

Player Profiles

came in SEC action ... Scored a pair of touchdowns, including the game winner against Alabama ... Finished with three receptions for 71 yards, including a 50-yard catch and run in the fourth quarter that set up what proved to be the game-winning touchdown two plays later against the Crimson Tide ... Caught at least one pass in all 11 regular-season games ... Had three catches against Houston, Tennessee, Florida and Alabama ... Caught the game-winning touchdown in overtime on a 25-yard strike from Rohan Davey in LSU's 38-31 victory over Tennessee ... Also scored against Houston and Florida ... Turned in cleats for basketball shoes in January and played in five games for the LSU men's basketball team before leaving the team in late January ... In five games with the basketball team, played 37 minutes and scored 10 points (2.0 per game) to go along with six rebounds (1.2 per game).

SOPHOMORE SEASON (1999)

The Tigers' primary f-back for the entire season ... In starting lineup at Mississippi State ... Missed Alabama game due to injury ... One of the best receiving threats for LSU in 1999 ... Also a key member on special teams ... Finished fourth on the team in receptions ... Had 19 catches for 143 yards, including a touchdown ... Had his best game at Mississippi State where he caught three passes for 43 yards, including a long reception of 18 yards ... Had a solid performance against Florida in which he caught two passes for 18 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown ... Also made four tackles on special teams.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN SEASON (1998)

Played in nine games as a reserve f-back and did not record statistics ... Valuable blocker ... Saw action on 120 plays on offense and 42 on special teams ... Special teams action came on kickoff return and punt return units ... Missed first two games as he recovered from a hernia.

HIGH SCHOOL

Posted 80 tackles and five sacks at defensive end his senior year ... Mostly used as a blocker, but did catch nine passes for 177 yards, for an average of 19.7 yards per catch his senior season ... Karr finished with a 5-6 record in '96 ... Coached by Don Wattigny.

PERSONAL

Full name is Robert Shelton Royal, Jr. ... Born on May 15, 1979 in New Orleans, La. ... Parents are Robert and Anette Royal ... Has one sister, Alleaney ... Set to graduate in August of 2001 with a degree in kinesiology.

Robert Royal's Career Statistics - Receiving

SEASON	G/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
1998 Fr.	9/0	0	0	0	0	0
1999 So.	10/1	19	143	7.5	1	18
2000 Jr.	11/11	22	340	15.5	5	50
TOTALS	30/12	41	483	11.8	6	50



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Jarvus Ryes

Linebacker
6-3, 235, Fr., RS
Loreauville, La.
Loreauville HS

Gives the Tigers depth at linebacker ... Redshirted last season after tearing ACL in knee while participating in the Louisiana High School All-Star game in July of 2000 ... Sat out all of the fall while rehabbing his knee ... Expected to be at full strength for fall camp.

HIGH SCHOOL

Member of The Advocate Second Dozen and Purple & Gold's 2nd Team ... Times Picayune Top 24 Blue Chip List ... Two-time first team Class A All-State ... Runner-up Class A Defensive MVP ... A tackling machine his senior season making 188 stops, five sacks, two fumble recoveries, and one interception ... Also played fullback, defensive end and deep snapper ... Additionally, he helped his team advance to the third round of the state playoffs with a record of 11-2 ... Runs the 40 in 4.7 ... Coached in high school by Kirk Crochet.

PERSONAL

Full name is Jarvus Joseph Ryes ... Born on Jan. 20, 1982 in Loreauville, La. ... Mother is Cecilia ... Has four siblings - Jeffery, Jennifer, Janice and Jessica ... Brother Jeffrey played for Houston in the Arena Football League ... Majoring in business administration.



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Rob Sale

Center
6-2, 315, Jr., 1VL
Monroe, La.
Neville HS

Enters the 2001 season as LSU's starting center ... Moved to center during the spring after starting the final six games of the 2000 season at left guard ... Answered the call when injuries decimated the LSU offensive line early in the 2000 campaign ... Got first start against Kentucky and never relinquished the role ... Hard worker with a great deal of both mental and physical toughness.



SOPHOMORE SEASON (2000)

Player who answered the call when injuries depleted LSU's offensive line ... Started the season down on the LSU depth chart, but found himself in the starting line up at left guard against Kentucky ... Responded to the challenge and became a mainstay on the Tiger line for the final five games of the year ... Started the final five regular-season games and the Peach Bowl, all at left guard ... LSU had a 5-1 mark with Sale in the lineup ... Played a key role in LSU's 220 yards rushing against Mississippi State.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN SEASON (1999)

Saw reserve action in games vs. Georgia, Mississippi State and Ole Miss ... Redshirted as a true freshman in 1998.

HIGH SCHOOL

Class 5A All-State selection as a junior and senior ... Member of Purple & Gold's Great Eight second team as well as the Advocate Second Dozen, All-Northeast Louisiana by the Monroe News-Star ... 550 pound squat, 350 pound bench ... Neville went 7-4 and rushed for over 2,000 yards in 1997, much of that coming behind Sale's side ... Coached in high school by Joe Coats.

PERSONAL

Full name is Robert Alan Sale ... Born on July 1, 1979 in Monroe, La. ... Parents are Bob and Cynthia Sale ... Has one sister, Tara ... Majoring in kinesiology.



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Kenneth Seal

Placekicker
5-8, 160, Fr., HS
Ruston, La.
Ruston HS

A walk-on who joined the Tigers during the off-season ... Participated in spring drills ... Will add depth to the placekicking position.

HIGH SCHOOL

Earned two letters for Ruston High School ... Named second team All-State and first team All-District as a senior ... Also earned Academic all-state honors.

PERSONAL

Full name is Kenneth Loy Seal ... Born on June 11, 1982 in Baton Rouge ... Has one brother, Brad and two sisters, Stephanie and Laura ... Majoring in business administration.



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Jeremy Shealy

Cornerback
5-9, 170, Fr., RS
Lafayette, La.
Lafayette HS

Enters his second season with the Tigers after walking on to the team in the spring of 2000 ... Gives the Tigers added depth in the secondary ... Redshirted last year as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL

Was named to the All-parish team his senior season ... Lettered in four sports while in high school ... Started in 30 consecutive games ... Was coached in high school by Bobby Green.

PERSONAL

Full name is Jeremy Brandon Shealy ... Born on March 12, 1981 in Palestine, Texas ... Parents are David and Molly Shealy ... Has one brother, Jeff ... Majoring in sociology.



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Jon Shensky

Linebacker
6-1, 203, So., Sq.
New Iberia, La.
Catholic HS

Enters his third season with the Tigers after joining the team in the fall of 1999 as a walk-on ... Key participant on the LSU scout team

over the last two years ... Redshirted his true freshman season in 1999.

HIGH SCHOOL

Four-sport letterman (football, track, tennis and cross country) ... Was coached in high school by Keith Annulis.

PERSONAL

Full name is Jonathan Farris Shensky ... Born on April 9, 1981 in New Iberia, La. ... Parents are Irving and Pam Shensky ... Has three brothers, Williams, Matthew and Andrew, and one sister, Elizabeth ... Brother William is also a member of the LSU football team ... Is undecided on a major.



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William Shensky

Linebacker
5-10, 210, Fr., RS
New Iberia, La.
Catholic HS

In his second season with the Tigers ... Walked on to the squad last year ... Lends depth to the linebacker position.

HIGH SCHOOL

Three sport letterwinner at Catholic High School in New Iberia ... Two-time first team all-district selection ... Also participated in cross country and track and field ... Coached in high school by Keith Annulis.

PERSONAL

Full name is William Sydney Shensky ... Born on Sept. 1, 1982 in New Iberia, La. ... Parents are Irving and Pam Shensky ... Has three brothers - Jon, Matthew, and Andrew and one sister, Elizabeth ... Brother Jon is also a member of the LSU football team ... Majoring in biological engineering.



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Brad Smalling

Offensive Tackle
6-7, 305, Jr., 2VL
West Monroe, La.
West Monroe HS

Most imposing figure on the LSU offensive line at 6-foot-7 and 305 pounds ... Enters the 2001 season listed behind Jason Baggett at right tackle on the depth chart.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2000)

Played in all 12 games for the Tigers with starts in the first five games at right tackle ... Key figure on LSU's line for field goals and

point-after attempts.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN SEASON (1999)

Gave the Tigers needed depth on the offensive line ... Made his first career start at Kentucky ... Saw action on field goal and PAT teams ... Participated in all but two games in 1999, missing only the Mississippi State and Ole Miss games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Member of USA Today All-USA second team, PrepStar Dream Team Member, Atlanta Journal-Constitution Super Southern 100, The Advocate Super Dozen, Tiger Rag Dirty Dozen, Purple and Gold's Great Eight ... Two-time Class 5A All-State selection ... All-Northeast by the Monroe News-Star as a senior and a junior ... Helped West Monroe to consecutive Class 5A state championships ... Coached in high school by Don Shows.

PERSONAL

Born on June 7, 1979 ... Parents are Eddie and Kim Smalling ... Majoring in education.



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Bradley Sowa

Offensive Guard
6-1, 282, Fr., RS
Greendale, Wisc.
Greendale HS

Enters his second season with the Tigers after redshirting last year as a true freshman ... A walk-on who worked his way to a spot on the team ... Gives LSU depth along the offensive line.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2000)

Spent last season as a key member of the LSU scout squad ... Redshirted after not seeing action in any contests.

PERSONAL

Born on Nov. 3, 1981 ... Parents are Otto & Chris Sowa.



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Charles Thomas

Defensive End
6-4, 272, Sr., Sq.
Baton Rouge, La.
Southern Lab

- 2000 SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 1999 SEC Academic Honor Roll

Enters final season with the Tigers after originally walking on to the squad in the fall of

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1997 ...Adds back-up support at defensive end for the Tigers ... Is a two-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Played in first game of career last season against Western Carolina ... Graduated in May of 2001 with an education degree in kinesiology.

JUNIOR SEASON (2000)

Played in one game - vs. Western Carolina ... Did not record any statistics.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (1999)

Did not see game action.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN SEASON (1998)

Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered twice in football and once in baseball at Southern University Lab School ... Named all-district in 1995 and 1996 as an offensive tackle, defensive tackle and defensive end ... Was an honor graduate and received the Scholastic Athletic Award and Director's Award for Academic Excellence ... High school team won district title in 1995 and state championship in 1996 ... Recorded four quarterback sacks his senior season and caused two fumbles ... Also played first base on the baseball diamond ... Football coach was Gerald Kimble.

PERSONAL

Full name is Charles Raymond Thomas, III ... Born on Sept.5, 1979 in Baton Rouge ... Parents are Charles and Barbara Thomas ... Has two sisters, Talisha and Shannon ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Active in many community service projects in Baton Rouge ... Great grandfather Willie Patterson played baseball in the Negro Leagues.



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Lionel Thomas

Strong Safety
6-0, 196, Sr., 3VL
Opelousas, La.
Opelousas HS

One of the veterans in the LSU secondary ... Returns as LSU's starter at strong safety ... A ferocious hitter who combines with Ryan Clark to give the Tigers one of the premier safety tandems in the SEC ... Defends the pass or the run with equal effectiveness.

JUNIOR SEASON (2000)

Had a breakthrough season, starting all 12 games at strong safety while finishing fourth on the team in tackles ... Posted 71 tackles including 42 unassisted (one for loss) ... Broke



up five passes on the season ... Picked up a career high 13 tackles including seven solos against Auburn ... Posted nine tackles against Mississippi State and eight against Alabama ... Earned LSU's Defensive Player of the Week honors along with Chad Lavalais for the Alabama game ... Had three tackles (two solo) and forced a pair of fumbles in LSU's win over Georgia Tech in Peach Bowl.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (1999)

Became starter at drop linebacker in third game of season and started four games before he was sidelined by an injury ... Starts came vs. Auburn, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky ... Also played as reserve in first two games vs. San Jose State, North Texas ... Gave the Tigers depth in both the secondary and linebacker position ... Versatile athlete who can play the run and defend the pass ... Finished with 33 tackles, including six for losses of 25 yards, two sacks for minus 15 yards and two pass break-ups ... Had eight tackles against Auburn, including two for a loss (-7) ... Had a season-high nine tackles at Georgia ... Enjoyed all-around performance against Florida ... Made six tackles, two for a loss (-8), one sack (-7) and one pass break-up.

FRESHMAN SEASON (1998)

Played in nine games in a reserve role and on special teams ... Made two tackles on the year ... Saw action on 32 defensive plays from scrimmage, with extensive action vs. Idaho ... Saw special teams play on kickoff, kickoff return and punt return teams ... One of just three true freshman to earn a varsity letter in 1998.

HIGH SCHOOL

Class 4A All-District selection, All-Acadiana Selection, Honorable Mention All-State, Honorable Mention on The Advocate Super Dozen List ... Recorded 78 individual tackles, 37 assists, 13 for losses, six sacks, two blocked punts and seven pass deflections ... Did not record any interceptions as opponents rarely threw to his area ... Coached in high school by Tony Courville.

PERSONAL

Born on Oct.5, 1979 in Houston, Texas ... Mother is Lois Thomas ... Has three siblings - Gavin, Craig and Dovan ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Nickname is Tiger.

Lionel Thomas Career Statistics - Defense

SEASON	G/GS	UT	AT	TT	TBL	SCK	FR	INT
1998 Fr.	9/0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
1999 So.	6/4	23	10	33	6-25	2-15	0	0
2000 Jr.	11/11	42	29	71	1-4	0	0	0
TOTALS	26/15	65	41	106	7-29	2-15	0	0



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Kyle Thompson

Free Safety
5-11, 186, Jr., Sq.
Monroe, La.
Neville HS

Joined squad in 1998 as a walk-on and earned place on team ... Lends depth to the Tiger secondary ... Redshirted true freshman season of 1998 ... Has not seen game action.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered three years in football at free safety, two years in baseball as right fielder, one year in soccer as midfielder at Neville High School ... Named Academic All-State ... Played football in high school for coach Joe Coates.

PERSONAL

Full name is Geoffry Kyle Thompson ... Born on June 24, 1979 in Monroe, La. ... Parents are Lamar and Merry Thompson ... Has one brother, Cory ... Majoring in zoology.



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LaBrandon Toefield

Running Back
6-0, 224, So., 1VL
Independence, La.
Independence HS

- 2000 Freshman All-America, First Team (The Sporting News)
- 2000 Freshman All-SEC (SEC Coaches, Knoxville News-Sentinel)
- SEC Player of the Week vs. Mississippi State, 2000

Talented runner who combines quickness with a bullish running style ... Had an outstanding freshman season with the Tigers as he led all rookie running backs in the SEC with 682 yards rushing ... Displayed break-away speed against Tennessee as he outran the Vol secondary on his way to a 74-yard

scoring scamper ...Also very good running between the tackles ... Difficult to tackle, does not come down on the first hit ... Has good hands out of the backfield ... Played for first time since junior year of high school (1997) last season ...Missed his senior season of high school with a knee injury (1998) and redshirted his true freshman season of 1999.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN SEASON (2000)

Led all freshman running backs in the SEC with 682 yards rushing on 165 carries and five touchdowns despite missing the last two regular-season games of the year ... Went down early in the first quarter against Ole Miss with a sprained knee ... Sat out the Arkansas game ... Returned at full strength against Georgia Tech in the Peach Bowl and rushed for 78 yards on 22 carries ...The 682 yards rushing ranks third among freshmen in LSU history and also ranks in the top 20 in SEC history for freshmen ...Had a pair of 100-yard rushing games, both of which came against two of the toughest teams in the nation against the run - Tennessee and Mississippi State ... Rushed for 120 yards and one touchdown vs. Tennessee ...Scored on a 74-yard run against the Vols on a play that was named ESPN's Play of the Week for Sept.30 ... Had 119 yards rushing and two TD's against Mississippi State ...His second TD against the Bulldogs was a 13-yard run in overtime that was the game-winner ... Had 85 yards rushing on 21 carries vs. Alabama and rushed for 80 yards on 23



attempts against Houston ... Has good hands out of the backfield and caught seven passes for 44 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL

Member of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Super Southern 100,The Advocate's Super Dozen,The Dallas Morning News'National 100, the Times Picayune Top 20 Blue Chip List,Purple & Gold's Second Team ... Rushed for 2,800 yards and 45 touchdowns his junior year after rushing for 1,800 yards and 32 scores as a sophomore ... Missed senior season with an injured knee ...Coached in high school by Charles Baglio.

PERSONAL

Full name is LaBrandon Cordell Toefield ... Born on Sept.24, 1980 in Independence,La. ... Has four siblings - Michael,Reggie, Miriam and Shirley ...Majoring in sociology.

LaBrandon Toefield's Career Statistics - Rushing

SEASON	G/GS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2000 Fr.	10/10	165	682	4.1	5	74
TOTALS	10/10	165	682	4.1	5	74

LaBrandon Toefield's Career Statistics - Receiving

SEASON	G/GS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2000 Fr.	10/10	7	44	6.3	0	11
TOTALS	10/10	7	44	6.3	0	11

LaBrandon Toefield's Career Game-by-Game Stats

2000	ATT	GN	LS	NET	TD	LG
Western Carolina	11	51	0	51	1	9
Houston	23	91	11	80	1	22
at Auburn	15	52	3	49	0	16
UAB	19	89	13	76	0	17
Tennessee	15	122	2	120	1	74
at Florida	13	42	1	41	0	15
Kentucky	18	64	12	52	0	14
Miss. State	26	126	7	119	2	25
Alabama	21	86	1	85	0	15
at Ole Miss	4	10	1	9	0	5
Ga. Tech (Peach)	22	83	5	78	0	17

LaBrandon Toefield's Career Highs

- RUSHING YARDS:**
120 vs. Tennessee, Sept. 30, 2000
- RUSHING ATTEMPTS:**
26 vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 21, 2000
- RUSHING TDS:**
2 vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 21, 2000
- LONG RUN:**
74 vs. Tennessee, Sept, 30, 2000



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Trey Triplette

Linebacker
6-0, 219, So., Sq.
Chula Vista, Calif.
Bonita Vista HS

Joined the Tigers as a walk-on in the spring of 2000 ... Redshirted last year as a freshman ... Will give the Tigers added depth at the linebacker positions.

HIGH SCHOOL

Had 98 tackles and two interceptions his senior year ...In his career, totaled 211 tackles to go along with five interceptions ... Was coached in high school by Carl Perrick.

PERSONAL

Full name is Arthur Triplette, III ...Born on Oct. 14,1981 in Houston, Texas ... Parents are Arthur and Linda Triplette ...Majoring in finance.



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Lionel Turner

Linebacker
6-2, 235, Fr., RS
Walker, La.
Walker HS

Redshirted last year as a true freshman for the Tigers ...Made tremendous improvement during his redshirt season ... Will see action at the Will linebacker spot this year ...Listed as LSU's No. 2 Will linebacker behind returning starter Jeremy Lawrence.

HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as the South's No. 14 linebacker prospect by Superprep ...Honorable Mention for the Advocate Super Dozen ...First team Class 4A All-State ...Runner-up Class 4A Defensive MVP ...A three-time All-District selection ...Made 60 tackles, six sacks, two fumble recoveries,and one interception ... He also made his presence felt on offense by catching 30 passes for 600 yards and 10 touchdowns ...All-District selection as a receiver ... Runs the 40 in 4.6 ...Coached in high school by John Guerin.

PERSONAL

Born on Feb. 21, 1982 in Baton Rouge ... Parents are Lionel and Gail Turner ... Has one brother, Ivory ... Is the cousin of former LSU standout and current member of the NFL's New England Patriots,Raion Hill ... Majoring in kinesiology.

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Jason Underwood

Center

6-4, 265, Sr., 1VL
Baton Rouge, La.
Episcopal HS

Missed all of spring practice with an injured knee ... Tore ACL in knee in an off the field incident during the winter ... Gives the offensive line depth with experience.

JUNIOR SEASON (2000)

Played in one contest - the season opener against Western Carolina.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (1999)

One of the most durable offensive linemen for the Tigers in 1999 ... Played through a rash of injuries throughout the season ... Tigers' starting center for the entire season ... Helped pave the way for the 10th ranked rusher in the SEC, Rondell Mealey.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN SEASON (1998)

Played in two games, seeing action at Florida (one play) and vs. Miss. State (three plays).

HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered four times each in football and baseball, twice in track & field and once in basketball ... Recorded 245 tackles and 10 QB sacks in his high school career, playing defensive end and offensive tackle for Episcopal High ... Led team to 1997 district football title ... Played outfield in baseball, center in basketball and threw shot put and discus in track ... Helped lead his 1997 track team to the state title ... Football coach was Steve Baronich.

PERSONAL

Full name is Jason Michael Underwood ... Born on Nov. 12, 1978 in Baton Rouge ... Parents are Don and Rebecca Underwood ... Has one brother, Brent ... His father, Don, played in the Canadian Football League ... Majoring in political science.



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Trebor Victoriano

Fullback

5-9, 235, Jr., Sq.
Lafitte, La.
Fisher HS

Enters his third season with the Tigers after walking on to the squad in 1999 ... A punishing runner who gives the Tigers depth at the fullback spot.

HIGH SCHOOL

Earned letters in football and wrestling at Fisher High School in Lafitte, La. ... As a senior, recorded 85 tackles and forced seven fumbles ... Was the state wrestling runner-up in the 215 pound class in 1997.

PERSONAL

Full name is Trebor Joe Victoriano ... Born on May 30, 1979 in New Orleans, La. ... Parents are Robert and Elodie Victoriano ... Has two brothers, Chance and Rennan ... Majoring in general studies.



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Corey Webster

Wide Receiver

6-0, 190, So., Sq.
Vacherie, La.
St. James HS

Athletic player who has a bright future at LSU as a playmaker ... Should see playing time at the wide receiver position this season ... Has outstanding leaping ability and can go up and over defenders to make catches.

HIGH SCHOOL

Honorable Mention Class 3A All-State ... Member of The Advocate Second Dozen, Tiger Rag Dirty Dozen and Times Picayune Top 24 Blue Chip List ... District Offensive MVP ... Exceptional two-sport athlete in football and basketball ... Passed for more than 1,000 yards and rushed for an additional 500 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior ... Led his team to a 32-8 record in three years at quarterback ... Averaged more than 20 points a game as a junior and was named District MVP ... Coached in high school by Rick Gaille.

PERSONAL

Born on March 2, 1982 ... Parents are MacArthur and Lorraine Webster ... Majoring in sports management.



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Chad White

Defensive Back

5-10, 206, So., Sq.
Hammond, La.
Hammond HS

Joined the squad last fall and became a valuable member of LSU's scout squad ... Also played a key role on the Tiger special teams preparation during the week ... Saw action in one contest - Western Carolina

PERSONAL

Born on May 4, 1982 ... Parents are Bob and Fay White ... Majoring in business administration.



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Marcus Whitty

Tight End

6-2, 229, So., Sq.
Houston, Texas
Spring Woods HS

Enters third season with the Tigers after originally walking on to the team in the fall of 1999 ... Played linebacker for the Tigers for two years before making the switch to tight end during the spring ... Has been a valuable member of the offensive and defensive scout teams during his two years with the Tigers ... Redshirted true freshman season in 1999.

HIGH SCHOOL

A first team All-District selection his senior season ... Made 130 tackles, including three sacks ... Played both ways at tight end and linebacker ... Caught five passes for 30 yards ... Helped lead team to district championship in 1997 ... Attended the Naval Academy Prep School for two years ... Helped lead them to a 6-4 record ... Was coached in high school by Kevin O'Keefe.

PERSONAL

Full name is Marcus Wayne Whitty ... Born on Aug. 1, 1979 in Houston, Texas ... Parents are Fred and Cynthia Whitty ... Has one brother, Greg ... Majoring in information systems & decision sciences.



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Bryce Wyatt

Defensive End

6-4, 232, So., Sq.
Lake Charles, La.
Barbe HS

Had a good spring and enters fall camp listed at No. 2 behind Jarvis Green at right defensive end ... Physical player who is still learning the position ... Switched to the defensive side of the ball from tight end during the spring drills in 2000.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN SEASON (2000)

Played in only the season-opener against Western Carolina ... Did not record any statistics ... Redshirted as a true freshman in 1999.

HIGH SCHOOL

Class 5A All-State selection as a junior ... All-

District as a junior ...As a junior was member of the Lake Charles American Press's All-Southwest Louisiana team and Louisiana Football Magazine's Outstanding Player in the Southwest ... Senior year had 12 receptions for 148 yards and one TD, at fullback he had 22 carries for 205 yards and two TDs ... On defense, he had 15 tackles and 18 assists ... Helped lead team to 1998 District 3-5A second place finish and regional finish in Class 5A playoffs ...As a junior had 15 receptions for 240 yards and two TDs and 27 carries for 155 yards ...Also threw javelin for the track team ...Coached in high school by Jimmy Shaver.

PERSONAL

Full name is Donald Bryce Wyatt ... Born on March 19, 1981 in Lake Charles, La.... Parents are Donald and Freida Wyatt ..Has one sister, Kaley Renne ...Majoring in business administration.



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Marcus Yanez

Linebacker
6-0, 239, Fr., RS
Bastrop, La.
Bastrop HS

Player who enters fall camp listed No.3 at the Mike linebacker position ... Redshirted last year as a true freshman ... Did play in the season-opener against Western Carolina and intercepted a pass in the second half ... Granted a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL

Rated the No.16 linebacker in the South by Superprep ... Honorable Mention for The Advocate Super Dozen ...First team Class 4A All-State ... Class 4A Defensive Player of the Year ... Made 104 tackles, three sacks, three forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries, and three interceptions (two returned for touchdowns) ...He also punted for a 39.6-yard average ...All-District selection ... Was a Second-Team All-State punter as a junior after averaging 42.0 yards per punt ... Runs the 40 in 4.6 ...Coached in high school by Brad Bradshaw.

PERSONAL

Full name is Marcus Dewayne Yanez ...Born on June 29, 1982 in Sacramento, Calif. ... Parents are Moses Yanez and Darlene Durr ... Has one brother, Perry ...Majoring in pre-law.



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Wendell York

Deep Snapper
5-11, 192, Jr., 1VL
Baton Rouge, La.
Episcopal HS

- 2000 SEC Academic Honor Roll

Heads into the 2001 season as LSU's deep snapper for both punts and placekicks ... Did not play in 2000, but handled snaps for punts and placekicks for the Tigers in 1999 ... Walked on to the team in 1998 and redshirted as a true freshman that year.

FRESHMAN SEASON (1999)

The Tigers' starting snapper on field goals and PATs ... Did not miss a game in 1999 ... Helped Tiger placekickers go a combined 10 for 13 on field goals and 23 of 25 on PATs.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered four years at linebacker and snapper in football and two years at second base and shortstop in baseball for Episcopal High School ... Led football team to 1996 District 8-AA title and 1998 baseball team to District 7-AA championship ... Made 86 tackles, four sacks and recovered two fumbles his senior season ... Was starting long snapper for four years without any errant snaps ...Named Academic All-State honorable mention in baseball ...Played high school football for coach Steve Baronich.

PERSONAL

Full name is Wendell Trent York ...Born on Sept.16, 1979 in Baton Rouge ...Mother is Donna York ...Has three siblings - Will T. York, III, Gwen York-Ortego, Monica York-Peele ... Majoring in accounting.



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John Young

Offensive Guard
6-3, 293, Jr., 1VL
Ruston, La.
Ruston HS

- 2000 SEC Academic Honor Roll

Has proven to be a valuable and versatile member of the LSU offensive line ... Enters the 2001 season listed as LSU's starter at left offensive guard ...Had an outstanding spring practice ... Has played both the guard and center positions during his LSU career.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2000)

Played in two contests for the Tigers - Western Carolina and Kentucky ... Earned a spot on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN SEASON (1999)

A back-up offensive lineman who saw considerable action mid-way through the season ... Played in three games, vs. Georgia, Kentucky, Ole Miss ...Added depth to an injury-laden offensive line ...Proved to be a durable and effective lineman when called upon.

HIGH SCHOOL

The Advocate Super Dozen Honorable Mention... Good balance and technique ... A probable guard for the Tigers... Benches over 300 pounds and squats over 450 pounds ... A top-notch student with a 3.45 GPA ... Coached in high school by Joey Pender.

PERSONAL

Full name is John Curtis Young ... Born on July 9, 1980 in Ruston, La.... Parents are Curtis and Lucille Young ...Has one brother, Gregory ...Majoring in kinesiology.

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Joseph Addai

Running Back • 6-0 • 195
Houston, Texas
Sharpstown High School

Named All-American by both ESPN and Fox Sports and was rated among the top 100 players in the nation by Rivals.com and by ESPN's Tom Lemming ...Member of the Houston Chronicle Top 100 ...First team 5A All-State in Texas as well as first team All-District and All-County ...Played quarterback in high school ...As a senior, completed 37-of-91 passes for 425 yards ...Rushed for 1,429 yards on 159 carries for an average of 8.9 yards per carry ...Rushed for 26 touchdowns and returned eight kickoffs for 380 yards for an average of 47.5 a return ... Clocked at 10.7 in the 100 meters and 22.1 in the 200 meters ...Coached in high school by Charles Perridon.

Steve Arflin, Jr.

Offensive Line • 6-4 • 310
Jacksonville, Fla.
Fletcher High School

Named to the Florida Times-Union Super 75 and to the Jacksonville Super 11 ...First team All-District and a member of the Northeast Florida All-Regional team ...Named offensive most valuable player for Fletcher High School and was voted team captain ...Earned a spot on the Academic All-State team ...Graded out at 88 percent for the season and had 85 pancake blocks ... Won the AAU national title in the shot put (57.6) and the discus (150.3) ...Coached in high school by Joe Reynolds.

Six members of LSU's incoming freshman class represented the West at the 2000 National High School All-Star Game in Dallas, Texas on Dec. 30. (Back row from left to right) Kory Hebert, Marcus Spears, Ben Wilkerson, Marquise Hill, (front row kneeling left to right) Andrew Whitworth and Michael Clayton. The West won the game 18-15.

Jonathan Banks

Offensive Line • 6-6 • 358
Baton Rouge, La.
McKinley High School

Honorable mention member of the Advocate's Super Dozen ...All-District and All-Metro selection as a senior ...Coached in high school by Calvin Nicholas.

Bennie Brazell

Wide Receiver • 6-1 • 170
Houston, Texas
Westbury High School

Caught 36 passes for 967 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior ...Member of the Houston Chronicle Top 100 and was selected as an All-American by USA Today ...Rated as one of the top 125 players in the nation by Max Emfinger ...First team 5A All-State as well as a first team All-District and All-Metro selection ...5A state champion in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 36.1 seconds ...Rated as the nation's No.1 prep hurdler ...Coached in high school by George Campbell.

Shyrone Carey

Running Back • 5-8 • 190
New Orleans, La.
Shaw High School

First team 5A All-State selection as a senior in 1999 ...Played quarterback as a senior and threw for 2,218 yards and 22 touchdowns to go with only one interception ...Rushed for 8.9 yards per carry as a senior and during his career, totaled 4,159 yards rushing and was responsible for 82 touchdowns ...Selected as the All-Metro New Orleans MVP ...Rated as the No.1 prospect in Louisiana in

1999 ...Member of the Baton Rouge Advocate's Super Dozen as well as the New Orleans Times-Picayunes Top 16 Blue Chip list for the state of Louisiana in 1999 ...Coached by Hank Tierney.

Rick Clausen

Quarterback • 6-2 • 180
Woodlawn Hills, Calif.
Taft High School

Named All-League, All-City, All-South California and Academic All-State after completing 264-of-430 passes for 3,361 yards and 38 touchdowns as a senior for Taft High School ...Led team to a 9-3 overall mark ...Named L.A. Times California Player of the Week one time and was selected as a member of the L.A. Times High School All-America squad ...Brother of Tennessee starting quarterback Casey Clausen ...Coached in high school by Troy Starr.

Michael Clayton

Wide Receiver • 6-4 • 185
Baton Rouge, La.
Christian Life Academy

A consensus high school All-American ...Named All-American by Parade, SuperPrep, USA Today and Fox Sports ...A member of the ESPN and Rivals.com Top 100 high school players in the nation ...Also selected to the Baton Rouge Advocate Super Dozen, the New Orleans Times-Picayune Top 16 Blue Chip list and the Shreveport Times Top 20 for the state of Louisiana ...Rated as the nation's No.5 prospect by SuperPrep and was a member of the Dallas Morning News Top 100 for the nation ... Rated by Max Emfinger as one of the nation's top 125 players ...First team 2A All-State and a member of the Academic All-State team ... As a senior, rushed for 663 yards and 12 touchdowns and passed for another 338 yards and three touchdowns ...Also named first team 2A All-State as a defensive back as a senior as he recorded 78 tackles and five interceptions ...As a junior, caught 23 passes for 500 yards and 13 touchdowns in just half a season at wide receiver ...First team 2A All-State in basketball as a junior after averaging 19.4 points a contest ...Coached in high school by David Barham.

Travis Daniels

Wide Receiver/Defensive Back • 6-1 • 175
Hollywood, Fla.
South Broward High School

Named first team 4A All-State as a defensive back after registering 60 tackles and five interceptions ... On offense, caught 34 passes for 500 yards and four touchdowns ...Returned a kickoff for a touchdown and also returned an interception for a score ... Also a member of the All-District and All-County teams as well as being a participant in the North-South Florida All-Star game ...Coached by Antonio Williams.



Ryan Gilbert

Running Back/Athlete • 5-11 • 190
Dallas, Texas
Hillcrest High School

Named to the PrepStar All-America team after passing for 1,267 yards and nine touchdowns and rushing for another 1,108 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior ...Also had 138 yards in kickoff returns and 464 yards and four touchdowns on punt returns as a senior ... Totaled 5,766 all-purpose yards and 76 touchdowns in his career ...Selected to the All-Dallas Morning News Star first team and was selected to the Houston Chronicle Top 100 for the state of Texas ...Second team 4A All-State at quarterback and was named the 11-4A Player of the Year ...3-time first team All-District selection and earned a spot on the All Academic team four times ... Coached by Jeff Johnson.

Donovan Grayson

Linebacker • 6-4 • 230
New Orleans, La.
Karr High School

Named the New Orleans Times-Picayune All-Metro Defensive Player of the Year after registering 65 tackles and five sacks as a senior ...Also had five interceptions and returned two of those for touchdowns ...Member of the New Orleans Times-Picayune Top 16 Blue Chip list, the Baton Rouge Advocate Super Dozen, and the Shreveport Times Top 20 ...Named first team 3A All-State as a linebacker ... Is the nephew of former LSU football standout Ronnie Haliburton, who played for the Tigers from 1986-89 ... Coached by Don Wattigny.

Kory Hebert

Tight End • 6-4 • 225
Lafayette, La.
Teurlings Catholic High School

Named to the PrepStar All-America team after catching 28 passes for 488 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior ...Named first team 3A All-State as well as first team All-District, All-Parish and All-Acadiana ...Member of Tom Lemming's Top 100, Rivals.com Top 100 and Max Emfinger's Top 125 ... Member of the Baton Rouge Advocate's Second Dozen, the Shreveport Times Top 20 and was listed among the New Orleans Times-Picayune's Best of the Rest for the state of Louisiana ... Participated in the All-American All-Star game ...Caught 37 passes for 810 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior and had 17 receptions for 280 yards and six scores as a sophomore ...Played on 3A state champion baseball team in 1999 and state runner-up team in 2000 ...Coached by Sonny Charpentier.

Marquise Hill

Defensive End • 6-7 • 290
New Orleans, La.
De La Salle High School

Rated by many publications as the best defensive lineman in the nation ...Named first team All-America by numerous publications including ESPN, USA Today, The Sporting News, Rivals.com, SuperPrep, and Fox Sports ...Selected as the National Lineman of the Year by Tom Lemming of ESPN ...Named the Columbus Touchdown Club Player of the Year ...Member of the New Orleans Times Picayune Top 16 Blue Chip list, the Baton Rouge Advocate Super Dozen and the Shreveport Times Top 20 for the state of Louisiana ...Rated as one of the top 100 high school players by the Dallas Morning News as the nation's No. 7 prospect by SuperPrep ...Recorded 92 tackles and eight sacks and seven quarterback hurries as a senior ...Also forced five fumbles, recovered three fumbles and blocked a punt ...Named first team 5A All State ...Coached by Darren Barbier.

Brandon Hurley

Defensive Tackle • 6-3 • 275
Monroe, La.
Ouachita Christian High School

Dominating player on both the offensive and defensive lines ...Named 2A All-State at both offensive tackle and defensive tackle as a senior ... Named 2A Defensive MVP in 2000 after leading team to the state title ... Team also won state title in 1997 ...All-District offensive tackle in 1998 and 2000 and was an All-District defensive tackle in 1999 and 2000 ...Did not allow one sack in over 300 passing attempts as a senior ...On defense, recorded 87 tackles, eight sacks and 27 tackles for losses ...Graded out at 87 percent from his offensive tackle position for the year ...Recorded 110 pancake blocks in 2000 ...As a junior, rushed for 654 yards and 17 touchdowns from the fullback position ...Had 53 tackles and three sacks on defense ...Member of the Louisiana Football Magazine All-Louisiana Team and a member of the Purple and Gold Great Eight second team ... Coached by Steve Fitzhugh.

David Jones

Tight End • 6-4 • 240
Silver Springs, Md.
Springbrook High School

Named Mr. Football for the state of Maryland after catching 30 passes for 480 yards and four touchdowns as a senior ... Also recorded 40 tackles, seven sacks and eight quarterback hurries from his defensive end position ... Rated as the No. 38 prospect in the nation and the No. 4 tight end in the country according to SuperPrep ... As a senior, named All-League, All-County, All-Metro and All-State ... Named to the Maryland Super 11 ... Rated as the No. 1 prospect in Maryland ... For his prep career, caught 70 passes for 1,440 yards and 18 touchdowns ... Is the nephew of current LSU assistant coach Stan Hixon ... Coached by Norman Edwards.

Nate Livings

Offensive Line • 6-5 • 315
Lake Charles, La.
Washington-Marion High School

Member of the New Orleans Times-Picayune Top 16 Blue Chip list for 1999 as well as the Baton Rouge Advocate Second Dozen ...Named to the Purple and Gold Magazine Second Eight ...All-Southwest Louisiana after leading his team to a 9-4 mark and the state playoffs in 1999 ...On defense, collected 124 tackles and five sacks ...Member of the PrepStar Dream Team ...Coached by Wayne Reese.

Philip Maxwell

Linebacker • 6-1 • 225
Shreveport, La.
Evangel Christian Academy

Named first team 5A All-State as a senior after leading Evangel to the state championship game ... Recorded a team-best 104 tackles, including 16 for 80 yards in losses ...Had four sacks, recovered four fumbles and picked off a pair of passes, one of which was returned for a touchdown ...Named to the Shreveport Times Top 20, the Baton Rouge Advocate Second Dozen and the New Orleans Times-Picayune Best of the Rest for state of Louisiana ... Won three state titles in his career at Evangel ...Coached by Dennis Dunn.

Rudy Niswanger

Offensive Line • 6-5 • 275
Monroe, La.
Ouachita Christian High School

One of the top offensive line prospects in the nation ...Rated as the No.10 offensive line prospect in the nation by SuperPrep ...Earned PrepStar All-America honors and was named 2A All-State after leading Ouachita Christian to the state title ...Named to the Rivals.com Top 100 and to Max Emfinger's Top 125 ...Member of the Baton Rouge Advocate's Super Dozen, the New Orleans Times-Picayune's Top 16 Blue Chip list as well as the Shreveport Times Top 20 for Louisiana ...Also named to the Atlanta Journal Constitution Southern 100 and the Dallas Morning News Top 100 for all of high school football ...On offense recorded 196 pancake blocks and did not allow a sack in 700 pass attempts over a three-year span ... On defense, recorded 70 tackles and eight sacks from the defensive tackle position ...Had 24 tackles for losses, recovered two fumbles and returned an interception for a touchdown ...Coached by Steve Fitzhugh.

Signee Profiles

Melvin Oliver

Defensive End • 6-3 • 255
Opelika, Ala.
Opelika High School

Outstanding pass rusher that helped Opelika High School to an 11-2 overall mark ...Opelika High was the No.1 rated defense in Alabama and they ranked first in the state in points allowed per game ...Registered 80 tackles,including 16 for losses ... Had 14 sacks and recovered one fumble ... First team 6A All-State and All-District ...Coached by Spence McCracken.

Dave Peterson

Linebacker • 6-2 • 240
Bristol, Fla.
Coffeyville CC

Junior college signee who played the last two seasons at Coffeyville College in Kansas ...Registered 60 tackles and three sacks last year ... Prepped at Liberty County High School in Bristol,Fla....As a senior, was named first team 1A All-State ... Coached in junior college by Skip Foster.

Tim Pope

Linebacker • 6-2 • 225
Panama City, Fla.
Rutherford High School

Three-sport letterwinner at Rutherford High School ...Earned first team 5A All-State honors as a senior ...Ranked as the No.2 linebacker in the state of Florida by the Florida Times-Union ...Member of the Florida Times-Union Super 75 ... Registered 115 tackles and four sacks to go with four fumble recoveries as a senior ...Also had 11 tackles for losses ... Team posted a perfect 10-0 mark in the regular season in 2000 and in 1999,Rutherford High School was the 5A state runner-up ...Named District Defensive Player of the Year as well a first team All-District and All-County ...Also lettered in track and field and weightlifting ...Coached by Steve Hardin.

Ronnie Prude

Wide Receiver/Defensive Back • 6-0 • 190
Shreveport, La.
Fair Park High School

Passed for 1,412 yards and 10 touchdowns and rushed for another 917 yards and nine scores from the quarterback position last season for Fair Park High School ... For his career, threw for 3,637 yards and 36 touchdowns and rushed for 1,958 yards and 24 touchdowns ...Named to the Baton Rouge Advocate's Super Dozen,the Shreveport Times Top 20 and the New Orleans Times-Picayune's Top 16 Blue Chip list for Louisiana ...Named first team 1-5A All-District and first team All-City ...Coached by Husher Calhoun.

Marcus Spears

Tight End • 6-5 • 280
Baton Rouge, La.
Southern University Lab School

The No.1 rated tight end prospect in America ... Listed as the No.3 overall prospect by Superprep ... A consensus All-America ...Listed as an All-American by Parade Magazine,ESPN, Fox Sports, SuperPrep, Prepstar, the Sporting News,USA Today and Rivals.com ...Also a member of the Baton Rouge Advocate's Super Dozen,the Shreveport Times Top 20 and the New Orleans Times-Picayune's Top 16 Blue Chip list for the state of Louisiana ...Named first team 1A All-State on both offense and defense,the first player to be honored on both sides of the ball in Louisiana in any class since 1991 ...Caught 28 passes for 435 yards and three touchdowns and added 245 yards rushing and six scores as a senior ...On defense, registered 22 tackles for 151 yards in losses to go with 11.5 sacks ...Also had four fumble recoveries ... Considered one of the nation's top basketball prospects as well ... Averaged 23.7 points and 15 rebounds a contest as a senior ...Named Parade All-America and was Louisiana's Gatorade Circle of Championships Player of the Year for basketball in 2001 ...As a senior, helped lead Southern Lab to the 1A state runner-up finish in football,the 1A state title in basketball and to a third place showing in track and field ... Coached by Eric Randall.

Brandon Washington

Defensive End • 6-4 • 275
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Tuscaloosa-Central High School

One of the top rated defensive prospects in the state of Alabama ...Named to the USA Today and Superprep All-America teams after recording 90 tackles and 17 sacks for Central High School in Tuscaloosa ...Recorded a school-record 30 quarterback hurries ...Named first team All-District and first team All-State selection at defensive as well as being selected his team's MVP ...Rated as the No. 42 prospect in the Southeast according to Tom Lemming of ESPN ...Coached by Bob Taylor.

Andrew Whitworth

Offensive Line • 6-7 • 315
West Monroe, La.
West Monroe High School

Widely considered as one of the nation's top offensive line prospects ...Rated as the No.5 offensive lineman in the nation by Rivals.com and No.6 by CNNSI.com ...Named first team All-America by USA Today, Rivals.com, Fox Sports,and Superprep ... Participated in the National All-Star game ... Rated by ESPN's Tom Lemming as one of the top 25 offensive lineman in America and was named to Max Emfinger's list of the top 18 players in Louisiana ...Led team to the 5A state title in 1997, 1998 and 2000 ... West Monroe was ranked No.1 in the nation by Rivals.com at the conclusion of the 2000 season ...Named first team 2-5A All-District and was a first team 5A All-State selection ...

Member of the Baton Rouge Advocate's Super Dozen,the Shreveport Times Top 20 and the New Orleans Times-Picayune's Top 16 Blue Chip list for the state of Louisiana ...Named the co-offensive player of the year for North Louisiana by the Louisiana Football Magazine ...Coached by Don Shows.

Ben Wilkerson

Offensive Line • 6-4 • 275
Hemphill, Texas
Hemphill High School

Called by many as the top offensive line prospect in America ...Named All-American by Parade,USA Today, Rivals.com,Superprep, ESPN,and The Sporting News ... Rated as the No.21 overall prospect in the nation by Tom Lemming of ESPN.com ...Recorded 121 pancake blocks as a senior and graded out at over 95 percent for the year ...Helped team averaged 399 rushing yards a contest and 9.2 yards per carry ...Listed as the No. 16 prep prospect according to Superprep ...Rated among Max Emfinger's top 125 national prospects as well as the Dallas Morning News'top 100 for the nation ...Member of Dave Campbell's Texas Super Team ... Earned first team All-District,All-County and All-State honors ...Coached by Larry Upshaw.

Brandon Williams

Defensive Back • 6-2 • 197
Port Allen, La.
Port Allen High School

One of the top defensive backs in the state of Louisiana ...Named first team All-District,All-Metro and All State despite missing six games during his senior season with an injury ...Rated among the top 125 players in the nation according to Max Emfinger ...Registered 26 tackles and two sacks in a single-game last season ...Also returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown and returned one interception for a touchdown in another game ...Finished senior season with 56 tackles,three sacks and two interceptions ...As a junior, recorded 59 tackles,three sacks and a interception in a injury-shortened season ...Named to the Baton Rouge Advocate Super Dozen and the New Orleans Times-Picayune Top 16 Blue Chip list for the state of Louisiana ...Coached by Paul Distefano.

Torran Williams

Defensive Tackle • 6-4 • 295
Miami, Fla.
Dodge City CC

One of the top rated defensive linemen at the junior college ranks ...Ranked among the Superprep top 30 junior college prospects ...Earned first team All-Conference honors at defensive tackle for Dodge City after recording 67 tackles and five sacks ...Prepped at Miramar High School in Miami ... Coached in junior college by Greg Centilli.