chris Nickson, and served as primary holder in all placekicking situations... Played three games at quarterback, including most of the Commodores' road contest at Ole Miss... Subbing for Nickson in Oxford, Adams threw for 176

yards and ran for 51 yards... Also saw action at quarterback in wins over Tennessee State and Duke... Earned team's Specialist of the Week honors after Florida game.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Named team's Offensive Scout of the Week after Richmond and Florida games.

HIGH SCHOOL Team captain... Led Tulsa Union to 6A state title, avenging early season loss with victory over nationally ranked Jenks HS in finals... Threw for 220 yards in title game... Completed 95 passes for 1,635 yards and 23 TDs for team that finished 13-1 and No. 19 nationally... Named 2005 Male Athlete of the Year by area coaches... Transferred to Union as senior from Tulsa Metro Christian... Passed for 5,146 yards and 49 TDs and rushed for 11 TDs in Metro Christian career... Two-time All-State selection... Captured state track and field individual titles, winning 110-meter and 300-meter

hurdles... Ran 400 PR in 49.0.

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

PERSONAL John Mackenzi Adams... Son of Jeff and Laurie Adams... Born March 24, 1986... Dad was head coach at Metro Christian before joining coaching staff at Union HS in 2004... Mom is personal trainer... Has a younger sister... Involved in FCA activities... Plays guitar.

Adams' Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PASSING YARDS: 176, at Ole Miss, 10/7/2006

PASS COMPLETIONS: 10, at Ole Miss, 10/7/2006

RUSHING YARDS: 51, at Ole Miss, 10/7/2006

RUSH ATTEMPTS: 11, at Ole Miss, 10/7/2006

	ATT/COMP-INT	YDS.	PCT.	TD	LONG	RUSH-Yds	AVG	TD	LONG
Tenn. State	4-3-0	21	75.0	0	8	1-5	5.0	0	5
Ole Miss	20-10-1	176	50.0	0	44	11-51	4.6	0	12
Duke	5-2-0	27	40.0	0	14	5-19	3.8	0	9
2006	29-15-1	224	51.7	0	44	19-86	4.5	0	12



BRAD

ALLEN

83

R-Jr., Tight End
6-3, 240
Venice, Fla
Venice H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS After fighting through injuries last year to post a solid campaign as a first-time starter, Allen enters preseason as a likely starter at tight end. While Allen needs to work on running better passing routes, coaches consider the junior among the Commodores' most effective blockers. As Allen continues to mature in the weight-room, his production should continue to grow.

2006 Played in 11 of 12 games at tight end... Earned five starting assignments, including career first at Alabama... Developed into an excellent blocking tight end... Concluded season with three receptions for 57 yards... Garnered team's Offensive Player of the Week honors after South Carolina game... Each of Allen's catches produced first downs, and his first career reception – good for 21 yards – came deep in Vanderbilt territory and sparked Vanderbilt's game-winning drive that ended with a Bryant Hahnfeldt field goal... Career long reception of 27 yards came against South Carolina... Also nabbed a nine-yard catch at Kentucky... Allen absorbed punishment after all three receptions, and showed determination fighting through a midseason leg injury.

2005 Played in every game as redshirt freshman, seeing action on kickoff return units and as reserve tight end... Did not register a reception, though minutes increased as season developed.

2004 Redshirted... Earned scout team player of the week honors following Eastern Kentucky and Kentucky games.

HIGH SCHOOL Three-year starter for Florida Gulf Coast program... Senior captain... Two-time 6A All-State pick, team's Player of the Year

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as senior... Two-time All-Region... Caught 13 passes for 217 yards and two TDs as senior in run-oriented offense... Contributed 32 solo tackles and four sacks as defensive end... A Wendy's High School Heisman Award nominee... Also threw shot and discus... Involved in FCA... Participated in student government,

National Youth Leadership Forum and Fla. Boy's State.

ACADEMICS Allen is working toward a double major – Human and Organizational Development and Political Science.

PERSONAL William Bradford Allen... Son of Bill and Faith Allen... Born Aug. 6, 1985... Oldest of three siblings... Dad is corporate operations director; mom is a teacher in Sarasota County system... Dad played football at Muskingum College... Enjoys politics, with ambition to become an attorney.

Brad Allen's Career Statistics

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TD	LONG
2006	3	57	19.0	0	27
2005	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	3	57	19.0	0	27



JOSH

ALLEN

14 R-So., Cornerback
5-10, 182
Roswell, Ga.
Roswell H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS A part-time starter for the last two seasons, Allen enters preseason camp off his best Spring Practice. In a youthful secondary, Allen will compete for a starting role with Myron Lewis and D.J. Moore, among others. Allen's weightroom effort has paid off in a frame capable for withstanding the riggers of the SEC campaign. He provides both veteran leadership and dependable cover abilities.

2006 Played every game on special teams, along with serving valuable role as defensive cornerback... Earned a late-season start in secondary at Kentucky, contributing season highs in solo tackles (4) and total tackles (6)... Ended season with 19 total tackles, 13 solo stops and three defensed passes... One of team's top kickoff return-

ers, averaging 19.9 yards on 12 returns, including 32-yarders vs. South Carolina.

2005 Developed into a starting cornerback during redshirt freshman campaign... After earning first career start in win over Ole Miss, Allen was in the starting lineup seven of the last eight games... Finished season ranked sixth on the team with 31 solo tackles... Accumulated 42 total tackles, seventh best among Commodores... Topped squad with five defensed passes... Sterling performance in first collegiate action, setting career highs with six solo tackles and eight total tackles in victory at Wake Forest... Pair of defensed passes at Wake Forest came deep in Commodore territory... Also achieved six tackles against LSU and Kentucky... Contributed solo tackles and a defensed pass versus MTSU.

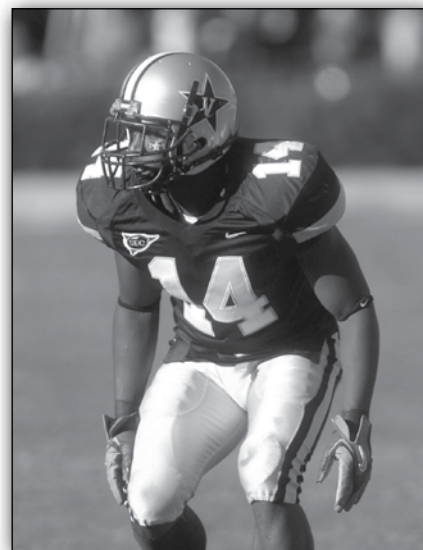
2004 Redshirted... Earned scout team defensive player of the week honors after South Carolina game.

HIGH SCHOOL Three-year starter for one of Georgia's top 5A programs... Senior captain... Named Atlanta North Metro team by *Journal-Constitution*... Three-time All-Region selection... Two-time team Offensive MVP... Started as a sophomore at RB, moving to CB as senior...

Totalled more than 3,600 yards in total offense as prep... Also participated in basketball and track & field.

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

PERSONAL Joshua Kian Allen... Born Jan. 8, 1986... "Rev"... Son of Ken and Ina Allen... Has two brothers: Jordan and Zachariah... Dad played college football at Western Carolina... Dad works in information technology sales; mom is a nurse... Raised in the Atlanta area... Played high school with Commodore guard Merritt Kirchoffer... An avid musician, Allen has played the piano since the first grade.



Josh Allen's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TOTAL TACKLES: 8, at Wake Forest, 9/1/2005

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
Michigan	2-0-2	0.0-0	0-0	-	-/-	-
Alabama	0-2-2	0.0-0	0-0	-	-/-	-
Tenn. State	1-0-1	0.0-0	0-0	-	-/-	-
Duke	1-1-2	0.0-0	0-0	-	-/-	-
Florida	3-1-4	0.0-0	0-0	-	-/-	-
Kentucky	4-2-6	0.0-0	0-0	-	-/-	-
Tennessee	2-0-2	0.0-0	0-0	-	-/-	-
2006	13-6-19	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	3
2005	31-11-42	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	5
Career	44-17-61	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	8



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**BRYANT
ANDERSON**

81 R-Jr., Receiver
6-3, 210
Roswell, Ga.
Centennial H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS For two years, Anderson has been a solid contributor for the Commodores, seeing action as a possession receiver in multiple wideout formations and on special teams. A quality blocker, Anderson's ability to catch the ball ranks among the best on the team.

2006 Saw action in eight games as a reserve wide receiver and special teams contributor... Minutes increased as season endured... Finished year with three receptions, good for 32 yards.

2005 Saw action in every game as special teams contributor and developed into top reserve wide receiver... Played important role as

receiver by the end of season, earning first collegiate career start in teams' 28-24 season finale win at Tennessee... Posted three receptions – good for 49 yards – in second half rally versus Kentucky.

2004

Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL

Two-year starter for Atlanta metro team... All-State selection as senior... Two-time MVP... As senior, caught 21 passes for 289 yards and two TDs... Team went 19-3 in varsity career... Selected for North-South Georgia All-Star Game... Played first organized football game in 10th grade... Started two years at forward in basketball... Standout soccer goalie prior to starting football... Participated in IDEALS leadership forum.

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

PERSONAL Bryant Daniel Anderson... Born March 27, 1986... Son of Ray and Buffie Anderson... Has younger sister, Kim... Dad played football at Stanford and is a top NFL administrator, serving as Senior Vice President of Football Operations... Mom is retired travel agent... Enjoys Stephen King novels... Avid golfer and bowler... Joined other teammates in student-organized Dance Marathon, helping to raise funds for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.



Anderson's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

RECEPTIONS: 3, vs. Kentucky, 11/12/2005

	RECEPTIONS-Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	3-32	10.7	0	16
2005	3-49	16.3	0	22
Career	6-81	13.5	0	22



**Bo
BAGGARLEY**

40 R-So., Linebacker
6-1, 210
Forsyth, Ga.
Stratford Academy

2007 PROSPECTS An effective scout team contributor for the last two seasons, Baggarley will attempt to work his way onto the field as a special teams specialist and reserve linebacker.

2006 Did not play as a sophomore... Earned Defensive Scout of the Week honors after Alabama and Tennessee State games.

2005 Walk-on, did not see action as freshman... Named team's postseason Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Helped team to state title in 2004...

Two-time All-State LB... Also participated in wrestling, track and baseball... Four-time Eagle Pride Award winner... High honors student, receiving Wofford Scholar and Brake Memorial Math Scholarship.

ACADEMICS Baggarley is majoring in History from the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL Sherman Glenn Baggarley... Son of Buddy and Cindy Baggarley... Oldest of four siblings... Dad is a forester; mom is a homemaker... Hopes to attend medical school... Involved in various community service projects.



**JOEY
BAILEY**

71 R-Fr., Off. Line
6-4, 275
Trussville, Ala.
Hewitt-Trussville HS

2007 PROSPECTS Though undersized upon arriving on campus, Bailey has been extremely productive in the weightroom and on the practice field. A talented athlete and excellent blocking technician, Bailey's potential is unlimited as he continues effort to add bulk and strength.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Earned postseason Offensive Scout Most Valuable Player Award from coaches... Received Offensive Scout of the Week honors after Ole Miss and Duke games.

HIGH SCHOOL Selected as offensive team captain... Three-year letter-

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winner, two-year starter on offensive line... Allowed one quarterback sack playing left tackle as senior, helping team to 6-5 record and first round of 6A playoffs... Named Second Team All-Metro squad by *Birmingham News* behind one of nation's top recruits, Andre Smith... Squad went 7-4 in 2004, again advancing to first round of playoffs... Played catcher on varsity baseball squad as a junior... Named as Who Who's Among American High School Students... National Honor Society member... Involved in school's FCA activities.

PERSONAL William Joseph Bailey II... Son of Joe and Stacy Bailey... Born Dec. 30, 1987... Dad is self-employed; mom is a teacher at rival high school... Has two younger brothers, Jacob and Joshua... Current Auburn QB Brandon Cox graduated from Hewitt-Trussville, as did former Alabama QB standout Jay Barker.



EARL

BENNETT

10

Jr., Wide Receiver
6-1, 202
Birmingham, Ala.
West End H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS One of the most talented players to ever wear the Commodore Black and Gold, Bennett improved in virtually every area last year despite catching footballs thrown by an untested quarterback. The Maxwell and Biletnikoff Award prospect amassed staggering stats as a sophomore, becoming the first receiver in SEC history to achieve at least 75 catches in two seasons. An extremely coachable standout, Bennett demonstrated a full spectrum of talents in 2007, whether it was running precision routes, making sure-handed catches in thick traffic, completing passes on reverses, or helping a teammate elude tacklers with effective downfield blocks. Bennett enters preseason intent on taking his game up a notch and doing everything in his power to help the Commodores to team success.

2006 Named first team All-Southeastern Conference by coaches for second consecutive seasons... Recipient of team's postseason Most Valuable Receiver Award... Put together remarkable receiving campaign for second straight season – 82 receptions, good for 1,146 receiving yards and six touchdowns... Reception and receiving yardage totals are sophomore team marks; receptions total ranks seventh all-time in SEC history and second all-time among sophomores in the SEC... Sophomore receiving yardage total ranks second all-time on team... Through two years, has compiled 161 catches, more than any other SEC receiver in first two years of eligibility... Ranks as the only receiver in SEC history with two seasons of at least 75 catches or more... Enters 2007 campaign needing 48 catches to become SEC career leader in receptions; also needs 1,071 receiving yards to own SEC career mark... Posted at least four receptions in every game... Bennett's 2006 accomplishments include three games of at least 10 receptions and four games of at least 150 receiving yards... Set single game career highs in receiving yards (220) at Kentucky and longest receptions (77 yards) at Duke... Earned or shared team's Offensive Player of the Week honors after Tennessee State, Ole Miss



and Florida games... At Ole Miss, caught 10 passes for 179 yards, then had eight receptions in road win at Georgia... During three-game stretch late in season (Duke, Florida and Kentucky), Bennett amassed 33 catches, 561 receiving yards and 3 TDs... Performances included 13 receptions and 157 yards against eventual national champion Florida...

Also showed versatility, completing two pass attempts, including one that went for a 30-yard TD in opener at Michigan.

2005 Amassed the greatest receiving season ever by a Commodore freshman, and one of the finest ever by a first-year player in the Southeastern Conference...

Earned team's postseason Most Valuable Receiver Award... Named to Second Team All-SEC by both

coaches and Associated Press writers... Named to first team All-SEC Freshman Team by coaches... Selected Second Team Freshman All-America by *The Sporting News*.

SEC CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS

	Rec.	Name, School	Years
1.	208	Craig Yeast, Kentucky	1995-98
2.	204	Terrence Edwards, Georgia	1999-2002
3.	200	Keith Edwards, Vanderbilt	1980, 82-84
4.	198	Chris Collins, Ole Miss	2000-03
5.	197	Derek Abney, Kentucky	2000-03
6.	194	Anthony White, Kentucky	1996-99
7.	188	Boo Mitchell, Vanderbilt	1985-88
8.	183	Wendell Davis, LSU	1984-87
	183	Joey Kent, Tennessee	1993-96
10.	182	Brice Hunter, Georgia	1992-95
	182	Dan Stricker, Vanderbilt	1999-2002
	182	Michael Clayton, LSU	2001-03
13.	177	Marcus Nash, Tennessee	1994-97
14.	172	Carlos Alvarez, Florida	1969-71
15.	167	Josh Reed, LSU	1999-2001
16.	162	David Smith, Miss. State	1968-70
	162	Willie Jackson, Florida	1990-93
18.	161	EARL BENNETT, Vanderbilt	2005-06
	161	Fred Gibson, Georgia	2001-04

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Didn't earn a starting role until the Richmond game, but saw action in every contest... Set a team and SEC freshman record with 79 receptions, tying for the second most ever by a Commodore in a single season... Receiving yardage total of 876 yards – third highest in the SEC – marks eighth all-time by Commodore...

Also amassed nine

touchdown receptions, third best among SEC receivers and tied for third most ever by Commodore in a single season... Finished third in the SEC with 124.4 all-purpose yard average... Only Commodore receiver to post a reception in every game... Put together one of the SEC's most remarkable four-game receiving stretches in the final stages of season, amassing 49 catches and 545 receiving yards

against South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky and Tennessee... Became just the second player in SEC history to achieve five TD receptions in single game with performance versus Kentucky... Season highs in receptions (16) and receiving yards (204) came in loss at South Carolina... In finale, recorded 14 catches and 167 yards in victory at Tennessee... Responsible for every yard of game-deciding TD drive against Volunteers... After catches of 15 and 31 yards, sealed final drive with five-yard TD from Jay Cutler...

COMMODORE ALL-TIME RECEIVING RECORDS

CAREER RECEPTIONS

REC.	NAME	YEARS
200	Keith Edwards	1980, 82-83
188	Boo Mitchell	1985-88
182	Dan Stricker	1999-2002
161	EARL BENNETT	2005-06

CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

YARDS	NAME	YEARS
2,964	Boo Mitchell	1985-88
2,880	Dan Stricker	1999-2002
2,275	Martin Cox	1975-78
2,219	Chuck Scott	1981-84
2,022	EARL BENNETT	2005-06

Showed big-play potential in opener, with 28-yard reception on Commodores' game-winning drive at Wake Forest... Named team's Offensive Player of the Week after performances against Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina and Richmond.

HIGH SCHOOL Team captain as senior... Started at wide receiver, running back and cornerback for 8-3 West End squad that advanced to 5A state playoffs... Rushed for 829 yards and 12 TDs and caught 45 passes for 729 yards during senior season... Intercepted 10 passes and totalled 52 tackles as cornerback... Named First Team 5A All-State by Alabama Sports Writers Association... Named Birmingham City Player of the Year and All-Metro... Started in offensive backfield since freshman season... Averaged 11 points in basketball.

ACADEMICS Bennett is majoring in Secondary Education from the Peabody College.

PERSONAL Earl Bryan Bennett... Son of Sarah Bennett and Earl Frison... Born March 23, 1987... Has two brothers and two sisters... Mom works at bakery; dad works for Ford Motor Co... Ranked among top of class academically... Has volunteered time to efforts aimed at helping local children in inner-city Birmingham community.

Bennett's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

CATCHES: 16, at So. Carolina, 10/22/05 **YARDS:** 220, at Kentucky, 11/11/06

TD CATCHES: 5, vs. Kentucky, 11/12/05

IN 2006	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TD	LONG
Michigan	6	58	9.7	0	15
Alabama	4	45	9.0	1	17
Arkansas	4	31	7.8	0	11
Tenn. State	4	81	20.3	1	33
Temple	4	70	17.5	0	36
Ole Miss	10	179	17.9	0	44
Georgia	8	89	11.1	1	32
So. Carolina	4	16	4.0	0	14
Duke	9	184	20.4	1	77
Florida	13	157	12.1	1	36
Kentucky	11	220	20.0	1	53
Tennessee	4	16	4.0	0	20
IN 2005	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVG.	TD	LONG
Wake Forest	1	28	28.0	0	28
Arkansas	2	27	13.5	0	22
Ole Miss	4	36	9.0	0	12
Richmond	11	124	11.3	0	24
MTSU	7	63	9.0	0	16
LSU	1	6	6.0	0	6
Georgia	4	47	11.8	0	13
So. Carolina	16	204	12.8	1	41
Florida	6	75	12.5	2	22
Kentucky	13	99	7.6	5	13
Tennessee	14	167	11.9	1	31
2006 Totals	82	1146	14.0	6	77
2005 Totals	79	876	11.1	9	41
Career	161	2022	12.6	15	77



PATRICK BENOIST

30 So., Linebacker
6-0, 215
Southlake, Texas
Carroll Sr. H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS After an excellent Spring, Benoist enters preseason drills competing with Brandon Bryant for the weakside linebacker role. In 2006, Benoist was getting more playing time with each game before suffering a season-ending foot injury against South Carolina. Benoist possesses the versatility to play every linebacker position.

2006 Promising first season ended prematurely with foot injury... Played in first seven games of season before sustaining the injury while covering opening kickoff of South Carolina contest... Injury kept Benoist out of uniform for final four games... Contributed 14 total tackles as No. 2 linebacker... Best performance – six solo stops, eight total tackles – came in win over Temple.

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HIGH SCHOOL Senior co-captain for *USA Today's* No. 1-ranked team... Two-year starter at linebacker, helping Dragons to 32-0 overall record and pair of Texas state titles... Voted defensive MVP as senior, contributing 172 total tackles, 29 tackles for loss and three sacks... Named First Team 5A All-State Linebacker by Texas Sports Writers Association and finalist for Jack Pardee Award, given to Texas' top linebacker... Earned school's Green Jacket Award for overall achievement... National Honor Society... Academic All-State honoree.

ACADEMICS Benoist is working toward a degree in the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL R. Patrick Benoist... Son of Glenn and Tanya Benoist... Dad is in commercial real estate... Has an older brother, Jake, and younger sister, Caroline... Collects autographed NFL jerseys and enjoys hunting.

Benoist's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TOTAL TACKLES: 8, vs. Temple, 9/23/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	10-4-14	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0



GREG

BILLINGER

98 So., Def. Tackle
6-3, 280
Lilburn, Ga.
Parkview H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS A true freshman contributor in the defensive interior last year, Billinger should compete with senior Gabe Hall for the starting tackle role next to two-year starter and captain Theo Horrocks. Billinger has enjoyed an effective offseason conditioning

effort to increase overall strength and quickness.

2006 Developed into key reserve defensive tackle, becoming the only true freshman to see action on either of Vanderbilt's interior lines... Ended season with six total tackles... Saw action in every game... Contributed two tackles in first career game at Michigan.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain and three-year starter at OT and DE for powerful school that went 11-2 in 2005, advancing deep in AAAAA playoffs... Team also won state title during three-year varsity career... Named "Super Southern" by *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*... Missed the second half of senior season due to injuries suffered in a family car accident near Nashville... Posted 60 tackles as junior DE... Also played basketball and threw discus... Participated in Gwinnett Student Leadership Conference and IDEALS Leadership training... Honors student.

ACADEMICS Billinger is working toward a degree in the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL Gregory Billinger II... "Tank"... Son of Greg and Lora Billinger... Born March 12, 1988... Younger sister, Morgan, participates in volleyball and track & field at Parkview... Dad is a graphic artist; mom is a paralegal... Volunteered in various community projects... Enjoys going to movies, hanging out with friends and cooking.

Billinger's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: 2, at Michigan, 9/2/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	5-1-6	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0



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**JAKE
BRADFORD**

85 R-So., Tight End
6-6, 263
St. Simons Isl., Ga.
Glynn Academy

2007 PROSPECTS Bradford showed excellent blocking and receiving skills during Spring Practice and enters fall camp with opportunity to contribute in two-tight end offensive sets and on special teams. Bradford put his redshirt campaign to good use, significantly improving his overall strength in the weightroom.

2006 Developed into the Commodores' No. 2 tight end midway through the season... Played in all 12 games... Minutes increased after FB/TE Steven Bright was lost to lower leg fracture... Did not register a catch.

2005 Redshirted as freshman, working as tight end during fall practices.
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Three-year starter at tight end for run-emphasizing squad... Caught seven passes for 156 yards and four touchdowns as senior... Earned season blocking grade of 82 percent, including 29 pancake blocks... Terrors used Wing-T offense to notch 6-4 record, best in recent history of school... Averaged 42.8 yards on 18 punts... Named to *Jacksonville Times Union's* Super 24 squad... Also named first team AAAAA All-State punter by *Associated Press*, All-Area by *Brunswick News* and Region 3AAAAA Special Teams Player of the Year... Also earned three letters in basketball.

ACADEMICS Bradford is working toward a degree in Economics in the College of Arts and Science.



PERSONAL Robert Jacob Bradford... Son of Rowland and Jody Bradford... Born June 2, 1987... Has two older sisters... Dad is corporate vice president; mom is teacher... Dad played football at Georgia Tech... A National Honor Society member, participated in Model U.N. and Congressional Youth Leadership Conference... School produced Kwame Brown, No. 1 pick of the 2002 NBA Draft.



**TERIALL
BRANNON**

89 R-Fr., Def. End
6-3, 235
Spartanburg, S.C.
Broome H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS After continuing his development during Spring Practice, Brannon enters fall camp looking to contribute as a reserve defensive end. Brannon effectively used his redshirt freshman year to gain strength and quickness.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Participated as scout team end, earning Defensive Scout of the Week honors after Georgia game.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain and three-year starter at defensive end and tight end... Twice named All-State at TE, hauling in receptions for 455 yards as senior... On defense, totalled 49 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, 15 QB sacks, three forced fumbles and 10 deflected passes... Helped Centurions to AA state title in 2004... Two-year post starter for state's two-time AA champion basketball team... Also participated in triple jump and discus in track.

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

PERSONAL Terrell Marcu Moore Brannon... Son of Robert and Lesene Brannon... Born Nov. 9, 1987... Has a twin brother, Jerrell... Also has an older sister, Latonia... Raised in Spartanburg area... Active in student government... Prep teammate of Commodore CB D.J. Moore.

COMMODORE PowerHour

Many of Vanderbilt's top players and leaders, including Jonathan Goff, Chris Williams, Marcus Buggs, Reshard Langford and George Smith, are products of PowerHour, a special Commodore conditioning program for its freshmen players.

Starting at 5:30 a.m., each Friday during the fall, Commodore head strength coach John Sisk directs PowerHour in an effort to enhance individual conditioning, create team building and develop team leaders.

Commodore true freshmen not traveling to games participate in PowerHour. It features an hour of weightlifting, conditioning and competitive activities.

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**BRANDON
BRYANT**

35 R-So., Linebacker
6-0, 230
Cincinnati, Ohio
St. Xavier H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS Bryant enters preseason camp after eye-opening performance in spring drills. Likely to battle with another spring standout, Patrick Benoist, for weakside linebacker job replacing departed starter Kevin Joyce. A physically gifted athlete, Bryant came into his own during the spring, showing greater confidence and an excellent understanding of position responsibilities.

2006 Athletic reserve linebacker who played in 11 of 12 games... Earned reputation as heavy hitter and sure tackler in redshirt freshman campaign... Ended season with 18 total tackles, including 17 solo stops... Also contributed two forced fumbles and a pair of tackles for loss in limited minutes... Posted career high seven tackles in win over Temple... Also had three tackles against Florida... Solid performer on coverage units, Bryant shared team's Specialist of the Week honors after win over Duke.

2005 Redshirted as freshman, working at LB during fall practices.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain for Bombers... Team MVP in 2004 when he totalled 56 tackles, including a school-record 14 sacks... Recorded 24 tackles for loss and five forced fumbles... Played inside linebacker for Bombers as junior, moving to outside linebacker during senior campaign... Named Second Team Division I All-Ohio, First Team All-Southwest Ohio and First Team All-City by *Cincinnati Enquirer*... Selected as conference's 2004 Defensive Player of the Year... Squad went 11-1 in 2004, losing in second round of playoffs.

ACADEMICS Bryant is working toward a degree in Human and



Organizational Development.

PERSONAL Brandon Kyle Bryant... Son of Clinton and Deborah Bryant... Born Oct. 5, 1986... Has a brother and two sisters... Dad is business banker, mom is security officer... Enjoys poetry... Prep teammate Rob Schoenhof plays quarterback at Ohio State.

Bryant's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: 7, vs. Temple, Sept. 30, 2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	5-1-6	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0



**MATT
BUBIS**

32 R-So., Tight End
6-0, 228
Brentwood, Tenn.
Montgomery Bell

2007 PROSPECTS An invited walk-on last year, Bubis provides the Commodores depth at fullback and could make an appearance on special teams this season.

2006 Walk-on who enjoyed first collegiate action as blocking fullback vs. South Carolina... Did not register a rushing attempt.

2005 Walk-on as freshman... Did not see action, though named team's top defensive scout after Wake Forest game.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain and three-year starter on DL... Two-time D-II All-State... Averaged nine yards per carry as senior... Helped lead team to a *USA Today* top 25 ranking and two state titles... Also lettered in wrestling and track.

ACADEMICS Bubis is working toward a degree in Economics from the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL Matthew David Bubis... Son of Martin and Jayne Bubis... Has two brothers... Dad is real estate investor; mom is an event planner... Enjoys fishing... Prep teammate of Commodore junior placekicker Bryant Hahnfeldt.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

For the third consecutive year, the Commodore squad will be served by a Leadership Council.

Initiated by Coach Johnson in 2005, the Leadership Council meets periodically to address team and student-athlete issues and serves as a players' voice communicating with coaches.

Members of the Leadership Council, elected by players based on position groupings, are co-captains Jonathan Goff, Theo Horrocks and Chris Williams, and Brad Allen, Marcus Buggs, Gabe Hall, Reshard Langford, George Smith and Brian Stamper.



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**MARCUS
BUGGS**

24 R-Sr., Linebacker
5-11, 225
Madison, Tenn.
Goodpasture H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS The coaches are expecting big things from Buggs, a fifth-year senior and one of the team's most productive defensive players last season. Buggs will return as the starting strongside linebacker, looking to expand on his team-high 10.5 tackles for loss from 2006. A vocal leader on and off the field, Buggs brings a physical presence to the Commodore linebacking corps.

2006 Developed into one of the most team's productive defensive performers and top leaders during campaign... Punishing tackler who started every game at weakside linebacker... Topped the team with 10.5 tackles for loss, the most by a Commodore in four years... Also ranked third on team with 40 solo tackles and fourth with 50 total tackles... Shared team high with four quarterback hurries while contributing a pair of QB sacks, an INT and fumble recovery... Shared team's Defensive Player of the Week honors after performance against Arkansas that included three tackles for loss and six total tackles.... Also posted two tackles for loss, including a sack, in win over Temple... First interception came in win over rival Tennessee State... Finished the year with at least four tackles in five of the last six games.

2005 Following a position move during spring drills, played in every game at strongside linebacker... Earned starts against Georgia and Tennessee... Finished season with 17 solo tackles, 29 total tackles and one tackle for loss... In season opener at Wake Forest, posted four tackles, a tackle for loss and first career forced fumble... Contributed four tackles in season-ending victory at Tennessee.

2004 Played in 10 of 11 games... Started twice at safety, including in win over Mississippi State... First collegiate start came at Navy... Contributed a tackle for loss in career high seven-tackle performance at Navy... Added five tackles in win over Miss. State.

2003 Redshirted after playing in opening game versus Ole Miss... Season ended after knee injury in practice before Chattanooga game.

HIGH SCHOOL Captain and two-year starter at tailback and cornerback for mid-state prep power... Averaged 11.3 yards per carry (878 yards on 78 attempts) and scored 17 TDs to lead team to 11-2 record and berth in 2002 state playoffs... Also contributed 15 solo tackles and a blocked kick... Squad won 2001 state title... Rushed for 13 TDs as junior... Named team's MVP as senior; All-State as junior... Rushed for 238 yards in single game... Earned four letters in track.

ACADEMICS Buggs is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development. He is a 2005 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

PERSONAL Marcus Leon Buggs... Raised in Nashville area... Son of Leon and Carolyn Buggs... Born Sept. 21, 1985... Parents own Cal's, a soul food restaurant just north of Nashville... Has an older sister, Leslie... A cousin, Waymon Buggs, starred as Vanderbilt wide receiver in 1980s... Has worked connecting homeless in Nashville to social services through the Campus for Human Development agency.



Buggs' Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

SOLO TACKLES: 7, at Navy, 9/25/2004

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
Michigan	4-0-4	-	-	-	-	-
Alabama	4-2-6	1.0-8	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	5-1-6	3.0-9	-	-	-	-
Tenn. State	1-0-1	1.0-1	-	1-0	-	-
Temple	3-0-3	2.0-9	1.0-7	-	-	-
Ole Miss	0-2-2	0.5-0	-	-	-	-
Georgia	5-0-5	1.0-1	-	-	-	-
So. Carolina	4-0-4	-	-	-	-/1	-
Duke	3-2-5	1.0-6	-	-	-	-
Florida	4-1-5	1.0-1	1.0-1	-	-	-
Kentucky	5-1-6	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	2-1-3	-	-	-	-	-
2006	40-10-50	10.5-35	2.0-8	1-0	0/1	4
2005	17-12-29	1.0-4	0-0	0-0	1/0	0
2004	10-3-13	1.0-3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1
Career	57-25-92	12.5-39	2.0-8	1-0	1/1	5



**JOEL
CALDWELL**

29 R-So., Safety
6-1, 195
Hoover, Ala.
Hoover H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS One of the most experienced players in the defensive secondary, Caldwell displayed versatility last spring by adapting quickly to a move from cornerback to safety. His disciplined play at either position makes Caldwell a valuable commodity as the Commodores move into preseason camp.

2006 Played in every game at cornerback as a redshirt freshman,

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Caldwell's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

SOLO TACKLES: 10, at Ky., 11/11/2006

TOTAL TACKLES: 12, at Ky., 11/11/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
Alabama	1-1-2	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	7-0-7	-	-	-	-	-
Tenn. State	1-1-2	-	-	-	-	-
Temple	2-0-2	-	-	-	-	-
Ole Miss	0-0-0	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	1-1-2	-	-	-	-	1
South Carolina	1-0-1	-	-	-	-	-
Duke	2-3-5	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	3-1-4	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	10-2-12	-	-	-	-	1
Tennessee	5-0-5	-	-	-	-	-
2006	33-9-42	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	2


starting the final 11 games... Played first month of season with a dislocated elbow suffered in preseason practices... First collegiate start came in his home state against Alabama... Concluded the year with 33 solo tackles, 42 total tackles and a pair of defended passes... In second start, contributed seven solo tackles in narrow loss to Arkansas... Ended season by posting career highs in solo tackles (10) and total tackles (12) at Kentucky, then following up with five-tackle effort against Tennessee.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Impressed coaches as corner-back last fall... Named team's Defensive Scout of the Week after Tennessee game.

HIGH SCHOOL Two-year starter for Alabama powerhouse... Started two years in talented secondary... As senior, netted 62 total tackles, two interceptions and five defended passes, helping Bucs to 15-0 record and 6A state title... As a junior, contributed 30 tackles and an interception as defensive back... Earned three varsity letters, with squad winning state championship each season... Named honorable mention All-Metro by *Birmingham News*... Also earned three varsity track letters, helping Hoover to three consecutive indoor state titles.

ACADEMICS Caldwell is working toward a degree in Economics from the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL Joel Thomas Caldwell... Son of John and Charlene Caldwell... Youngest of four siblings... An older brother, Jason, graduated from Vanderbilt in 2005 and earned two letters as a receiver... Dad is salesman for Proctor & Gamble; mom is retired junior high counselor... Served internship with local law firm; worked as carousel operator at nearby Riverchase Galleria.



NATHAN
CAMPBELL
52 R-Fr., Linebacker
6-3, 228
Hazen, Ark.
Hazen H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS Campbell could have aided the Commodore defensive cause as a true freshman last year, but used a redshirt campaign to enhance strength and quickness with adding weight. Look for Campbell to have substantial role behind Marcus Buggs at strongside linebacker. Possesses the versatility to play every linebacker position.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Participated as scout team linebacker.

HIGH SCHOOL Team captain as senior... Three-year starter at LB and QB... Guided team to 2A state playoffs each season... As senior LB, garnered 148 total tackles, three INTs and three fumble recoveries... Credited with more than 350 tackles in varsity career... Amassed 2,500 yards of total offense as QB during junior and senior seasons... Two-time first team All-State and three-time All-Conference pick... Also was standout in basketball, baseball and track & field.

ACADEMICS Campbell is undecided on his major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL Nathan Marcus Campbell... Son of David and Susan Campbell... Born Dec. 17, 1987... Has two younger sisters... Dad is business manager; mom is bank employee... Vice president of student council and National Honor Society member... Enjoys outdoor activities, including hunting.



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TOM

CARROLL

50

R-So., Placekicker
5-9, 165
Columbus, Ga.
Brookstone School

2007 PROSPECTS An invited walk-on, Carroll showed continued improvement as a placekicker during Spring Practice, and will compete for the reserve placekicking role behind starter Bryant Hahnfeldt.

2006 Did not see action as a sophomore placekicker.

2005 Did not see action in first year... Practiced at placekicker.

HIGH SCHOOL Two-year varsity letterwinner as starting placekicker... Named All-Region as junior and senior, converting 52 of 63 PAT attempts and seven of 13 FG tries... Also earned three varsity letters in soccer and basketball.

ACADEMICS Carroll is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

PERSONAL Thomas Banks Carroll... Son of Drs. Banks and Cheryl Carroll... Has two younger brothers... Dad is family practice doctor; mom is a pediatrician... As senior, made preseason Georgia All-State Academic Team as placekicker... National Honor Society member.



ACADEMICS Custer is studying in the School of Engineering, working toward a degree in Engineering Science.

PERSONAL Ryan James Custer... Son of Jerri Custer... Born Sept. 6, 1986... Middle of three siblings... Mom is an executive assistant... First played football in ninth grade after family moved to Troy.



RYAN

CUSTER

73

R-So., Off. Guard
6-4, 295
Troy, Ohio
Troy H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS Coming off a campaign that concluded with three starting assignments and a strong Spring Practice effort, Custer enters preseason camp with an excellent chance to earn important responsibilities at guard positions. He likely will compete with Josh Eames or Merritt Kirchoffer at either guard slot.

2006 As a redshirt freshman, Custer saw action in every game as an offensive guard, playing his way into a more substantial role during the second half of the season... Role expanded in Georgia game after injury sidelined veteran guard Josh Eames... Started at left guard in the next three games – South Carolina, Duke and Florida – until Eames returned to the lineup.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Worked as offensive guard during fall practices.

HIGH SCHOOL Two-year starter for Trojans... Started at defensive tackle for 8-3 squad that advanced to playoffs in largest Ohio classification... Credited with 59 tackles and 17 tackles for loss as a defensive standout... Occasional starter at offensive tackle... Named to the First Team All-Dayton and All-Southwest Ohio District as a defensive lineman.



DERRIUS

DOWELL

99

R-So., Def. Tackle
6-3, 275
Atlanta, Ga.
Douglass H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS Dowell spent the redshirt season getting bigger, and showed promise last spring. Dowell needs to continue building overall strength and become a more precise technician to be effective in the interior.

2006 Did not see action as a redshirt freshman defensive tackle... Earned Defensive Scout of the Week honors after Florida game.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Worked as defensive lineman.

HIGH SCHOOL Two-year letterwinner for one of state's top programs... As a senior, started at DE and DT... Finished season with 94 total tackles, including 50 unassisted stops, 18 tackles for loss, seven sacks and four fumble recoveries... Squad went 10-2, winning regional title before losing in second round of AAAAAA playoffs... Named All-Metro by *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

ACADEMICS Dowell is majoring in Human and Organizational Development.

PERSONAL Derrius Deonte Dowell... Son of Patricia Reid-Dowell and Derrick Dowell... Born April 13, 1987... Dad is contractor; mom is paralegal... Has one younger brother... Two uncles played college football... Eight teammates from Douglass signed Division I scholarships.

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**JOSH
EAMES**

78 R-Sr., Off. Guard
6-5, 305
No. Cape May, N.J.
Lower Cape H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS One of the Commodores' best blockers and most consistent line performers, Eames is prepared to start at guard. Eames has worked during offseason to return 100 percent healthy from a leg injury that forced him out of the lineup for several games in the 2006 season.

2006 One of the offensive line's top blocking technicians, Eames was perhaps the most versatile Commodore lineman, playing both guard and tackle while fighting through a midseason injury... Played in 10 games, starting nine contests at left guard... Has 21 career starts entering final season in 2007... Earned top blocking grade for performance at Alabama that earned team's Offensive Player of the Week honors... Was playing best football of Commodore career when he suffered knee injury at Georgia... Sat out games against South Carolina and Duke, only to play limited snaps at right tackle against Florida... Returned to familiar left guard starting role for final two games of season.

2005 One of the most improved players on Commodore interior front... A starter in every game while playing both guard positions... Opened the season as starting left guard, then moved to right guard for the last nine games when Mac Pyle was injured at Arkansas... Showed continued improvement as season transpired, concluding campaign as one of unit's most dependable blockers.

2004 Played in six games as reserve offensive guard... Received



first collegiate action versus South Carolina.

2003 Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Two-way line starter... Named All-State and All-Region as senior offensive tackle... Named First-Team South Jersey Offensive Line by *Camden Courier Post*... Played basketball... Named Scholar Athlete All-American by National Football Foundation.

ACADEMICS Eames is enrolled in the School of Engineering, working toward a major in Civil Engineering and minor in Engineering Management.

PERSONAL Joshua Eames... Only son of Larry and Teresa Eames... Born Oct. 8, 1984... Has one younger sister... Dad is a business manager, mom is a registered nurse... Enjoys playing the guitar.



**JARED
FAGAN**

20 R-Jr., Cornerback
5-10, 180
Waldorf, Md.
Westlake H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS A Commodore hero whose interception saved the 2005 victory at Tennessee, Fagan comes into the preseason off a solid Spring Practice and looks to increase his playing time from 2006 campaign. One of the Commodore veterans in the secondary, Fagan will contend with a pair of talented sophomores for starting role at cornerback.

2006 Played much of the season as reserve cornerback behind freshman D.J. Moore... Started the finale against Tennessee at cornerback, and saw action in every game as defensive back and special team contributor... Concluded season with 12 solo tackles... Top individual effort came against Tennessee, with career high five solo stops... Contributed three tackles against Arkansas and Tennessee State... Also forced a fumble in TSU game.



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2005 Played in every game as defensive back while contributing on special teams... Started at Wake Forest in first collegiate appearance... In season finale, came up with game-winning interception on final play of Tennessee game... Ended season with six solo tackles and 10 total tackles along with the lone interception... Also contributed three solo tackles in the victory at Tennessee... Also posted pair of tackles against Florida and South Carolina.

2004 Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL Three-year starter... Team captain as senior... All-State and All-District selection... Earned All-Metro and First Team 3A All-Southern Maryland honors by *Washington Post*... Rushed for 1,345 yards and 18 TDs on 170 carries for 10-2 state playoff squad as senior... Also had 19 receptions and five INTs as defensive back... Started in secondary as sophomore... Averaged a score every seven touches during career... All-State in track, winning 100 and 200 outdoor state titles, and indoor 55-meter dash... 100 PR of 10.63.

ACADEMICS Fagan is majoring in Human and Organizational Development.

PERSONAL Jared LaMar Fagan... Son of Harold and Harriet Fagan... Youngest of three boys... Born March 11, 1986 in Miami, Fla.... Dad is a financial consultant and retired U.S. Air Force officer; mom is high school teacher...

Three-time All-Academic selection... Dad was close friends with eventual NFL Hall of Fame tight end Ozzie Newcome while an Alabama undergraduate.

Fagan's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: 5, vs. Tennessee, 11/18/2006

	TACKLES	INT	FF/FR	PBU
Arkansas	3-0-3	-	-/-	-
Tennessee State	3-0-3	-	1/-	-
Arkansas	1-0-1	-	-/-	-
Tennessee	5-0-5	-	-/-	-
2006	12-0-12	-	1/-	-
2005	6-4-10	1-3	-/-	-
Career	18-4-22	1-3	1/-	-



NICK FORTE

61 R-So., Off. Line
6-2, 290
Brentwood, Tenn.
Brentwood Acad.

2007 PROSPECTS Forte is looking for a return to full health during preseason camp. A transfer, Forte missed much of Spring Practice with a leg injury, but showed promise on the practice field last year.

2006 Redshirted as a sophomore... Joined team in preseason as an invited walk-on, playing offensive guard.

HIGH SCHOOL Started three years on offensive line at powerful private school... Squad finished as Division II state runnerup each varsity season... Division II All-State for three years... Also participated in wrestling and threw shot put/discus in track & field.

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

PERSONAL Nicholas William Forte... Son of Will and Debbie Forte... Born Feb. 27, 1987... Native of Nashville area... Has an older brother, Adam... Transferred to Vanderbilt after a year at Auburn University.



JARED FUNK

12 R-Fr., Quarterback
6-2, 195
Arlington Heights, Ill.
St. Viator H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS After making a favorable impression guiding the scout team offense as a redshirt, the talented Funk continued to show development in Spring Practice. Competing in a crowded quarterback field that includes three players with game experience, Funk displayed a strong and accurate throwing arm in spring drills. The coaches believe Funk will enjoy a productive Commodore career.

2006 Redshirted as freshman... Served as scout quarterback, taking top offensive scout honors after Arkansas and Tennessee games.

HIGH SCHOOL Captain and three-year starter at quarterback... Guided 2005 squad to 8-1 record, school's best record since 1986... Team went to second round of 6A playoffs... Named East Suburban Catholic League Player of the Year and First Team All-State... Amassed 2,720 yards of total offense as senior, throwing for 1,952 yards and 19 TDs... Also served as punter... Started as basketball forward and baseball pitcher... Academic All-State recipient.

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

PERSONAL Jared Milton Funk... Son of Craig and Christine Funk... Born Aug. 13, 1987... Youngest of four siblings – two brothers and a sister... Likes to paint and snowboard... Helped at local homeless shelter and youth basketball camps... St. Viator alum also former Titans' RB Jarrett Payton and former Northwestern QB Brett Besanez.



MICHAEL GARCIA

46 R-Fr., Linebacker
6-0, 240
Jacksonville, Fla.
Bolles School

2007 PROSPECTS Garcia is an athletic walk-on who could help the Commodores as a special teams contributor or reserve interior linebacker. Garcia is a standout in the weightroom and a solid practice contributor.

2006 Redshirted... Joined team as invited walk-on in camp... Earned Defensive Scout of the Week after Tennessee game.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Two-year starter at linebacker for

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Florida 3A power... Had 18 tackles and an INT in 2004 state title win over Tampa Jefferson... Amassed 132 total tackles as a senior after more than 160 stops during junior campaign... Second team All-State as a senior... Also participated in track and weightlifting... Finished sixth in state in weightlifting.

ACADEMICS Garcia is working toward majors in Neuroscience and Spanish in the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL Michael Louis Garcia... Son of Martin and Diane Garcia... Youngest of four children: two sisters and a brother – all attended and graduated from Vanderbilt... Mom is former teacher and owns women's clothing boutique; dad is physician... Dad was a starting FB for Commodores earning letters from 1973-75, and played catcher of the Vanderbilt baseball team... Attended same school as Commodore freshman running back Ryan van Rensburg.



DREW

GARDNER

70

R-So., Off. Line
6-6, 300
Hoxie, Ark.
Hoxie H.S.

2007 PROSPECTS Gardner has an opportunity to earn second team role at guard with a strong preseason showing. For Gardner to see more playing time, he must continue to improve agility and develop improved pass blocking techniques.

2006 Saw limited action as redshirt freshman, playing in three games at offensive guard... First collegiate action came in win over Tennessee State.

2005 Redshirted... Working at guard and tackle in fall drills.

HIGH SCHOOL Team captain as senior... Three-year varsity starter at left tackle... Started football as ninth grader... As senior, helped 9-3 squad advance to second round of playoffs... Two-time AAA All-State.

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

PERSONAL Andrew Crillon Gardner... Son of Tim and Paula Gardner... Born March 13, 1987... Has an older brother, Kyle... Dad is principal at Hoxie H.S.; mom is a nurse... Dad played college basketball... An honors student, named school's Wendy's Heisman Trophy representative.

HELMET ANCHORS

In 2005, Bobby Johnson's staff began awarding black anchor decals to recognize individual achievements by Commodore players. Awarded by Vanderbilt position coaches, the decals are added to helmets by equipment staffers following each game. Each position coach uses his own criteria for distributing the decals.



CURTIS

GATEWOOD

48

R-Sr., Def. End
6-3, 245
Memphis, Tenn.
White Station HS

2007 PROSPECTS Gatewood blossomed as a first-year starter last year, leading the Commodores with seven sacks while posting career highs in virtually every defensive stat category. Considered the Commodores' most athletic defensive end in the Johnson Era, Gatewood provides a quick, explosive presence off the edge. Gatewood could become one of the SEC's most dynamic players at his position with continued development.

2006 Became one of Commodores' top performers in first full year at defensive end... Co-recipient of team's postseason Most Valuable Defensive Lineman Award with DT Theo Horrocks... Started every game at DE... Topped all Commodores with seven quarterback sacks, ranking eighth in the Southeastern Conference in the statistical category... Only one former Commodore, Jovan Haye in 2003, has more sacks in the last decade... Ranked among team leaders with 36 solo tackles (T-4th), 49 total tackles (T-5th), eight quarterback sacks (2nd), three fumble recoveries (T-1st) and three forced fumbles (2nd)... Named team's Defensive Player of the Week after nine-tackle performance in win over Tennessee State... Also contributed 1.5 sacks, two tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry in TSU win... Also



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named Defensive Player of the Week after Tennessee performance that included a sack, forced fumble and fumble recovery... Posted a sack, forced fumble and interception against South Carolina... Also shared Defensive Player of the Week honors with linebacker Jonathan Goff following superb effort against Florida.

2005 Became a key defensive line contributor after moving from linebacker during preseason camp... Ended season with 17 solo tackles, 22 total tackles, pair of quarterback hurries and 2.5 tackles for loss... Produced four tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss, in win at Arkansas, then added a tackle for loss and quarterback hurry in victory over Ole Miss... Closed the season with four tackles at Florida, and a pair of stops against Kentucky and Tennessee.

2004 Played in all 11 games as reserve outside linebacker and special teams contributor... Credited with nine tackles on the season... Contributed pair of tackles against Ole Miss and LSU... Special Teams Co-Player of the Week after Mississippi State performance.

2003 Redshirted... Named scout team Defensive Player of the Week on three occasions.

HIGH SCHOOL Starter at linebacker as senior... Named 5A First Team All-Region... Posted 45 tackles, 2.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries as senior... Named team's Defensive MVP... Started as sophomore... Sat out as junior to focus on basketball, helping team to 2002 state title... Track & field PRs of 22.7 (200) and 22-4 (long jump).

ACADEMICS Gatewood is expected to graduate this December with a degree in Human and Organizational Development.

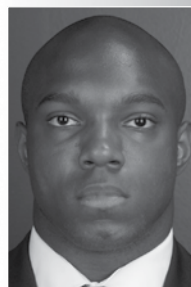
PERSONAL James Curtis Gatewood... Son of Beverly Burnette and James Gatewood... Born May 18, 1985.. In high school, served as board member of the Youth United Way Leadership Program in Memphis... Involved in NAACP, Pan African Studies Group and community FCA chapter.

Gatewood's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

SOLO TACKLES: 6, vs. Tenn. State, 9/30/2006 **TOTAL TACKLES:** 9, vs. TSU, 9/30/2006
SACKS: 1.5, vs. TSU, 9/30/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
Michigan	4-2-6	1.0-1	-	-	-	-
Alabama	2-0-2	-	-	-	0/1	-
Arkansas	2-2-4	1.0-13	1.0-13	-	1/0	-
Tenn. State	6-3-9	2.0-7	1.5-6	-	-	1
Temple	1-2-3	-	0.5-0	-	0/1	-
Ole Miss	3-3-6	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	4-0-4	1.0-9	1.0-9	-	-	-
So. Carolina	5-0-5	1.0-6	1.0-6	1-0	1/0	1
Duke	0-1-1	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	3-0-3	1.0-8	1.0-8	-	-	1
Kentucky	4-0-4	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	2-0-2	1.0-6	1.0-6	-	1/1	-
2006	36-13-49	8.0-50	7.0-48	1-0	3/3	3
2005	17-5-22	2.5-8	0-0	0-0	0/0	2
2004	6-3-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0
Career	59-21-80	10.5-58	7.0-48	1-0	3/3	5



**JONATHAN
GOFF**

47 R-Sr., Linebacker
 6-4, 235
 Lynn, Mass.
 St. John's Prep

2007 PROSPECTS A preseason All-America and candidate for the Bronko Nagurski and Bednarik awards, Goff enters the preseason intent on fulfilling his status as one of the nation's elite interior linebackers. A leader by example and two-year team captain, Goff possesses ideal athletic ability and physical presence for the middle linebacker position. Goff's maturity and enthusiasm for film study has resulted in better understanding and greater anticipation of what the opponent is hoping to accomplish. An every down defender, Goff also is the Commodores' top cover linebacker in passing situations.

2006 Career consecutive start streak to 27 games... Named Second team All-Southeastern Conference linebacker in coaches' ballot... Recipient of team's postseason Most Valuable Linebacker Award... Topped Commodores with 67 solo tackles and 93 total tackles, and ranked among team leaders with four quarterback hurries (T-1st), six tackles for loss (T-5th), 2.5 quarterback sacks (5th) and two forced fumbles (T-3rd)... Achieved at least five total tackles in all but one game... Started season in strong fashion, earning team's Defensive Player of the Week honors against Michigan after setting career highs in solo stops (12) and total tackles (14) in front of 109,000 fans and a national ESPN audience at Ann Arbor... Also blocked a Wolverine field goal attempt... Returned in Week 2 to produce another outstanding individual performance at Alabama, racking up 13 total tackles and a pair of forced fumbles in narrow loss to Crimson Tide... Contributed seven tackles in Commodore road win at Georgia and 10 total tackles and a sack in road win at Duke... Shared team's Defensive Player of the Week honors after nine-tackle, one-sack effort in narrow home loss to Florida... Helped Commodores stage late comeback against eventual national champion Gators with two individual defensive plays: an interception of Chris Leak attempt deep in Vanderbilt territory and timely tackle for loss of QB Tim Tebow on third down that halted another second half Florida drive.

2005 Showed continued improvement in every game as starter at middle linebacker... Concluded season as team's third leading tackler with 47 solo stops and 63 total tackles... Established new season career highs in virtually every defensive category, including tackles for loss (3) and quarterback hurries (2)... Also contributed a quarterback sack and two defended passes... Named team's Defensive Player of the Week after nine-tackle performance versus Kentucky... Played superb game in season-ending win at Tennessee, posting 10-tackle effort... Set single game career high with 14 tackles in early season road win at Arkansas.

2004 Played in every game, starting final four outings at middle linebacker... First collegiate start came at LSU... Set single-game career highs in primary tackles (7) and total tackles (9) at Kentucky...

THE PLAYERS



Contributed seven tackles versus Florida... In first start, had five tackles and forced fumble at LSU... Posted five tackles in finale versus Tennessee... Co-Defensive Player of the Week at Kentucky... Special Teams Player of the Week versus Eastern Kentucky.

2003 Redshirted. Earned scout Defensive Player of the Week honors after Chattanooga and Mississippi State games.

HIGH SCHOOL Captain... Three-year starter Boston area power... Started at safety and receiver as sophomore; safety/cornerback/receiver/quarterback as junior, and tailback/linebacker as senior... Team posted undefeated regular seasons in 2001-02... Rushed for 920 yards as senior... Passed for nine TDs and ran for 642 yards as junior QB... Two-time all-conference selection... *PrepStar* All-East pick... Also started in basketball and track & field... One of state's top track athletes, with bests of 11.0 (100) and 163'3" (discus)... Honors student who participated in Johns Hopkins' Gifted and Talented Student Program and St. John's Prep Leadership Institute... Campus ministry retreat leader... Earned St. John's French Award in 2000... Travelled to Europe with school men's honors chorus.

ACADEMICS Goff is expected to graduate this December with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

PERSONAL Jonathan T. Goff... Born Dec. 12, 1985 in Atlanta... Raised by his mother, Gwendolyn Tyre, who is a Boston administrator... Older brother, Jason, attends Morehouse College... Served as mentor to youngster during summers as prep student... Participated in student-driven Dance Marathon charity event... Enjoys ping pong, listening to music, watching movies and playing video games.

Goff's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

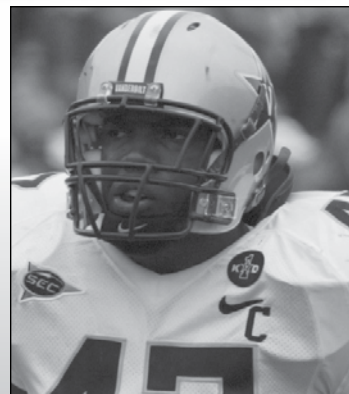
SOLO TACKLES: 9, twice, most recently at Tennessee, 11/19/2005

TOTAL TACKLES: 14, at Arkansas, 9/10/2005

IN 2006	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
PBU					
Michigan	12-2-14	-	-	-	-
Alabama	7-6-13	-	-	-	2/0
Arkansas	6-1-7	-	-	-	-
Tenn. State	4-0-4	1.0-16	1.0-16	-	2
Temple	6-1-7	-	-	-	2
Ole Miss	1-4-5	1.0-8	0.5-7	-	-
Georgia	5-2-7	-	-	-	-
So. Carolina	6-0-6	-	-	-	-
Duke	7-3-10	2.0-5	-	-	-
Florida	6-3-9	2.0-9	1.0-8	1-0	-
Kentucky	4-2-6	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	3-2-5	-	-	-	-
IN 2005	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR
PBU					
Wake Forest	3-1-4	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	9-5-14	-	-	-	-
Ole Miss	3-0-3	-	-	-	-
Richmond	2-0-2	1-3	-	-	-
MTSU	3-1-4	-	-	-	1
LSU	4-2-6	-	-	-	-
Georgia	3-0-3	1-4	1-4	-	1
So. Carolina	1-3-4	-	-	-	-
Florida	2-2-4	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	8-1-9	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	9-1-10	1-2	-	-	-
2006	67-26-93	6.0-38	2.5-31	1-0	2/0
2005	47-16-63	3.0-9	1.0-4	0-0	0/0
2004	27-11-38	0-0	0-0	0-0	1/0
Career	141-53-194	9.0-47	3.5-35	1-0	3/0

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KWANE

The Commodores continue to pay tribute to former student-athlete Kwane Doster in various ways. In 2006, Jonathan Goff was selected by teammates to wear a special "KD 1" jersey patch, in tribute to Doster's initials and jersey number. The team has yet to decide which player will wear the special patch this season.



A number of players including Goff continue to wear rubber wristbands from the 2005 season in honor of Doster, who was killed tragically on Dec. 26, 2004.

This year, Doster's younger brother, Jermaine, is a freshman tailback for the Commodores.

