



2022 KENTUCKY SPRING FOOTBALL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location:	Lexington, Ky.
Founded:	1865
Enrollment:	30,000
Nickname:	Wildcats
Colors:	Blue (PMS 286) and White
Conference:	Southeastern (Eastern Division)
President:	Dr. Eli Capilouto
Athletics Director:	Mitch Barnhart
Faculty Representative:	Joseph L. Fink III
Website:	UKathletics.com

MEDIA INFORMATION

INTERVIEWS

Head coach Mark Stoops will meet with media after Saturday practices, while offensive coordinator Rich Scangarello and defensive coordinator Brad White will meet during the week.

Please note: Some players may be unable to participate in interviews on specific days due to class schedules.

PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEOGRAPHERS

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Spring practice interviews, photos and practice releases will also be posted on the official athletics website for the University of Kentucky at ukathletics.com. UK's official Twitter and Instagram is @ukfootball.

PRACTICE DATES/TIMES

Practices will typically be held in the mornings from approx. 7:30-9:50 a.m. ET. Saturday practices are usually 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ET. Please check e-mail daily for updates for post-practice times.



2022 SPRING PRACTICE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 6 —	MARCH 7 —	MARCH 8 Practice #1 	MARCH 9 —	MARCH 10 Practice #2 	MARCH 11 —	MARCH 12 —
MARCH 13 —	MARCH 14 —	MARCH 15 —	MARCH 16 UK Spring Break	MARCH 17 —	MARCH 18 —	MARCH 19 —
MARCH 20 —	MARCH 21 Practice #3 	MARCH 22 Practice #4 	MARCH 23 —	MARCH 24 Practice #5 	MARCH 25 —	MARCH 26 Practice #6 
MARCH 27 —	MARCH 28 —	MARCH 29 Practice #7 	MARCH 30 —	MARCH 31 Practice #8 	APRIL 1 PRO DAY 9 a.m. Nutter Field House	APRIL 2 Practice #9 
APRIL 3 —	APRIL 4 —	APRIL 5 Practice #10 	APRIL 6 —	APRIL 7 Practice #11 	APRIL 8 —	APRIL 9 Blue/White Spring Game 
APRIL 10 —	APRIL 11 —	APRIL 12 Practice #13 	APRIL 13 Practice #14 	APRIL 14 Practice #15 	APRIL 15 —	APRIL 16 —



QUICK FACTS

KROGER FIELD

Capacity:	approx. 61,000
Kroger Field opened:	Sept. 15, 1973 (UK 31, Virginia Tech 26) Expanded in 1999 and remodeled in 2015 Renamed Kroger Field in 2017
Surface:	UBU Speed Series synthetic turf
Record at Kroger Field:	177-138-4 (.56.1) (41-22 under Stoops)

HISTORY

First year of football:	1881 (Nov. 12)
All-time record:	639-635-44 (.502) 131 seasons
All-time SEC record:	187-396-12 (.324) (29-45 under Stoops)
National Championships:	1 (1950)
SEC Championships:	2 (1950, 1976)
Bowl appearances:	21 (last in 2021)
Bowl record:	12-9 (.571)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:	Mark Stoops (10th season)
Overall Record:	59-53 (.527)
SEC Record:	29-45 (.392)
Bowl Record:	4-2 (.667)

Assistant Coaches:

Frank Buffano (Arizona, '06)

Safeties/Co-Special Teams Coord., 3rd year

Chris Collins (Western Carolina, '10)

Defensive Backs, 2nd year

Vince Marrow (Toledo, '92)

Assoc. HC/TE/Recruiting Coord, 10th year

Rich Scangarello (Sacramento State, '96)

Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks, 1st year

John Settle (Appalachian State, '89)

Running Backs/Co-Special Teams Coord., 2nd year

Anwar Stewart (Kentucky, '17)

Defensive Line, 3rd year

Mike Stoops (Iowa, '87)

Inside Linebackers, 1st year

Brad White (Wake Forest, '05)

Defensive Coord./Outside Linebackers, 4th year

Scott Woodward (UMass, '09)

Wide Receivers, 2nd year

Zach Yenser (Troy, 2007)

Offensive Line, 1st year

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

Quality Control:	Josh Estes-Waugh Louie Matsakis Mark Perry Joe Scola
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Graduate Assistants:	C.J. Conrad (offense) Bryan Berezowitz (defense) Cam Garner (offense) Kalon Humphries (defense) Drake Jackson (offense) Andrew Verboys (defense) Ahmad Wagner (offense)
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Director of Performance: Corey Edmond

Director of Performance/Head Strength Coach: Mark Hill

Assistant Strength Coaches: Rafael Horton
Tyler Malone

Interns: Mike Marrow, Leo Stern

Director of Performance Science: Chris Morris

Graduate Assistant: Alex Brownell

Registered Dietician: Becky Sauceda, MS, RD

Graduate Assistant: Alyssa Kuman, RD

Director of Football Operations: Josh Pruitt

Director of Player Development: Courtney Love

Assistant Director: Keith Hackett

Director of Recruiting: Chase Heuke

Creative Coordinator: Jacob Noger

Assistant Creative Director: Brian Moriarty

Director of Sports Medicine/Head Football

Athletic Trainer: Gabe Amponsah

Asst. Athletic Trainers: Thomas Kidd, Evan
Griskowitz, Zachary Williams

Team Psychologist: Marc Cormier

Team Psychiatrist: Scott Littleton

Equipment Manager: Tom Kalinowski

Assistant Equipment Manager: Allen Belcher

Director of Equipment Operations: Jon Denio

Video Productions Coordinator: Greg Gorham

Lead Creative Producer (FB): Tim Layten

Senior Creative Producer: Ryan Duffy

SEC Network and Live Video Operations:
Clif Matekovich

SEC Network Coord. Producer: Brandon Wickey

Coaching Video Coordinator: Christian Fiero

Assistant Video Coordinator: Mike Perez

Administrative Staff: Abby Stover
Melissa Tomlinson

Misty Conrad (athletic training)

Academic Counselors for Football:

Chatham Boyer, Ricky Lumpkin, Jon Ross

TEAM INFORMATION

2021 Record: 10-3 overall,
5-3 (second) SEC Eastern Division

Basic Offense: Spread

Basic Defense: 3-4, 3-3-5, 4-3

PLAYERS RETURNING

Lettermen Returning: 41
17 offense, 19 defense (five specialists)

Starters Returning: 11
6 offense, 5 defense

Offensive Starters Returning: 5
QB Will Levis, RB Chris Rodriguez Jr.,
LG Kenneth Horsey, RG Eli Cox,
TE Brenden Bates

Defensive Starters Returning: 6
DB Tyrell Aijan, DB Carrington Valentine,
ILB Jacquez Jones, WLB DeAndre Square,
OLB J.J. Weaver, OLB Jordan Wright

PLAYERS LOST

Lettermen Lost: 20
8 offense, 12 defense

Starters Lost: 13
7 offense, 6 defense

Offensive Starters Lost: 7
TE Justin Rigg, RT Darian Kinnard,
C Luke Fortner, LT Dare Rosenthal, WR Josh Ali,
WR Wan'Dale Robinson, WR Isaiah Epps

Defensive Starters Lost: 6
DT Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, CB Cedrick Dort Jr.,
DE Josh Paschal, FS Yusuf Coker,
NG Marquan McCall, S Davonte Robinson



2022 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl-Exp.	Hometown (Previous College/High School)
0	Kavosiey Smoke	RB	5-9	204	Sr-3L	Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka)
3	Dekel Crowdus	WR	5-10	171	Fr-RS	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
5*	Mike Drennen II	RB	5-11	206	Jr-1L	Hilltop, Ohio (Coffman)
5*	DeAndre Square	ILB	6-1	221	%Sr-4L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
6*	Tyrell Ajian	DB	6-0	190	%Sr-4L	Mansfield, Ohio (Madison Comprehensive)
6*	Dane Key	WR	6-3	190	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
7*	Will Levis	QB	6-3	228	Sr-1L	Madison, Conn. (Penn State/Xavier HS)
7*	Vito Tisdale	DB	6-1	185	Jr-2L	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
8	Octavious Oxendine	DL	6-1	285	Jr-2L	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
9	Tayvion Robinson	WR	5-11	190	Sr-Tr	Virginia Beach, Va. (Virginia Tech/Cox)
10*	Jacquez Jones	ILB	6-0	230	%Sr-1L	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Ole Miss/Hillcrest)
10*	Chauncey Magwood	WR	6-0	193	So-1L	Albany, Ga. (Lee County)
11	Beau Allen	QB	6-2	215	Jr-1L	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
12*	Chance Poore	K	6-2	221	Sr-3L	Anderson, S.C. (Westside)
12*	Kaiya Sheron	QB	6-3	202	Fr-RS	Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)
13*	Earnest Sanders IV	WR	6-1	230	So-Sq	Beecher, Mich. (Beecher)
13*	J.J. Weaver	OLB	6-5	238	Jr-2L	Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)
14	Carrington Valentine	DB	6-0	193	Jr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Moeller)
15	Jordan Wright	OLB	6-5	234	%Sr-4L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
16	Deuce Hogan	QB	6-4	208	So-Tr	Southlake, Texas (Iowa/Grapevine Faith Christian)
17	JuTahn McClain	RB	5-9	198	Jr-2L	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
18	Clevan Thomas Jr.	WR	5-11	197	%Sr-2L	Miami, Fla. (Charles W. Flanagan)
19	Rahsaan Lewis	WR	5-11	190	Sr-1L	Orlando, Fla. (Florida Atlantic/Central Florida/ Windermere Prep)
21	Andre Stewart	DB	5-11	174	Fr-HS	Atlanta, Ga. (North Cobb)
22	Chris Oats	ILB	6-3	232	Sr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)
24*	Elijah Reed	DB	6-3	185	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Pleasure Ridge Park)
24*	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	RB	5-11	227	Sr-3L	McDonough, Ga. (Ola)
25	Jordan Lovett	DB	6-2	198	Fr-RS	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
27	Joel Williams	NB	6-1	205	Jr-2L	Baton Rouge, La. (Madison Prep Academy)
29*	Jackson Schulz	DB	6-2	191	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
29*	La'Veil Wright	RB	6-0	203	Fr-RS	Louisville, Ky. (North Hardin)
30	Taj Dodson	DB	6-1	204	Jr-1L	Union City, Ga. (Creekside)
31	Maxwell Hairston	DB	6-1	175	Fr-RS	West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
32	Trevin Wallace	ILB	6-2	224	So-1L	Jesup, Ga. (Wayne County)
33	Tomiwa Durojaiye	DL	6-4	250	Fr-HS	Middletown, Del. (Middletown)
34*	Trey Dennis	WR	5-8	150	So-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Sayre)
34*	Jalen Geiger	DB	6-1	200	Jr-2L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
35	Rickey Hyatt Jr.	DB	6-2	198	So-Sq	Columbus, Ohio (Central)
36*	Adrian Huey	DB	6-0	172	Fr-RS	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)
37*	Luke Leeper	WR	5-11	190	Jr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy of Louisville)
37*	Andru Phillips	DB	6-0	183	So-1L	Mauldin, S.C. (Mauldin)
38	William Nalty	ILB	6-0	223	%Sr-2L	Metairie, La. (Metairie Park Country Day)
39*	Austin Gough	ILB	6-0	218	So-Sq	Owensboro, Ky. (Owensboro)
39*	Dillon Wheatley	FB	6-1	216	Sr-Sq	Richmond, Ky. (Pikeville/Lexington Christian)
40	Luke Fulton	ILB	6-4	217	Jr-Sq	Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan State/Cardinal Mooney)
44	Martez Thrower	ILB	6-2	217	So-1L	Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)
45	Jase Bruner	OLB	6-2	237	Jr-Sq	Science Hill, Ky. (Somerset)
46*	Cade Degraw	LS	5-11	221	Sr-2L	Lake Cormorant, Miss. (Lake Cormorant)
46*	Braxton Eiserman	ILB	6-1	230	Sr-Sq	Jackson, Ky. (Breathitt County)
47	Justice Dingle II	FB	6-3	265	Sr-Sq	Bowling Green, Ky. (Georgia Tech/Bowling Green)
48*	Cody Goatley	ILB	6-2	213	Jr-Sq	Mayfield, Ky. (Graves County)
48*	Jack Varga	FB	5-11	218	Sr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
49	Jai Williams	OLB	6-5	195	So-Sq	Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)
50	Darrion Henry-Young	DL	6-4	255	So-Tr	Cincinnati, Ohio (Ohio State/Princeton HS)
52	Justin Rogers	NG	6-3	330	Jr-2L	Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
53	R.J. Adams	OL	6-3	321	So-Sq	Woodbridge, Va. (Woodbridge Senior)
54*	D'Eryk Jackson	ILB	6-1	243	Jr-2L	Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)
54*	Jordan Morrow	LS	6-1	227	Sr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
55	Clay Perry	LS	6-0	189	Jr-1L	Upton, Ky. (Central Hardin)
56*	Deondre Buford	OL	6-3	303	So-Sq	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl-Exp.	Hometown (Previous College/High School)
57	Jonathan Berry	OL	6-5	284	So-Sq	Stamping Ground, Ky. (Scott County)
58	Lucas Padgett	OL	6-4	295	So-Sq	Birmingham, Ala. (La Cueva)
59	Conner Long	OLB	6-3	208	So-Sq	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
60	Quintin Wilson	OL	6-1	300	Sr-3L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)
62	Jager Burton	OL	6-4	300	Fr-RS	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
63	Alex Bascom	DL	6-5	268	Sr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
64	Richard Bascom	DL	6-5	275	Sr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
65	Grant Bingham	OL	6-5	321	Fr-HS	Johnson County, Ky. (Johnson Central)
67	Paul Rodriguez	OL	6-5	326	Fr-RS	Mason, Ohio (William Mason)
68	Kenneth Horsey	OL	6-3	296	Sr-3L	Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)
71	John Young	OL	6-6	315	So-1L	Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy)
72	Josh Jones	OL	6-6	314	So-Sq	Columbus, Ga. (Central (Phenix City, Ala.) HS)
74	David Wohlabough Jr.	OL	6-6	295	Fr-RS	Stow, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)
75	Eli Cox	OL	6-4	305	Jr-2L	Nicholasville, Ky. (West Jessamine)
77	Jeremy Flax	OL	6-6	330	Jr-Sq	Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC/Robichaud)
78	Kiyaunta Goodwin	OL	6-8	355	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Charleston (Ind.) HS)
79	Tashawn Manning	OL	6-4	344	%Sr-Tr	Apopka, Fla. (Auburn/WEKiva)
80	Brenden Bates	TE	6-5	263	Sr-3L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
81	Cole Lanter	WR	5-11	172	Fr-HS	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)
82	Tae Tae Crumes	WR	6-1	190	Jr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (Butler)
83	Jack Monday	TE	6-1	227	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
84	Izayah Cummings	TE	6-3	230	Jr-2L	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
85	Jordan Dingle	TE	6-4	230	Fr-RS	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
86	DeMarcus Harris	WR	6-1	181	Jr-2L	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
88	Keaton Upshaw	TE	6-6	246	Sr-2L	Lima, Ohio (Lima Senior)
89	Chris Lewis	WR	6-4	198	Fr-RS	Pleasant Grove, Ala. (Pleasant Grove)
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	DL	6-4	277	So-1L	Dickson, Tenn. (Dickson County)
91	Sam Anaele	DL	6-4	290	So-Sq	Lagos, Nigeria (McDougle Technical Institute – Fla.)
92	Kahlil Saunders	DL	6-5	287	Fr-RS	Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)
93	Wilson Berry	P	6-4	207	Fr-RS	Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)
94	Colin Goodfellow	P	6-2	225	%Sr-2L	Cleveland, Ohio (Saint Ignatius)
95	Jamarius Dinkins	DL	6-5	296	Fr-RS	Columbus, Ohio (Walnut Ridge)
96	Matt Ruffolo	K	5-11	210	%Sr-3L	Centerville, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)
97	Graham Wald	K	6-0	167	Jr-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
98	Isaiah Beasley	DL	5-11	273	Jr-Sq	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
99	Josaih Hayes	NG	6-3	313	Jr-2L	Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)
94*	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	DT	6-6	303	Sr-2L	Lakeland, Fla. (Victory Christian Academy)
96*	Matt Ruffolo	K	5-11	210	%Sr-2L	Centerville, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)
96*	Isaiah Gibson	DE	6-3	319	So-1L	Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
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NOTES: * denotes duplicate numbers ... Class is eligibility for 2022 season ... #L = number of letters earned ... Tr = transfer from a four-year school ... JC = junior college ... Sq = squad member who has not earned a varsity letter ... RS = redshirt ... HS = high school ... % - Super Seniors returning for an extra year of eligibility in 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Sam Anaele (ah-NEL-lee)

Tyrell Ajian (A-jun)

Jager (Jagger) Burton

Dekel (da-KEL) Crowdus (CROWD-us)

Jamarius (jah-MAR-ee-us) Dinkins

Taj (same as "Taj Mahal") Dodson

Tomiwa (TOE-mee-wah) Durojaiye (durr-oh-JI-yay)

Jalen Geiger (GI-ger)

Kiyaunta (key-ON-tay) Goodwin

Austin Gough (goff)

Josaih (joe-SIGH-uh) Hayes

D'Eryk (dee-ERIC) Jackson

Will Levis (LEV-iss)

Tashawn (TAY-shawn) Manning

JuTahn (juh-TAWN) McClain

Tayvion (TAY-vee-on) Robinson

Kaiya (KI-yah) Sheron (Sharon)

David Wohlabough (WUL-uh-bah)



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54	D'Eryk Jackson	ILB	6-1	243	Jr-2L	Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)
10	Jacquez Jones	ILB	6-0	230	%Sr-1L	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Ole Miss/Hillcrest)
72	Josh Jones	OL	6-6	314	So-Sq	Columbus, Ga. (Central (Phenix City, Ala.) HS)
6	Dane Key	WR	6-3	190	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
81	Cole Lanter	WR	5-11	172	Fr-HS	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)
37	Luke Leeper	WR	5-11	190	Jr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy of Louisville)
7	Will Levis	QB	6-3	228	Sr-1L	Madison, Conn. (Penn State/Xavier HS)
89	Chris Lewis	WR	6-4	198	Fr-RS	Pleasant Grove, Ala. (Pleasant Grove)
19	Rahsaan Lewis	WR	5-11	190	Sr-1L	Orlando, Fla. (Florida Atlantic/Central Florida/Windermere Prep)
59	Conner Long	OLB	6-3	208	So-Sq	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
25	Jordan Lovett	DB	6-2	198	Fr-RS	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
10	Chauncey Magwood	WR	6-0	193	So-1L	Albany, Ga. (Lee County)
79	Tashawn Manning	OL	6-4	344	Sr-Tr	Apopka, Fla. (Auburn/Wekiva)
17	JuTahn McClain	RB	5-9	198	Jr-2L	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
83	Jack Monday	TE	6-1	227	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
54	Jordan Morrow	LS	6-1	227	Sr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
38	William Nalty	ILB	6-0	223	%Sr-2L	Metairie, La. (Metairie Park Country Day)
22	Chris Oats	ILB	6-3	232	Sr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)
8	Octavious Oxendine	DL	6-1	285	Jr-2L	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl-Exp.	Hometown (Previous College/High School)
58	Lucas Padgett	OL	6-4	295	So-Sq	Birmingham, Ala. (La Cueva)
55	Clay Perry	LS	6-0	189	Jr-1L	Upton, Ky. (Central Hardin)
37	Andru Phillips	DB	6-0	183	So-1L	Mauldin, S.C. (Mauldin)
12	Chance Poore	K	6-2	221	Sr-3L	Anderson, S.C. (Westside)
24	Elijah Reed	DB	6-3	185	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Pleasure Ridge Park)
9	Tayvion Robinson	WR	5-11	190	Sr-Tr	Virginia Beach, Va. (Virginia Tech/Cox)
24	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	RB	5-11	227	Sr-3L	McDonough, Ga. (Ola)
67	Paul Rodriguez	OL	6-5	326	Fr-RS	Mason, Ohio (William Mason)
52	Justin Rogers	NG	6-3	330	Jr-2L	Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
96	Matt Ruffolo	K	5-11	210	%Sr-3L	Centerville, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	DL	6-4	277	So-1L	Dickson, Tenn. (Dickson County)
13	Earnest Sanders IV	WR	6-1	230	So-Sq	Beecher, Mich. (Beecher)
92	Kahlil Saunders	DL	6-5	287	Fr-RS	Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)
29	Jackson Schulz	DB	6-2	191	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
12	Kaiya Sheron	QB	6-3	202	Fr-RS	Somerset, Ky. (Somerset HS)
0	Kavosiey Smoke	RB	5-9	204	Sr-3L	Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka)
5	DeAndre Square	ILB	6-1	221	%Sr-4L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
21	Andre Stewart	DB	5-11	174	Fr-HS	Atlanta, Ga. (North Cobb)
18	Clevan Thomas Jr.	WR	5-11	197	%Sr-2L	Miami, Fla. (Charles W. Flanagan)
44	Martez Thrower	ILB	6-2	217	So-1L	Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)
7	Vito Tisdale	DB	6-1	185	Jr-2L	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
88	Keaton Upshaw	TE	6-6	246	Sr-2L	Lima, Ohio (Lima Senior)
14	Carrington Valentine	DB	6-0	193	Jr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Moeller)
48	Jack Varga	FB	5-11	218	Sr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
97	Graham Wald	K	6-0	167	Jr-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
32	Trevin Wallace	ILB	6-2	224	So-1L	Jesup, Ga. (Wayne County)
13	J.J. Weaver	OLB	6-5	238	Jr-2L	Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)
39	Dillon Wheatley	FB	6-1	216	Sr-Sq	Richmond, Ky. (Pikeville/Lexington Christian)
49	Jai Williams	OLB	6-5	195	So-Sq	Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)
27	Joel Williams	DB	6-1	205	Jr-2L	Baton Rouge, La. (Madison Prep Academy)
60	Quintin Wilson	OL	6-1	300	Sr-3L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)
74	David Wohlabaugh Jr.	OL	6-6	295	Fr-RS	Stow, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)
15	Jordan Wright	OLB	6-5	234	%Sr-4L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
29	La'Ve'll Wright	RB	6-0	203	Fr-RS	Louisville, Ky. (North Hardin)
71	John Young	OL	6-6	315	So-1L	Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy)
39	Dillon Wheatley	FB	6-1	201	Sr-Sq	Richmond, Ky. (Pikeville/Lexington Christian)
36	Jai Williams	TE	6-5	195	Fr-HS	Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)
27	Joel Williams	DB	6-1	213	So-1L	Baton Rouge, La. (Madison Prep Academy)
60	Quintin Wilson	C	6-1	309	Jr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)
74	David Wohlabaugh Jr.	OL	6-6	283	Fr-HS	Stow, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)
15	Jordan Wright	LB	6-5	225	Jr-2L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
29	La'Ve'll Wright	RB	5-11	195	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (North Hardin)
71	John Young	OL	6-6	296	Fr-RS	Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy)

NOTES: Class is eligibility for 2022 season ... #L = number of letters earned ... Tr = transfer from a four-year school ...

JC = junior college ... Sq = squad member who has not earned a varsity letter ... RS = redshirt ... HS = high school ... % - Super Seniors returning for an extra year of eligibility in 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Sam Anaele (ah-NEL-lee)

Tyrell Ajian (A-jun)

Jager (Jagger) Burton

Dekel (da-KEL) Crowdus (CROWD-us)

Jamarius (jah-MAR-ee-us) Dinkins

Taj (same as "Taj Mahal") Dodson

Tomiwa (TOE-mee-wah) Durojaiye (durr-oh-JI-yay)

Jalen Geiger (GI-ger)

Kiyaunta (key-ON-tay) Goodwin

Austin Gough (goff)

Josaih (joe-SIGH-uh) Hayes

D'Eryk (dee-ERIC) Jackson

Will Levis (LEV-iss)

Tashawn (TAY-shawn) Manning

JuTahn (juh-TAWN) McClain

Tayvion (TAY-vee-on) Robinson

Kaiya (KI-yah) Sheron (Sharon)

David Wohlabaugh (WUL-uh-bah)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYERS BY POSITION**(Note: this is not a depth chart, it is an alphabetical list of players by position; 2021 starters in **bold**)**QUARTERBACKS**

RETURNING (3)	NOTES
Beau Allen, 6-2, 215, Jr-1L	Played in three games in '21
Will Levis, 6-3, 228, Sr-1L	Started in all 13 games; Completed 233 of 353 passes with 24 TDs; 66.0%
Kaiya Sheron, 6-3, 202, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21

SPRING ADDITIONS (1)

Deuce Hogan, 6-4, 208, So-Tr	Transfer from Iowa
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LETTERMEN LOST (0)**RUNNING BACKS**

RETURNING (5)	NOTES
Mike Drennen II, 5-11, 206, Jr-1L	Played in 6 games; 7 carries for 17 yards and 1 TD in '21
JuTahn McClain, 5-9, 198, Jr-2L	Played in 9 games; 34 carries for 165 yards
Chris Rodriguez Jr., 5-11, 227, Sr-3L	225 carries for a team-high 1,379 yards and 9 scores in '21; Averaged 6.1 ypc; First-Team All-SEC
Kavosiey Smoke, 5-9, 204, Sr-3L	416 yards on 81 carries with 4 TDs
La'Ve'll Wright, 6-0, 203, Fr-RS	Played in four games in '21; Totaled nine carries for 118 yards and one TD

SPRING ADDITIONS (0)**LETTERMEN LOST (0)****FULLBACKS**

RETURNING (3)	NOTES
Dillon Wheatley, 6-1, 216, Sr-Sq	
Jack Varga, 5-11, 218, Sr-Sq	
Justice Dingle, 6-3, 265, Sr-Sq	Played one season at OLB before moving to FB this spring; Transferred from Georgia Tech in spring of '21

SPRING ADDITIONS (0)**LETTERMEN LOST (0)****WIDE RECEIVERS**

RETURNING (10)	NOTES
Dekel Crowdus, 5-10, 171, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
Tae Tae Crumes, 6-1, 190, Jr-Sq	Played in 4 games; 1 catch for 10 yds
Trey Dennis, 5-8, 150, So-Sq	
DeMarcus Harris, 6-1, 181, Jr-2L	12 receptions for 150 yards and a TD
Luke Leeper, 5-11, 190, Jr-Sq	
Chris Lewis, 6-4, 198, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 4 games
Rahsaan Lewis, 5-11, 190, Sr-1L	Played in 6 games due to injury
Chauncey Magwood, 6-0, 193, So-1L	Played in all 13 games
Earnest Sanders IV, 6-1, 230, So-Sq	
Clevan Thomas Jr., 5-11, 197, %Sr-2L	Super Senior; Missed '21 with a torn ACL

SPRING ADDITIONS (3)

Dane Key, 6-3, 190, Fr-HS	Kentucky Class 5A Player of the Year
Cole Lanter, 5-11, 172, Fr-HS	School-record 78 catches at Boyle Co.
Tayvion Robinson, 5-11, 190, Sr-Tr	Transfer from Virginia Tech; 113 career catches for 1,555 yds; 9 TDs

LETTERMEN LOST (3)

Josh Ali, 6-0, 190, Sr-5L	2nd on the team in '21 with 41 catches for 601 yards and 3 TDs
Isaiah Epps, 6-2, 188, Sr-4L	11 catches for 171 yards and 1 TD
Wan'Dale Robinson, 5-10, 183, Jr-1L	Led UK with 104 catches for 1,334 yards and 7 TDs; single-season UK record holder for catches and yards

TIGHT ENDS

RETURNING (4)	NOTES
Brenden Bates, 6-5, 263, Sr-3L	6 starts in '21; 11 catches for 70 yds
Izayah Cummings, 6-3, 230, Jr-2L	Moved to TE in the fall of '21; 14 catches for 195 yards and 3 TDs
Jordan Dingle, 6-4, 230, Fr-HS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 4 games; 2 catches for 54 yards
Keaton Upshaw, 6-6, 246, Sr-2L	Sat out '21 with injury; Played in all 11 games in '20

SPRING ADDITIONS (1)

Jack Monday, 6-1, 227, Fr-HS	36 catches for 439 yards and 8 TDs at Lexington Catholic as a senior
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LETTERMEN LOST (1)

Justin Rigg, 6-6, 261, Sr-5L	Started in all 13 games in '21; 20 catches for 189 yards and 4 TDs
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OFFENSIVE LINE

RETURNING (13)	NOTES
R.J. Adams, 6-3, 321, So-Sq	
Jonathan Berry, 6-5, 284, So-Sq	
Deondre Buford, 6-3, 303, So-Sq	Played in 2 games in '21
Jager Burton, 6-4, 300, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 3 games
Eli Cox, 6-4, 305, Jr-2L	Started in first 9 games at RG in '21 before a season-ending injury
Jeremy Flax, 6-6, 330, Jr-Sq	Played in 11 games in '21
Kenneth Horsey, 6-3, 296, Sr-3L	Started in all 13 games at left guard
Josh Jones, 6-6, 314, So-Sq	
Lucas Padgett, 6-4, 295, So-Sq	
Paul Rodriguez, 6-5, 326, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
David Wohlabauha Jr., 6-6, 295, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
Quintin Wilson, 6-1, 300, Sr-2L	Played in 10 games in '21
John Young, 6-6, 315, So-1L	Played in all 13 games on special teams

SPRING ADDITIONS (3)

Grant Bingham, 6-5, 321, Fr-HS	4-star recruit; '21 District 4A District 8 Player of the Year; Also an excellent tennis player
Kiyaunta Goodwin, 6-8, 355, Fr-HS	5-star recruit; No. 2 OT in the nation
Tashawn Manning, 6-4, 344, %Sr-TR	Transferred after 5 seasons at Auburn; Played in 30 career games with 14 starts

LETTERMEN LOST (4)

Austin Dotson, 6-6, 321, Sr-4L	Played in all 13 games with four starts
Luke Fortner, 6-6, 297, Sr-5L	First-team All-SEC at center
Darian Kinnard, 6-5, 338, Sr-4L	First-team All-American at RT
Dare Rosenthal, 6-7, 327, Jr-1L	Starting left tackle

KICKERS

RETURNING (3)	NOTES
Chance Poore, 6-2, 221, Sr-3L	Handles kickoffs
Matt Ruffolo, 5-11, 210, %Sr-2L	Super Senior; Career totals include 26 of 32 FGs; 94 of 99 extra points; 172 career points; Hit UK single-season record of 54 extra points in '21
Graham Wald, 6-0, 167, Jr-Sq	

PUNTERS

RETURNING (1)	NOTES
Wilson Berry, 6-4, 207, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
Colin Goodfellow, 6-2, 225, %Sr-1L	Super Senior; UK's 2nd-highest season punting average in '21 (45.9)

SPRING ADDITIONS (0)**LETTERMEN LOST (0)**



DEFENSIVE PLAYERS BY POSITION

(Note: this is not a depth chart, it is an alphabetical list of players by position; 2021 starters in **bold**)

DEFENSIVE LINE

RETURNING (10)	NOTES
Sam Anaele, 6-4, 290, So-Sq	Played in 3 games in '21
Alex Bascom, 6-5, 268, Sr-Sq	
Richard Bascom, 6-5, 275, Sr-Sq	
Isaiah Beasley, 5-11, 273, Jr-Sq	
Jamarius Dinkins, 6-5, 296, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 3 games
Josaih Hayes, 6-3, 313, Jr-2L	Played in all 13 games with 1 start
Octavious Oxendine, 6-1, 285, Jr-2L	Played in 6 games with 3 starts before a season-ending injury; 12 tackles; 3.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks
Justin Rogers, 6-3, 330, Jr-2L	Played in all 13 games with four starts at NG in '21; 16 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks
Tre'vonn Rybka, 6-4, 277, So-1L	Played in 12 games with 1 start; 15 tackles, 0.5 TFL
Kahlil Saunders, 6-5, 287, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 4 games

SPRING ADDITIONS (2)

Tomiwa Durojaiye, 6-4, 250-Fr-HS	2021 Delaware 3A Defensive POY
Darrion Henry-Young, 6-4, 255, So-Tr	Played two seasons at Ohio State

LETTERMEN LOST (3)

Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, 6-6, 303, Sr-3L	Played in 12 games with 9 starts in '21; 12 tackles, 2.5 TFL
Marquan McCall, 6-3, 357, Sr-4L	Played in 9 games with 8 starts; 9 tackles, 3.5 TFL
Josh Paschal, 6-3, 275, Sr-4L	2nd Team All-American; 1st Team All-SEC; Started in 12 games; 29 tackles, 15.5 TFL, 5.5 sacks, 8 QBH

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

RETURNING (5)	NOTES
Jase Bruner, 6-2, 237, Jr-Sq	
Connor Long, 6-3, 208, So-Sq	
J.J. Weaver, 6-5, 238, Jr-2L	Played in 12 games with 6 starts; 34 tackles, 10.0 TFL, team-high 6.0 sacks, 4 QBH, 2 INT, 1 FF, 1 PBU
Jai Williams, 6-5, 195, So-Sq	Moved to OLB from TE this spring
Jordan Wright, 6-5, 234, %Sr-4L	Played in 9 games with 7 starts; 30 tackles, 4 TFL, 6 pass breakups

SPRING ADDITIONS (0)

LETTERMEN LOST (1)

K.D. McDaniel, 6-2, 225, So-2L	Played in 10 games in '21; 13 tackles
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INSIDE LINEBACKERS

RETURNING (10)	NOTES
Braxton Eiserman, 6-1, 230, Sr-Sq	
Luke Fulton, 6-4, 217, Jr-Sq	Played in 10 games on special teams
Cody Goatley, 6-2, 213, Jr-Sq	
Austin Gough, 6-0, 218, So-Sq	
D'Eryk Jackson, 6-1, 243, Jr-2L	Returned to play in the final 4 games in '21 after recovering from a torn Achilles tendon suffered last spring; Totaled 18 tackles, 1 QBH and 1 INT
Jacquez Jones, 6-0, 230, %Sr-1L	Super Senior: Played in 12 games; Led UK in tackles with 86; 4 PBU, 3.5 TFL, 3 QBH, 1 INT, FF and FR
William Nalty, 6-0, 222, %Sr-1L	Super Senior; Played in all 13 games

DeAndre Square, 6-1, 221, %Sr-4L

mostly on special teams
Started in 13 games in '21;
Third on the team in total tackles (80), tackles for loss (9.5) and sacks (3.0)

Martez Thrower, 6-2, 217, So-1L

Played in 8 games and totaled 6 tackles and a QBH

Trevin Wallace, 6-2, 224, So-1L

All-SEC Freshman Team; Played in 12 games and had 32 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 1 FF, PBU and QBH

SPRING ADDITIONS (0)

LETTERMEN LOST (2)

Marquez Bembry, 6-3, 228, Sr-2L	Played in 12 games; 9 tackles, 1.0 TFL, 1 QBH
Jared Casey, 6-3, 217, So-2L	Played in 13 games; 9 tackles

DEFENSIVE BACKS

RETURNING (11)	NOTES
Tyrell Ajian, 6-0, 190, %Sr-4L	Started in 11 games at safety; Totaled 46 tackles, 4 PBU and 1 INT
Taj Dodson, 6-1, 204, Jr-1L	Played in 11 games at safety; 6 tackles and a PBU
Jalen Geiger, 6-1, 200, Jr-2L	Played in 13 games with 2 starts in '21; 18 tackles, 1 TFL, QBH, PBU and an INT for a TD
Adrian Huey, 6-0, 172, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
Rickey Hyatt, Jr., 6-2, 198, So-Sq	Saw action in 2 games
Maxwell Hairston, 6-1, 175, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
Jordan Lovett, 6-2, 198, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 1 game
Andru Phillips, 6-0, 182, So-1L	Played in 9 games; 3 tackles
Vito Tisdale, 6-1, 185, Jr-2L	Played in 9 games with 2 starts; 21 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 PBU and a QBH
Carrington Valentine, 6-0, 193, Jr-2L	Started in 12 games; 61 tackles, 5 PBU, 1.5 TFL, 1.0 sacks and 1 QBH
Joel Williams, 6-1, 205, Jr-2L	Played in 7 games; 2 tackles

SPRING ADDITIONS (3)

Elijah Reed, 6-3, 185, Fr-HS	Moved to DB from WR for his "Super Senior" year in HS
Jackson Shulz, 6-2, 191, Fr-HS	Four-year lettermen at Trinity in Louisville
Andre Stewart, 5-11, 174, Fr-HS	Had 25 tackles, 9 PBU, 3 FF, 1 INT as a senior at North Cobb

LETTERMEN LOST (5)

Yusuf Corker, 6-0, 204, Sr-4L	Three-year starter at free safety; Team's second-leading tackler in '20 and '21; 240 career tackles
Cedrick Dort Jr., 5-11, 188, Sr-4L	Started in 12 of 13 games played; 19 tackles
Zach Johnson, 5-10, 195, Sr-5L	Played in 57 career games with 18 tackles
Quandre Mosley, 6-2, 192, Sr-3L	Played in 36 career games with four starts; 69 tackles, 10 PBU and 3 INTs
Davonte Robinson, 6-2, 210, Sr-4L	Played in 50 career games with 19 starts; 133 career tackles along with 5 PBU, 2 FR, 1 FF

LONG SNAPPERS

RETURNING (3)	NOTES
Cade DeGraw, 5-11, 222, Sr-2L	
Jordan Morrow, 6-1, 227, Sr-Sq	
Clay Perry, 6-0, 189, Jr-Sq	



POSITIONAL BREAKDOWN

RETURNING LETTERMEN (41)

OFFENSE (17)

QUARTERBACKS (2)

Beau Allen*
(lettered in 2020)
Will Levis

RUNNING BACKS (3)

JuTahn McClain
Christopher Rodriguez
Kavosiy Smoke

WIDE RECEIVERS (6)

Izayah Cummings
Mike Drennen II
DeMarcus Harris
Rahsaan Lewis
Chauncey Magwood
Clevan Thomas Jr.*
(lettered in 2018 and 2019)

TIGHT ENDS (2)

Brenden Bates
Keaton Upshaw*
(lettered in 2019 and 2020)

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (4)

Eli Cox
Kenneth Horsey
Quintin Wilson
John Young

DEFENSE (19)

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN (4)

Josaih Hayes
Octavious Oxendine
Justin Rogers
Tre'vonn Rybka

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS (2)

J.J. Weaver
Jordan Wright

Kentucky returns nine "Super Seniors" (seniors who took advantage of the extra year of eligibility due to COVID-19). They are: Tyrell Ajian, Colin Goodfellow, Jacquez Jones, Tashawn Manning, William Nalty, Matt Ruffolo, DeAndre Square (pictured right), Clevan Thomas Jr., and Jordan Wright.

INSIDE LINEBACKERS (6)

D'Eryk Jackson
Jacquez Jones
William Nalty
DeAndre Square
Martez Thrower
Trevin Wallace

DEFENSIVE BACKS (7)

Tyrell Ajian
Taj Dodson
Jalen Geiger
Andru Phillips
Vito Tisdale
Carrington Valentine
Joel Williams

SPECIAL TEAMS (5)

SPECIALISTS (5)

Colin Goodfellow (P)
Matt Ruffolo (PK)
Chance Poore (K)
Cade DeGraw (LS)
Clay Perry (LS)

LOST LETTERMEN (20)

OFFENSE (8)

Josh Ali (WR)
Isaiah Epps (WR)
Justin Rigg (TE)
Wan'Dale Robinson (WR)
Dare Rosenthal (OT)
Austin Dotson (OG)
Luke Fortner (C)
Darian Kinnard (OT)

DEFENSE (12)

Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald (DE)
Marquez Bembry (OLB)
Zach Berezowitz (DB)
Jared Casey (ILB)
Yusuf Corker (S)
Cedrick Dort Jr. (DB)
Zach Johnson (S)
Marquan McCall (NG)
K.D. McDaniel (OLB)
Quandre Mosley (DB)
Josh Paschal (DE)
Davonte Robinson (S)

SPECIALISTS (0)

RETURNING STARTERS (11)

OFFENSE (5)

Brenden Bates (TE)
Eli Cox (RG)
Kenneth Horsey (LG)
Will Levis (QB)
Chris Rodriguez Jr. (RB)

DEFENSE (6)

Tyrell Ajian (S)
Jacquez Jones (ILB)
DeAndre Square (ILB)
Carrington Valentine (DB)
J.J. Weaver (OLB)
Jordan Wright (OLB)

LOST STARTERS (13)

OFFENSE (7)

Josh Ali (WR)
Isaiah Epps (WR)
Luke Fortner (C)
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Justin Rigg (TE)
Wan'Dale Robinson (WR)
Dare Rosenthal (OT)

DEFENSE (6)

Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald (DE)
Yusuf Corker (S)
Cedrick Dort Jr. (DB)
Marquan McCall (NG)
Josh Paschal (DE)
Davonte Robinson (S)

SPECIALISTS (0)





2022 SPRING NOTES

- Coming off a sixth consecutive bowl trip, school-record fourth straight bowl victory and returning many of the star players from a historic 10-win team plus the addition of an elite signing-day class, Kentucky is primed and ready for what's to come in 2022.
- Entering his school-record 10th season, head coach Mark Stoops will lead the Wildcats in 15 practices, beginning March 8 and ending April 14.
- The 2022 spring roster features 96 players, 83 returning and 13 newcomers.
- A total of 41 letterwinners return in 2022, including 11 starters (five defense and six offense).
- The roster includes nine "super seniors" (seniors who took advantage of the NCAA's blanket eligibility waiver for all 2020 fall student-athletes due to COVID-19). They are: Tyrell Ajian, Colin Goodfellow, Jacquez Jones, Tashawn Manning, William Nalty, Matt Ruffolo, DeAndre Square, Clevan Thomas Jr. and Jordan Wright.
- Thirteen players will see their first action in a Kentucky uniform after enrolling in early January. They are:
OL Grant Bingham
OL Kiyanta Goodwin
DL Tomiwa Durojaiye
WR Cole Lanter
WR Dane Key
DB Elijah Reed
DB Jackson Schulz
DB Andre Stewart
TE Jack Monday
QB Deuce Hogan
DL Darrion Henry-Young
OL Tashawn Manning
- The Kentucky football team finished the 2021 season with a 10-3 record and a win over Iowa in the Citrus Bowl. The Cats won 10 games for just the fourth time in school history, but the second time in four years.

WINNING STREAK

- The Wildcats enter 2022 on a four-game winning streak. UK also owns a 16-non-conference-game winning streak, dating back to the 2017 Music City Bowl loss to Northwestern. It is the longest such active streak in FBS.

EIGHT HOME GAMES HIGHLIGHT 2022 SCHEDULE

- Kentucky football is slated to play eight home games this fall. The schedule includes SEC matchups against South Carolina (Oct. 8), Mississippi State (Oct. 15), Vanderbilt (Nov. 12) and defending national champion Georgia (Nov. 19). UK will also host nonconference foes Miami University (Sept. 3), Youngstown State (Sept. 17), Northern Illinois (Sept. 24) and Louisville (Nov. 26).
- Kentucky fans sold out Kroger Field multiple times in 2021, playing an important role in some of the most memorable wins in program history, and energizing the Wildcats to another 10-win season.
- Kentucky is 30-13 at Kroger Field over the last six seasons.
- Mark Stoops has won 41 home games, more than any coach in school history.

COACHING CHANGES

- Rich Scangarello was named Kentucky's new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach on Feb. 25. Scangarello coached seven years in the NFL and 15 in the collegiate ranks. He arrived in Kentucky fresh off a run to the NFC Championship game with the San Francisco 49ers. He replaced Liam Coen who left to be the offensive coordinator for the Los Angeles Rams.
- Zach Yenser was named UK's new offensive line coach on Feb. 22. He came to UK after three seasons with the 49ers. Prior to that, he spent three seasons at Kansas (2015-17) as the run game coordinator/offensive line coach and had coaching stints at Southern Methodist (2018), California (2013-14), Louisiana Tech (2010-12), Colquitt County High School (2009) and Henderson State (2008). He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater Troy University in 2007, working with special teams and the offensive lineman under former Wildcat and beloved UK assistant coach John Schlarman. He replaced Eric Wolford who left to become the offensive line coach at Alabama.
- Mike Stoops was hired on Jan. 18, 2022 as Kentucky's new inside linebackers coach. He came to UK after spending the 2021 season as the defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Florida Atlantic. Prior to that he spent two seasons (2019 and 2020) at Alabama as an analyst on Nick Saban's staff, highlighted by the 2020 national championship. He also was the



assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Oklahoma from 2012-18 and was the head coach at Arizona from 2004-11. He had a first term at Oklahoma from 1999-2003, including the 2000 national championship season. He replaced Jon Sumrall who left to become the head coach at Troy.

FIVE CATS TO GRADUATE IN MAY

- Kentucky has six players who will earn undergraduate or master's degrees in May:
Tyrell Ajian
Eli Cox
William Nalty
Chris Rodriguez
Matthew Ruffolo (MBA)
Quintin Wilson (MB)
- UK currently boasts nine players on its 2022 roster who have already earned an undergraduate degree. They are:
Kenneth Horsey
Will Levis (Penn State)
Tashawn Manning (Auburn)
Will Nalty
Colin Goodfellow
Matt Ruffolo
Clevan Thomas Jr.
Quintin Wilson
Jordan Wright

SEVEN CATS INVITED TO NFL COMBINE

- Seven Wildcats participated in the 2022 NFL Scouting Combine March 3-6 in Indianapolis. They were safety Yusuf Corker, center Luke Fortner, offensive tackle Darian Kinnard, nose



guard Marquan McCall, defensive end Joshua Paschal, wide receiver Wan'Dale Robinson and offensive tackle Dare Rosenthal.

- UK's seven representatives tied for the second-most in school history. UK also had seven invites in 2021, following the 2020 season. A school-record eight Wildcats were invited in 2019, following the 2018 season. Kentucky ranked 11th nationally this year for most players invited, and among SEC schools, UK ranked sixth behind Georgia (14) and Alabama (11), LSU and Texas A&M (9), Ole Miss (8).
- The Wildcats are looking to have multiple players drafted for the fourth straight year. In 2021, six Wildcats were drafted in Jamin Davis, Kelvin Joseph, Quinton Bohanna, Brandin Echols, Landon Young and Phil Hoskins. It marked the second time in three years the Wildcats had more than five players drafted and the most Wildcats chosen in the draft since 1994. In 2020, Lynn Bowden Jr. and Logan Stenberg were drafted and in 2019, UK had five NFL draft picks in Josh Allen, Lonnie Johnson Jr., Mike Edwards, Benny Snell Jr. and George Asafo-Adjei.
- The 2022 NFL Draft is set for April 28-30 in Las Vegas.

OFFENSIVE PREVIEW

- The Wildcats' exciting pro-style offense has a new coordinator in Rich Scangarello, who joined the Wildcats from the San Francisco 49ers and whose background in the Mike and Kyle Shanahan/Sean McVay/Liam Coen coaching tree will allow Kentucky to keep running a similar system that set records on the field last year.
- UK football returns two of the most productive offensive players in the country in quarterback Will Levis and running back Chris Rodriguez Jr. Additionally, the elite "Big Blue Wall" offensive line figures to continue to maintain physicality at the line of scrimmage that has defined the "blue collar" identity head coach Mark Stoops has built the recent success of Kentucky football upon.
- Five offensive starters return in 2022 in Levis, Rodriguez Jr., tight end Brenden Bates and offensive linemen Eli Cox and Kenneth Horsey.
- Other key returning offensive players with starting experience are tight ends Keaton Upshaw (sat out last season with injury) and Izayah Cummings and wide receivers DeMarcus Harris and Clevan Thomas Jr. (sat out last season with injury).
- UK averaged 218.6 passing yards and 199.5 rushing yards per game. The impressive balance hasn't been smoke and mirrors either, as the unit averaged 6.41 yards per play (5,527 in 862 plays) for the season. The number is the second-highest yards per play average for a single-season in school history behind the 6.45 in 1998 with Tim Couch at the helm of Hal Mumme's "Air Raid."
- UK's offense steadily improved throughout the season before exploding in the month of November, averaging 560.8 total yards per game in those four contests. The total was the highest of any Power Five team and second nationally only to Kent State (564.0) for that time period.
- The offense had the highest 4+ yard rushing percentage of any team in nation, a hat tip to the offensive line (source: SportSource Analytics). The Wildcats ranked fourth in the SEC in rushing yards per attempt with a 5.23 average.
- The 32.3 points per game in '21 ranked fourth in school single-season history.

QUARTERBACKS

RETURNING (3)	NOTES
Beau Allen, 6-2, 215, Jr-1L	Played in three games in '21
Will Levis, 6-3, 228, Sr-1L	Started in all 13 games; Completed 233 of 353 passes with 24 TDs; 66.0%
Kaiya Sheron, 6-3, 202, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
SPRING ADDITIONS (1)	
Deuce Hogan, 6-4, 208, So-Tr	Transfer from Iowa
LETTERMEN LOST (0)	

- During Stoops' tenure, the Wildcats have had nine different starting quarterbacks win a game in Jalen Whitlow, Maxwell Smith, Patrick Towles, Drew Barker, Stephen Johnson, Luke Wright, Lynn Bowden Jr., Terry Wilson and Will Levis.
- Scangarello, known as the "quarterback guru" by some, will have four quarterbacks to mold

2022 CAT SCRATCHES

SOPHOMORE • OG • R.J. ADAMS

- Dad, Reuben, played football at Howard and is a member of Howard's Athletics Hall of Fame

JUNIOR • QB • BEAU ALLEN

- Dad, Bill, also played QB at UK from 1984-88

SOPHOMORE • DE • SAM ANAELE

- Born in Lagos, Nigeria
- Moved to Miami in 2017, originally to play basketball at McDougle Technical Institute
- Has only been playing football for five years

SENIOR • TE • BRENDEN BATES

- Parents, Doug and Kelly, and brother, Doug, all played/play Division I sports
- Grandfather is former UK Basketball player Gene Neff

R-FRESHMAN • P • WILSON BERRY

- Played three years of Australian rules football for Essedon's team in the Victorian Football League
- While playing footy, held down a part-time job at Grill'd, a restaurant known for preparing healthy hamburgers ... Started as a waiter before being promoted into the kitchen as a cook and then as an assistant manager
- Currently 23 years old, birthday is in June
- UK's third straight Australian punter, following in the footsteps of Matt Panton (2017) and Max Duffy (2018-20)
- Older brother, Jordan, played football at Eastern Kentucky and is currently a punter for the Minnesota Vikings

FRESHMAN • OL • GRANT BINGHAM

- Excellent tennis player who, along with doubles partner Brayden Pickle, advanced to Johnson Central's first regional team tennis championship

R-FRESHMAN • OL • JAGER BURTON

- Dad, Jeff, played football at Morehead State

SOPHOMORE • WR • TREY DENNIS

- Dad, Harold, was a wide receiver at Kentucky from 1994-96

JUNIOR • ILB • LUKE FULTON

- Father, Jeff, played baseball at Pitt

FRESHMAN • OL • KIYAUNTA GOODWIN

- Can play five instruments

JUNIOR • WR • DEMARCUS HARRIS

- Father, Marc, played minor-league baseball for the Chicago White Sox from 1991-93; Served as DeMarcus' wide receivers coach in high school

SENIOR • OL • KENNETH HORSEY

- Had open-heart surgery in April of 2018
- Competed in martial arts for 14 years

FRESHMAN • WR • DANE KEY

- Father, Donte, was a UK linebacker/defensive end from 1992-95
- Brother, Devon, plays for the Kansas City Chiefs

FRESHMAN • WR • COLE LANTER

- Cousin, Tod Lanter, played basketball at Kentucky from 2012-15 and uncle Bo Lanter, played basketball at Kentucky from 1979-82

SENIOR • QB • WILL LEVIS

- Comes from a family of athletes as his great-grandfather, Alva Kelley, was an All-America football player at Cornell University and won a National Championship in 1939 ... Went on to be the head football coach at Colgate University, Hobart College and Brown University



RUNNING BACKS/FULLBACKS

RETURNING RUNNING BACKS (5)	NOTES
Mike Drennen II, 5-11, 206, Jr-1L	Played in 6 games; 7 carries for 17 yards and 1 TD in '21
JuTahn McClain, 5-9, 198, Jr-2L	Played in 9 games; 34 carries for 165 yards
Chris Rodriguez Jr., 5-11, 227, Sr-3L	225 carries for a team-high 1,379 yards and 9 scores in '21; Averaged 6.1 ypc; First-Team All-SEC
Kavosiey Smoke, 5-9, 204, Sr-3L	416 yards on 81 carries, averaging 5.1 per attempt, with 4 TDs
La'Vell Wright, 6-0, 203, Fr-RS	Played in four games in '21; Totaled nine carries for 118 yards and one TD
SPRING ADDITIONS (0)	
LETTERMEN LOST (0)	
RETURNING FULLBACKS (3)	
Dillon Wheatley, 6-1, 216, Sr-Sq	
Jack Varga, 5-11, 218, Sr-Sq	
Justice Dingle, 6-3, 265, Sr-Sq	Played one season at OLB before moving to FB this spring; Transferred from Georgia Tech in spring of '21
SPRING ADDITIONS (0)	
LETTERMEN LOST (0)	

this spring. **Levis** is the clear starter after earning the starting spot early in fall camp last season. He had a sensational junior year, completing 233 of 353 passes (66 percent) for 2,837 yards and 24 touchdowns. He ranked sixth in the SEC in passing yards per game (217.5) and seventh in total offense (246.4).

- Levis finds himself surrounded by a lot of new faces with only three returning starters joining him from last year's offense in running back Chris Rodriguez Jr., and offensive linemen Kenneth Horsey and Eli Cox. Tight end Brenden Bates also has some experience with seven starts, while tight end Izayah Cummings and wide receiver DeMarcus Harris started in one game each.
- Junior **Beau Allen** was the backup to Levis in 2021. He played in three games, completing 8 of 12 passes for 92 yards while also running for a three-yard TD vs. NMSU.
- Redshirt freshman Kaiya Sheron has a year under his belt learning the offense as a redshirt. Sophomore Deuce Hogan enters his first season at Kentucky after transferring from Iowa.
- Veteran running backs coach John Settle is entering his second season at UK after spending the last six seasons and 11 years total at Wisconsin.
- The SEC's top returning rusher is senior Chris Rodriguez Jr. Last season, he was named First-Team All-SEC by the Associated Press after totaling 1,379 rushing yards (fifth on UK's single-season list). He ranked second in the SEC and 12th nationally, averaging 106.1 yards per game. He was seventh in the SEC in all-purpose yards (110.8). His nine 100-yard rushing games in 2021 were a new single-season school record.
- Rodriguez Jr. currently ranks sixth on UK's all-time rushing list with 2,740 yards. He needs just 1,134 more yards to pass Benny Snell Jr. as UK's all-time leading rusher.
- Rodriguez has proven nearly impossible to bring down behind the line of scrimmage, having lost yardage on just 13 of his 417 career rushing attempts. In 2020, he lost yards on his first attempt of the season before starting a streak of 105 consecutive carries of positive yards.
- Rodriguez has scored a touchdown once every 16.0 rush attempts in his career (26 in 417 attempts). By comparison, UK all-time leading rusher and scorer Benny Snell Jr. hit paydirt once every 15.4 rush attempts.
- Also looking for more reps this spring is senior **Kavosiey Smoke**, junior **Mike Drennen**, junior **JuTahn McClain** and redshirt freshman **La'Vell Wright**.
- Smoke has played in 34 career games and has 1,306 career yards. He had 81 carries for 416 yards and four scores in 2021, averaging 5.1 per carry. He had a career-high 104 yards in the win over LSU.
- McClain has seen action in 20 career games. In 2021, he saw action in nine games and had 34 rushes for 165 yards (4.8 yards per carry) along with six receptions for 42 yards and a score.
- Drennen, who switched from wide receiver to running back during fall camp, saw action in six games in 2021, totaling 21 yards on seven carries.
- Wright played in four games as a true freshman but impressed in his limited playing time. He had four carries for 119 yards and one score, a 41-yard jaunt at Louisville.

2022 CAT SCRATCHES

- Father, Mike, was a tight end at Denison University
- Mother, Beth Kelley Levis, was two-time All-America soccer player at Yale and has been inducted into the Connecticut Girls' Soccer Association Hall of Fame
- Uncle, David Kelley, also was an Academic All-America football player at Yale

SENIOR • WR • RAHSAAN LEWIS

- Father, Ray, played 17 seasons in the NFL and was a 13-time Pro Bowler, 10-time All-Pro, two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year, a member of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team, two-time Super Bowl champion and Super Bowl XXXV MVP, as well as a two-time All-American at the University of Miami

SOPHOMORE • ILB • CONNER LONG

- Dad, Octavis, was a wide receiver at Michigan State from 1995-97
- Mother, Lynette, ran track for the Spartans

SENIOR • LS • JORDAN MORROW

- Dad, Jeff, played football at Kent State and is the current director of player personnel for the Carolina Panthers

SENIOR • ILB • WILL NALTY

- Dad, Donald, played football at Tulane from 1982-86

JUNIOR • DT • OCTAVIOUS OXENDINE

- Dad, Kirk, is a retired U.S. Army Sergeant First Class

SOPHOMORE • OL • LUCAS PADGETT

- Father, Scott, played basketball at Kentucky from 1995-99, helping the Wildcats advance to two Final Fours, including a national title in 1998 ... Went on to play eight years in the pros ... Mom, Cynthia, was a four-year letter winner on UK's volleyball team from 1994-97 ... Older brother, Logan, currently plays basketball at Shelton State Community College

JUNIOR • LS • CLAY PERRY

- Father, Matthew, played football at Western Kentucky; uncle, Mark Perry, played football at Northwestern; uncle, Todd Perry, is a former Wildcat who played from 1988-92 and went on to an 11-year career in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (eight years) and the Miami Dolphins (three years) as a guard

SOPHOMORE • DB • ANDRU PHILLIPS

- Father, Carlos, played linebacker at Kentucky under Jerry Claiborne; mom, LaTonya, was a standout athlete at Danville High School; brother, C.J., played football at Morehead State in 2015

R-FRESHMAN • OL • PAUL RODRIGUEZ

- Mother, Wendy, played softball and basketball at Davis & Elkins College from 1985-89

SOPHOMORE • WR • EARNEST SANDERS

- Father, Maolo, played football at Temple
- Brother, Rashad, played football at Georgia State and Louisville

FRESHMAN • DB • ANDRE STEWART

- Father, Earnest, was a strong safety at Michigan from 1993-95

JUNIOR • S • VITO TISDALE

- Son of "Big V" the co-founder and former member of the Southern rap quartet from Louisville, Kentucky, Nappy Roots





2022 CAT SCRATCHES

JUNIOR • DB • CARRINGTON VALENTINE

- Sister, Shala, played basketball at UMass Lowell and brother, Jerrick, played soccer at Bellermine
- Spent most of his football career as a WR before switching to DB as a junior in HS

SENIOR • FB • JACK VARGA

- Comes from a tennis family as dad, John, uncle Andrew Varga, uncle Paul Varga and aunt, Julie Hale, all played tennis at UK

SOPHOMORE • ILB • TREVIN WALLACE

- Uncle, Robert Bryanta, was a linebacker at Oklahoma from 2009-11

JUNIOR • OLB • J.J. WEAVER

- Has six functioning fingers on his right hand
- Played high school football in Louisville but grew up in Broward County, Florida

SOPHOMORE • OLB • JAI WILLIAMS

- Father, James, also known as "Big Cat," played 12 seasons (1991-2003), mostly as an offensive tackle, with the Chicago Bears and is known as one of the "100 Greatest Bears of All-Time"

JUNIOR • DB • JOEL WILLIAMS

- Father, Joseph, was a tight end at Grambling State from 1983-86 and went on to play with the Pittsburgh Steelers for two seasons

SENIOR • C • QUINTIN WILSON

- Graduated in December of 2020 with a degree in management ... Completed his bachelor's degree in two and one-half years with the help of advanced placement credits earned in high school
- Didn't start playing football until his freshman year of high school

SOPHOMORE • ILB • MARTEZ THROWER

- Sister, Tionne Wallace, is a Private First Class in the U.S. Army

R-FRESHMAN • OL • DAVID WOHLABAUGH JR.

- Father, Dave, played at Syracuse and went on to a nine-year NFL career with New England (1995-98), Cleveland (1999-2002) and St. Louis (2003) ... Also a member of the 1995 All-Rookie Team, played in the 1997 Super Bowl, and started all 128 games of his NFL career ... Teammate with former Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch with the Cleveland Browns
- Brother, Jack, was center at Duke from 2018-21
- Played hockey (defense) as a young child until his sophomore year of high school

R-FRESHMAN • RB • LA'VELL WRIGHT

- Has a pet lizard, Dash

SENIOR • OLB • JORDAN WRIGHT

- Older sister, Kayla, played basketball at Nova Southeastern, while cousin, RaiQuan Gray, played basketball at Florida State, and another cousin, Kenneth Ruff, was a defensive lineman at Syracuse

- UK has three fullbacks on the roster in seniors **Justice Dingle**, **Dillon Wheatley** and **Jack Varga**. Dingle, who transferred from Georgia Tech in the spring of last year, moved to fullback after playing last season at outside linebacker. He brings another dimension to the position with his size and bruising north-south style of running.

WIDE RECEIVERS

RETURNING (10)	NOTES
Dekel Crowdus, 5-10, 171, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
Tae Tae Crumes, 6-1, 190, Jr-Sq	Played in 4 games; 1 catch for 10 yds as a sophomore
Trey Dennis, 5-8, 150, So-Sq	
DeMarcus Harris, 6-1, 181, Jr-2L	12 receptions for 150 yards and a TD as a sophomore in '21
Luke Leeper, 5-11, 190, Jr-Sq	
Chris Lewis, 6-4, 198, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 4 games
Rahsaan Lewis, 5-11, 190, Sr-1L	Played in 6 games due to injury as a junior
Chauncey Magwood, 6-0, 193, So-1L	Played in all 13 games as a true freshman in '21
Earnest Sanders IV, 6-1, 230, So-Sq	
Clevan Thomas Jr., 5-11, 197, %Sr-2L	Super Senior; Missed '21 with a torn ACL; Has played in 29 career games with eight starting nods
SPRING ADDITIONS (3)	
Dane Key, 6-3, 190, Fr-HS	Kentucky Class 5A Player of the Year
Cole Lanter, 5-11, 172, Fr-HS	School-record 78 catches at Boyle Co.
Tayvion Robinson, 5-11, 190, Jr-TR	Transfer from Va. Tech; 113 career catches for 1,555 yds; 9 TDs
LETTERMEN LOST (3)	
Josh Ali, 6-0, 190, Sr-5L	2nd on the team in '21 with 41 catches for 601 yards and 3 TDs
Isaiah Epps, 6-2, 188, Sr-4L	11 catches for 171 yards and 1 TD
Wan'Dale Robinson, 5-10, 183, Jr-1L	Led UK in '21 with 104 catches for 1,334 yards and 7 TDs; single-season UK record holder for catches and yards

- Second-year wide receivers coach Scott Woodward has 13 wide receivers this spring, and it includes some experience but is mostly young talent looking for an increased role.
- Gone are Kentucky's two top receivers from last year in Wan'Dale Robinson and Josh Ali. Their departure should lead to good competition at the receiver position in the spring.
- The top returning pass catcher from last season is junior **DeMarcus Harris** who caught 12 passes for 150 yards and one score. Junior **Rahsaan Lewis** saw action in just six games early in the season but missed time due to injury. He had two catches for four yards. Sophomore **Tae Tae Crumes** played in four games and had one catch for 10 yards.
- A huge boost for the receiving corps happened when **Clevan Thomas Jr.**, announced he would return as a "Super Senior" after missing last season with a torn ACL. He is the most experienced returner with 29 career games and eight starting nods under his belt.
- Three players arrived in January as mid-year enrollees in freshman Dane Key, freshman Cole Lanter and senior Virginia Tech transfer Tayvion Robinson.
- **Key**, a four-star prospect, was named the Class 5A Player of the Year after an outstanding senior season at Fredrick Douglass High School in Lexington with 959 receiving yards and nine touchdowns.
- **Lanter** accepted a preferred walk-on position after a stellar high school career at Boyle County High School. He combined for 2,253 receiving yards and 35 receiving touchdowns, including 78 catches for 1,288 yards and 21 receiving touchdowns as a senior. His 21 receiving touchdowns and 78 receptions led the state and were school records. His 1,288 receiving yards ranked second in the state.
- **Robinson** comes to the Bluegrass after three seasons and 36 games at Virginia Tech. He compiled 113 receptions for 1,555 yards and nine touchdowns (eight receiving, one punt return TD) in his career as a Hokie.
- Redshirting in 2021 and looking to make an impact this season are freshmen **Dekel Crowdus** and **Chris Lewis**. Sophomore **Earnest Sanders IV**, junior **Luke Leeper** and sophomore **Trey Dennis** are also looking to make their marks this spring.
- Kentucky had 12 different players (wide receivers, running backs and tight ends) catch two or more passes in 2021 and eight of them return in 2021.



TIGHT ENDS

RETURNING (4)	NOTES
Brenden Bates, 6-5, 263, Sr-3L	6 starts in '21; 11 catches for 70 yds
Izayah Cummings, 6-3, 230, Jr-2L	Moved to TE in the fall of '21; 14 catches for 195 yards and 3 TDs
Jordan Dingle, 6-4, 230, Fr-HS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 4 games; 2 catches for 54 yards
Keaton Upshaw, 6-6, 246, Sr-2L	Sat out '21 with injury; Played in all 11 games in '20
SPRING ADDITIONS (1)	
Jack Monday, 6-1, 227, Fr-HS	36 catches for 439 yards and 8 TDs at Lexington Catholic as a senior
LETTERMEN LOST (1)	
Justin Rigg, 6-6, 261, Sr-5L	Started in all 13 games in '21; 20 catches for 189 yards and 4 TDs

- Tight ends coach Vince Marrow once again has one of the most experienced and talented groups on the team with Keaton Upshaw, Brenden Bates, Izayah Cummings and Jordan Dingle returning.
- The Wildcats' key loss at tight end was four-year letter winner Justin Rigg. He played in a school-record 63 career games with 35 starts, including 16 in a row, and had career totals of 50 catches for 547 yards and five scores, 10.9 yards per catch average.
- **Upshaw** returns after sitting out last season with injury. In 2020, he played in all 11 games and had 16 catches for 198 yards and three TDs, both leading the tight end corps and ranking second on the team overall.
- **Bates** played in all 13 games with six starts in 2021. He totaled 11 receptions for 70 yards (5.4) and one score.
- **Cummings**, who moved to tight end from receiver in fall camp last season, still has impressive ball skills from his wide receiver days. He finished his sophomore season with 14 catches for 195 yards and three touchdowns.
- **Dingle** is coming off a redshirt season and the coaches really like his frame and potential. He saw action in four games as a true freshman and had totaled two catches for 54 yards.
- The tight ends were key blockers for UK's explosive running game, which averaged nearly 200 yards per game and ranked fifth in the SEC.
- New to the tight end room this spring is freshman preferred walk-on, **Jack Monday**. He had 36 catches for 439 yards and eight scores as a senior at Lexington Catholic.

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Kentucky football has several set of sons/grandsons playing for former Wildcats:

- Junior Beau Allen is the son of former Wildcat Bill Allen (1985-88).
- Senior TE Brendan Bates is the grandson of former UK basketball player Gene Neff (1951-52)
- Sophomore freshman Dru Phillips is the son of former Wildcat Carlos Phillips (1986-90).
- Sophomore WR Trey Dennis is the son of former Wildcat Harold Dennis (1994-96).
- Sophomore offensive lineman Lucas Padgett is the son of Scott Padgett who played basketball at Kentucky (1995-99), helping the Wildcats advance to two Final Fours, including a national title in 1998 ... Went on to play eight years in the pros ... Mom, Cynthia (Dozier), was a four-year letter winner on UK's volleyball team (1994-97).
- Freshman WR Dane Key is the son of former Wildcat linebacker Donte Key (1992-95).
- We have brothers, too. Senior FB Justice Dingle is the older brother of redshirt freshman TE Jordan Dingle. They are from Bowling Green, Ky. Walk-on defensive ends Richard and Alex Brascom of Louisville, Ky., are fraternal twins.



OFFENSIVE LINE

RETURNING (13)	NOTES
R.J. Adams, 6-3, 321, So-Sq	
Jonathan Berry, 6-5, 284, So-Sq	
Deondre Buford, 6-3, 303, So-Sq	Played in 2 games in '21
Jager Burton, 6-4, 300, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 3 games
Eli Cox, 6-4, 305, Jr-2L	Started in first 9 games at RG in '21 before a season-ending hand injury
Jeremy Flax, 6-6, 330, Jr-Sq	Played in 11 games in '21
Kenneth Horsey, 6-3, 296, Sr-3L	Started in all 13 games at left guard
Josh Jones, 6-6, 314, So-Sq	
Lucas Padgett, 6-4, 295, So-Sq	
Paul Rodriguez, 6-5, 326, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
David Wohlabough Jr., 6-6, 295, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
Quintin Wilson, 6-1, 300, Sr-2L	Played in 10 games in '21
John Young, 6-6, 315, So-1L	Played in all 13 games on special teams
SPRING ADDITIONS (3)	
Grant Bingham, 6-5, 321, Fr-HS	4-star recruit; '21 District 4A District 8 Player of the Year; Also an excellent tennis player
Kiyaunta Goodwin, 6-8, 355, Fr-HS	5-star recruit; No. 2 OT in the nation
Tashawn Manning, 6-4, 344, %Sr-TR	Transferred after 5 seasons at Auburn; Played in 30 career games with 14 starts
LETTERMEN LOST (4)	
Austin Dotson, 6-6, 321, Sr-4L	Played in all 13 games with four starts
Luke Fortner, 6-6, 297, Sr-5L	First-team All-SEC at center
Darian Kinnard, 6-5, 338, Sr-4L	First-team All-American at RT
Dare Rosenthal, 6-7, 327, Jr-1L	Third-Team All SEC by PFF; Starting LT in 12 games played

- Zach Yenser, originally from Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, returned to his home state after three seasons with the 49ers. Prior to that, he spent three seasons at Kansas (2015-17) as the run game coordinator/offensive line coach and had coaching stints at Southern Methodist (2018), California (2013-14), Louisiana Tech (2010-12), Colquitt County High School (2009) and Henderson State (2008). He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater Troy University in 2007, working with special teams and the offensive lineman under former Wildcat and beloved UK assistant coach John Schlarman.
- The O-line, known as the "Big Blue Wall" returns two of its five starters from 2021 in Eli Cox and Kenneth Horsey.
- The three starters lost are All-American right tackle Darian Kinnard, All-SEC center Luke Fortner and All-SEC left tackle Dare Rosenthal. All three were invited to the NFL Combine as projected draft picks. The trio combined for 38 starts on the line for the Wildcats last season.
- Another key loss was backup Austin Dotson. He saw action in 40 career games with eight starts in his four-year career. In 2021, he saw action in all 13 games with four starts at right guard.
- The O-line does return 30 career starts in 2021 in Cox with nine and Horsey 21. Auburn transfer **Tashawn Manning** has experience as well, playing in 30 career games with 21 career starts.
- **Horsey** has manned the left guard spot for two seasons and is now the Wildcats' most experienced lineman with 25 career games and 21 career starts. An interesting note about Horsey - he had open-heart surgery in April of 2018 and was named winner of the 2020 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year.
- **Cox** played at right guard in the first nine games last season before a hand injury sidelined him for the season. Prior to the injury, Cox earned Associated Press and ESPN Midseason All-America honors. He has been described as, pound-for-pound, perhaps the strongest player on the team and because of that, and with Fortner gone at the center position, look for Cox to be a front runner for that position this year.
- Also looking to step in starting and supporting roles are senior Quintin Wilson, junior Jeremy Flax, sophomores R.J. Adams, Deondre Buford and John Young and redshirt freshmen Jager Burton, Paul Rodriguez and David Wohlabough. Also improving their skills are sophomores Jonathan Berry, Josh Jones and Lucas Padgett.
- In addition to Auburn transfer **Tashawn Manning**, two mid-year enrollees and Kentucky natives possess the size and athletic ability to make an immediate impact on the "Big Blue Wall." Freshman **Kiyaunta Goodwin** of Louisville was a five-star signee and the highest-ranked recruit in UK history. Standing at 6-foot-8 and 355 pounds, he was the rated as the nation's No. 25 overall recruit and

2022 WAY-TOO-EARLY PRESEASON RANKINGS

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- Alabama (13-2)
- Ohio State (11-2)
- Georgia (14-1)
- Utah (10-4)
- Notre Dame (11-2)
- Texas A&M (8-4)
- Michigan (12-2)
- Clemson (10-3)
- NC State (9-3)
- Michigan State (11-2)
- Pitt (11-3)
- Baylor (12-2)
- Tennessee (7-6)
- Oklahoma State (12-2)
- Wake Forest (11-3)
- Oregon (10-4)
- Arkansas (9-4)
- Minnesota (9-4)
- Wisconsin (9-4)
- Cincinnati (13-1)
- Kentucky (10-3)**
- Houston (12-2)
- Iowa (10-4)
- Kansas State (8-5)
- Oklahoma (11-2)

NCAA.com (Jan. 29)

- Alabama
- Ohio State
- Georgia
- Texas A&M
- Notre Dame
- Utah
- Clemson
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- BYU
- Wisconsin
- Tennessee
- Cincinnati

ESPN (Feb. 7)

- Alabama
- Ohio State
- Georgia
- Texas A&M
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- Notre Dame
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- NC State
- Oklahoma State
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- Clemson
- Oregon
- Houston
- Wake Forest
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- Arkansas
- Kentucky**
- USC
- Ole Miss
- Wisconsin
- South Carolina

Sports Illustrated (March 16)

- Ohio State
- Georgia
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- Clemson
- Texas A&M
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- Cincinnati
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- Ole Miss
- BYU
- Florida State
- Auburn





the No. 4 tackle according to 247Sports. Freshman **Grant Bingham**, a 6-6, 302-pound lineman, was a four-start recruit and rated as the No. 36 offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports. His athleticism is unique for a lineman as he advanced to the state's regional tennis championship in doubles for Johnson Central High School.

- The "Big Blue Wall," along with UK tight ends, have helped Kentucky post six consecutive seasons of 2,000 or more rushing yards, with at least one 1,000-yard individual in five of those.
 - 2016 - 3,044 (Stanley "Boom" Williams - 1,170; Benny Snell Jr. - 1,091)
 - 2017 - 2,102 (Benny Snell Jr. - 1,333)
 - 2018 - 2,592 (Benny Snell Jr. - 1,449)
 - 2019 - 3,624 (Lynn Bowden Jr. - 1,468)
 - 2020 - 2,158
 - 2021 - 2,594 (Chris Rodriguez Jr. - 1,379)

DEFENSIVE PREVIEW

- Defensive coordinator Brad White is entering his fourth season as the defensive coordinator, his fifth as the outside linebackers coach at UK.
- The Cats will spend quite a bit of time putting various pieces together this spring. Gone are defensive stalwarts Josh Paschal, Marquan McCall, Yusuf Corker and Davonte Robinson.
- However, Kentucky's defense does welcome back 12 letterwinners in the spring, including six starters in **DB Tyrell Aijan**, **ILB Jacquez Jones**, **WLB DeAndre Square**, **DB Carrington Valentine**, **OLB J.J. Weaver** and **LB Jordan Wright**,
- Despite injuries to key players on defense throughout the 2021 season, the Wildcats ranked fourth in the SEC in scoring defense (21.7 points per game) and yardage allowed (just 340.7 yards per game). UK's total defense has ranked in the Top 5 of the SEC for three straight seasons.

DEFENSIVE LINE

RETURNING (10)	NOTES
Sam Anaele, 6-4, 290, So-Sq	Played in 3 games in '21
Alex Bascom, 6-5, 268, Sr-Sq	
Richard Bascom, 6-5, 275, Sr-Sq	
Isaiah Beasley, 5-11, 273, Jr-Sq	
Jamarius Dinkins, 6-5, 296, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 3 games
Josaih Hayes, 6-3, 313, Jr-2L	Played in all 13 games with 1 start
Octavious Oxendine, 6-1, 285, Jr-2L	Played in 6 games with 3 starts before a season-ending injury; 12 tackles; 3.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks
Justin Rogers, 6-3, 330, Jr-2L	Played in all 13 games with four starts at NG in '21; 16 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks
Tre'vonn Rybka, 6-4, 277, So-1L	Played in 12 games with 1 start; 15 tackles, 0.5 TFL
Kahlil Saunders, 6-5, 287, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 4 games
SPRING ADDITIONS (2)	
Tommiwa Durojaiye, 6-4, 250-Fr-HS	2021 Delaware 3A Defensive POY
Darrion Henry-Young, 6-4, 255, So-Tr	Played two seasons at Ohio State
LETTERMEN LOST (3)	
Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, 6-6, 303, Sr-3L	Played in 12 games with 9 starts in '21; 12 tackles, 2.5 TFL
Marquan McCall, 6-3, 357, Sr-4L	Played in 9 games with 8 starts; 9 tackles, 3.5 TFL
Josh Paschal, 6-3, 275, Sr-4L	2nd Team All-American; 1st Team All-SEC; Started in 1 games; 29 tackles, 15.5 TFL, 5.5 sacks, 8 QBH

- Former Wildcat Anwar Stewart is in his third season coaching the defensive line. Three starters are gone from 2021, including two who are projected NFL draft picks in nose guard Marquan McCall and defensive end Josh Paschal. Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald had nine starts last season and totaled 12 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss.
- If McCall and Paschal are drafted, Stewart will have produced four NFL Draft choices in the last two seasons. Quinton Bohanna was a sixth-round pick by the Dallas Cowboys and Phil Hoskins was a seventh-round pick by the Carolina Panthers, both of whom earned a spot on their teams.

- Three key returnees are **Josiah Hayes** (saw action in all 13 games with one start at nose guard), **Octavious Oxendine** (played in six games with three starts at tackle before injury), **Justin Rogers** (played in all 13 games with four starts at nose guard) and **Tre'vonn Rybka** (played in 12 games with one start at defensive end).
- Redshirt freshmen **Jamarius Dinkins** and **Kahlil Saunders** are working hard for more playing time this season. Dinkins saw action in three games last season, while Saunders got in four games. Both have the physical attributes to compete in the SEC as Dinkins is 6-foot-5 and 296 pounds and Saunders is 6-5 and 287 pounds.
- Key losses on the defensive line are Paschal and McCall. Paschal totaled 37 career TFL and 13.5 sacks, along with three blocked kicks in his career. He ranks tied for third on the school's all-time TFL list. In 2021, Paschal, who earned second-team All-America and first-team All-SEC honors, led the team in tackles for loss (15.5) and quarterback hurries (8). McCall finished with nine tackles, 3.5 for loss and two QBH in '21. He missed three games because of an ankle injury but returned to be a force in the middle at nose guard.
- Working to see more playing time is sophomore **Sam Anaele** along with seniors **Alex Bascom**, **Richard Bascom** and junior **Isaiah Beasley**.
- Spring additions are Ohio State transfer **Darrion Henry-Young** and freshman **Tommiwa Durojaiye**. Henry-Young was a four-star prospect coming out of high school and went on to play two seasons for the Buckeyes but saw action in just four games at defensive end. Durojaiye has a lot of potential and room for growth. He has drawn some lofty comparisons to former UK All-American and Defensive Player of the Year Josh Allen with his size and body frame. Durojaiye was named the 2021 Delaware 3A Defensive Player of the Year.

**SECONDARY****RETURNING (11)**

	NOTES
Tyrell Ajan, 6-0, 190, %Sr-4L	Started in 11 games at safety; Totaled 46 tackles, 4 PBU and 1 INT
Taj Dodson, 6-1, 204, Jr-1L	Played in 11 games at safety; 6 tackles and a PBU; Out for the spring
Jalen Geiger, 6-1, 200, Jr-2L	Played in 13 games with 2 starts in '21; 18 tackles, 1 TFL, QBH, PBU and an INT for a TD
Adrian Huey, 6-0, 172, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
Rickey Hyatt, Jr., 6-2, 198, So-Sq	Saw action in 2 games
Maxwell Hairston, 6-1, 175, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
Jordan Lovett, 6-2, 198, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21; Played in 1 game
Andru Phillips, 6-0, 182, So-1L	Played in 9 games; 3 tackles
Vito Tisdale, 6-1, 185, Jr-2L	Played in 9 games with 2 starts; 21 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 PBU and a QBH; Out for the season with an ACL injury suffered in spring practice
Carrington Valentine, 6-0, 193, Jr-2L	Started in 12 games; 61 tackles, 5 PBU, 1.5 TFL, 1.0 sacks and 1 QBH
Joel Williams, 6-1, 205, Jr-2L	Played in 7 games; 2 tackles

SPRING ADDITIONS (3)

Elijah Reed, 6-3, 185, Fr-HS	Moved to DB from WR for his "Super Senior" year in HS
Jackson Schulz, 6-2, 191, Fr-HS	Four-year lettermen at Trinity in Louisville
Andre Stewart, 5-11, 174, Fr-HS	Had 25 tackles, 9 PBU, 3 FF, 1 INT as a senior at North Cobb

LETTERMEN LOST (5)

Yusuf Corker, 6-0, 204, Sr-4L	Three-year starter at free safety; Team's second-leading tackler in '20 and '21; 240 career tackles
Cedrick Dort Jr., 5-11, 188, Sr-4L	Started in 12 of 13 games played; 19 tackles
Zach Johnson, 5-10, 195, Sr-5L	Played in 57 career games with 18 tackles
Quandre Mosley, 6-2, 192, Sr-3L	Played in 36 career games with four starts; 69 tackles, 10 PBU and 3 INTs
Davonte Robinson, 6-2, 210, Sr-4L	Played in 50 career games with 19 starts; 133 career tackles along with 5 PBU, 2 FR, 1 FF

- The secondary unit is in the hands of two of the most energetic and talented young coaches in Chris Collins and Frank Buffano.
- UK has ranked in the top four of the SEC in pass defense in three of the last four seasons, including leading the league in both 2019 and 2020.
- UK has four key veterans to replace, three who totaled 17 or more starts in their career. They are defensive back Cedrick Dort, Jr. (44 career games, 26 career starts), defensive back Quandre Mosely (36 career games, four career starts), safety Yusuf Corker (49 career games, 36 career starts) and safety Davonte Robinson (49 career games, 17 career starts).
- Another big loss came early in spring practice when junior and top returning nickelback **Vito Tisdale** went down with knee injury. He will miss the entire 2022 season. He played in nine games with two starting nods in '21, totaling 21 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss. Junior defensive back Taj Dodson will miss some of spring practice with a shoulder injury.
- Two key starters return in "Super Senior" **Tyrell Ajan** (48 career games, 23 career starts) and junior **Carrington Valentine** (started in 12 games in '21). Ajan had 46 tackles, four pass breakups and one interception as a safety in 2021, while Valentine ranked fourth on the team last season with 61 tackles and added five pass breakups, 1.5 tackles for loss and one quarterback hurry.
- Another key returnee is junior **Jalen Geiger** (13 games and two starts in '21) who made his first career start on Nov. 13, 2021 at Vanderbilt and made it memorable with a 31-yard interception return for a touchdown. He finished the season with 18 tackles, one tackle for loss, one pass breakup and one quarterback hurry. Junior **Joel Williams** saw action in seven games last season and had two tackles. He runs well and hits hard and more reps in the spring should benefit him greatly.
- Collins and Buffano have a group of young talent to mold and shape this spring in sophomores **Rickey Hyatt Jr.** (2 games in '21) and **Andru Phillips** (9 games with three tackles in '21) and redshirt freshmen **Maxwell Hairston** and **Jordan Lovett**.
- Three mid-year enrollees who were all standout defensive backs and their respective high schools will get a chance to show what they can do this spring. Freshman **Elijah Reed** is a raw

talent who opted to reclassify and take an extra year at Pleasure Ridge Park in Louisville. He also opted to change positions, moving from wide receiver to cornerback as a senior at PRP. The position switch paid off and Reed's upside is huge. Joining him in January was preferred walk-on **Jackson Schulz**, a four-year letter winner at powerhouse Trinity High School in Louisville, Kentucky, and Atlanta native **Andre Stewart**. Stewart totaled 25 tackles, nine pass breakups, three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and an interception, helping North Cobb High School win the 2021 7A Region 3 Championship.



OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

RETURNING (5)	NOTES
Jase Bruner, 6-2, 237, Jr-Sq	
Connor Long, 6-3, 208, So-Sq	
J.J. Weaver, 6-5, 238, Jr-2L	Played in 12 games with 6 starts; 34 tackles, 10.0 TFL, team-high 6.0 sacks, 4 QBH, 2 INT, 1 FF, 1 PBU
Jai Williams, 6-5, 195, So-Sq	Moved to OLB from TE this spring
Jordan Wright, 6-5, 234, %Sr-4L	Played in 9 games with 7 starts; 30 tackles, 4 TFL, 6 PBU, 1.0 sacks, 1 QBH
SPRING ADDITIONS (0)	
LETTERMEN LOST (1)	
K.D. McDaniel, 6-2, 225, So-2L	Played in 10 games in '21; 13 tackles

- Only two letterwinners return for Brad White's outside linebackers group this spring in junior **J.J. Weaver** and "Super Senior" **Jordan Wright** but the duo's experience and leadership should make a huge impact on and off the field for the defense. Weaver and Wright have played in a combined 66 games with 19 starting assignments between them.
- Wright and Weaver both had outstanding seasons in 2021 -- Wright with 30 tackles, four tackles for loss, six pass breakups and a sack, while Weaver had 34 tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss, a team-high 6.0 sacks, four quarterback hurries, two interceptions, a forced fumble and a pass breakup. Weaver was named one of the three award winners for the 2021 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year, returning to play after sitting out the 2020 season with an ACL injury. He was named third-Team All-SEC by Phil Steele and is an absolute playmaker.
- Wright will see limited action in the spring after undergoing shoulder surgery in January.
- Sophomore **Jai Williams** was added to the outside linebackers group this spring, moving from tight end. He's still developing but at 6-foot-5 he has a good frame and he played the position in high school. He's also a tough, hard-nosed player that was a wrestler and played on his high school's rugby team. Williams is the son of James Williams, also known as "Big Cat" who played 12 seasons on the offensive line for the Chicago Bears.
- Walk-ons **Jase Bruner** and **Connor Long** are both good, heady players who have the ability to help the Wildcats this season.

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

RETURNING (10)	NOTES
Braxton Eiserman, 6-1, 230, Sr-Sq	
Luke Fulton, 6-4, 217, Jr-Sq	Played in 10 games on special teams
Cody Goatley, 6-2, 213, Jr-Sq	
Austin Gough, 6-0, 218, So-Sq	
D'Eryk Jackson, 6-1, 243, Jr-2L	Returned to play in the final 4 games in '21 after recovering from a torn Achilles tendon suffered last spring; Totaled 18 tackles, 1 QBH and 1 INT
Jacquez Jones, 6-0, 230, %Sr-1L	Super Senior: Played in 12 games; Led UK in tackles with 86; 4 PBU, 3.5 TFL, 3 QBH, 1 INT, FF and FR
William Nalty, 6-0, 222, %Sr-1L	Super Senior; Played in all 13 games mostly on special teams
DeAndre Square, 6-1, 221, %Sr-4L	Super Senior: Started in 13 games in '21; Third on the team in total tackles (80), tackles for loss (9.5) and sacks (3.0)
Martez Thrower, 6-2, 217, So-1L	Played in 8 games and totaled 6 tackles and a QBH
Trevin Wallace, 6-2, 224, So-1L	All-SEC Freshman Team; Played in 12 games and had 32 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 1 FF, PBU and QBH
SPRING ADDITIONS (0)	
LETTERMEN LOST (2)	
Marquez Bembry, 6-3, 228, Sr-2L	Played in 12 games; 9 tackles, 1.0 TFL, 1 QBH
Jared Casey, 6-3, 217, So-2L	Played in 13 games; 9 tackles

- The inside linebackers have a new coach in Mike Stoops. He replaced former Wildcat Jon Sumrall who left UK after three seasons to become the head coach at Troy. Stoops most recently

was at Florida Atlantic where he spent the 2021 season as the defensive coordinator and safeties coach. Prior to that he spent two seasons (2019 and 2020) at Alabama as an analyst on Nick Saban's staff, highlighted by the 2020 national championship. He also was the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Oklahoma from 2012-18 and was the head coach at Arizona from 2004-11. He had a first term at Oklahoma from 1999-2003, including the 2000 national championship season.

- The inside linebackers are led by two returning "Super Seniors" and starters in **Jacquez Jones** and **DeAndre Square**.
- **Jones**, who transferred last year after three seasons at Ole Miss, started every game for the Wildcats in 2021 and led the team with 86 tackles. He made three huge plays in pass defense -- an interception vs. Missouri, a touchdown-saving pass breakup vs. Chattanooga and game-saving tipped pass to seal the Florida win. He also had a career-high 18 tackles at Mississippi State. All totaled, Jones is on track to reach the 300-tackle club as he has 268 in his career.
- **Square** (49 career games, 35 career starts) was third-leading tackler in 2021 with 80 tackles, including 9.5 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks. He also had three quarterback hurries. Square hauled in the game-winning interception in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl vs. Iowa.
- Junior **D'Eryk Jackson** has an impressive comeback story and looks to be getting even stronger this spring. He suffered a torn Achilles tendon in last year's spring practice and had surgery on April 13, expecting to miss the entire season. Instead, he returned to full practice activity on Oct. 28 and saw his first action of the season at Vanderbilt on Nov. 13. In four games played in '21, he totaled 18 tackles, a quarterback hurry and an interception.
- Sophomores **Martez Thrower** and **Trevin Wallace** are also two players to watch this spring. Wallace solidified himself as a breakout candidate last season after helping turn the Florida game when he caught a blocked field goal in midair and raced untouched 76 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Making his first collegiate start at Mississippi State, he notched 12 tackles and was named SEC Freshman of the Week. For the season, he has played in 12 games, had 32 tackles and was named to the Freshman All-SEC team. Thrower saw action in eight games and had six tackles and a quarterback hurry.
- Junior **Luke Fulton** saw most of his action on



special teams last season but is a player with a lot of potential and upside. He has all the tools to take the next step.

- Four walk-ons **Braxton Eiserman, Cody Goatley, Austin Gough** and "Super Senior" **William Nalty** bolster the inside linebacker unit.

PLACEKICKERS

RETURNING (3)	NOTES
Chance Poore, 6-2, 221, Sr-3L	Handles kickoffs
Matt Ruffolo, 5-11, 210, %Sr-2L	Super Senior; Career totals include 26 of 32 FGs; 94 of 99 extra points; 172 career points; Hit UK single-season record of 54 extra points in '21
Graham Wald, 6-0, 167, Jr-Sq	
SPRING ADDITIONS (0)	
LETTERMEN LOST (0)	

- Special teams are coached by running backs coach John Settle and safeties coach Frank Buffano for the second season.
- The Wildcats return all of their key specialists except their return men. They will need to replace punt returner Josh Ali and kickoff returner Zach Johnson. Looking to fill those voids are **Tayvion Robinson, Dekel Crowdus, Michael Drennen** and **JuTahn McClain**.
- "Super Senior" **Matt Ruffolo** decided to come back for his sixth and final season of eligibility as he is on track to graduate in May with his MBA. As UK's starting placekicker last season, he made 10-of-13 field goals, with two misses coming on blocked kicks caused by a breakdown in protection. For his career, Ruffolo has made 26-of-32 FG and 94-of-99 PAT. Making 81 percent of his field goals places him third on UK's career list. Ruffolo's 54 PATs in 2021 was a UK single-season record.
- Poore handles kickoffs for the Wildcats. He also has placekicking experience, as he made 8-of-14 FGs and 32-of-34 PATs in his career.
- Walk-on Graham Wald is working hard this spring to showcase his talents.

PUNTERS

RETURNING (3)	NOTES
Wilson Berry, 6-4, 207, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '21
Colin Goodfellow, 6-2, 225, %Sr-1L	Super Senior; UK's 2nd-highest season punting average in '21 (45.9)
SPRING ADDITIONS (0)	
LETTERMEN LOST (0)	

- Competing for the punting duties are senior **Colin Goodfellow** and Aussie transplant **Wilson Berry**. Berry started the first two games of last season before being sidelined with a back injury. Goodfellow came in and didn't miss a beat. He emerged as one of the nation's best punters, averaging 45.9 yards per kick, which ranked the second-highest average for a season in school history. He also was on the watch list for the Ray Guy Award, given to the nation's top punter. Against Georgia, Goodfellow had a career-long 70-yard punt and an additional 63-yarder. It is the only time in school history a punter has had two punts of 63 yards or longer with one being at least 70 yards. He followed that performance by booming another 70-yard punt vs. Mississippi State, making him the first player in school history to have two punts of 70 or more yards in his career.

SNAPPERS

RETURNING (3)	NOTES
Cade Degraw, 5-11, 221, Sr-2L	Snaps primarily on field goals and extra points
Clay Perry, 6-0, 189, Jr-1L	Snaps primarily on punts
Jordan Morrow, 6-1, 227, Sr-Sq	
SPRING ADDITIONS (0)	
LETTERMEN LOST (0)	

- Senior **Cade Degraw** enters his third season as UK's long snapper. He primarily snaps on field goals, while junior **Clay Perry** snaps on punts. Senior Jordan Morrow also is a viable option at snapper.



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*"I think Mark Stoops is the best program builder in all of college football right now."
-- Tom Luginbill, ESPN National Recruiting Director and on-air game analyst*

The Kentucky football program continues to stack an impressive set of milestones under the leadership of Mark Stoops.

On Jan. 1, when Kentucky took the field for the Vrbo Citrus Bowl, it made official a school-record six consecutive bowl games – all under Stoops – surpassing the mark of five straight bowls from 2006-10.

And, when the Wildcats rallied to defeat Iowa -- UK's 10th fourth-quarter comeback victory during the last six seasons -- it also marked a school-record fourth-straight bowl win.

The victory over the Hawkeyes was UK's 16th in a row vs. non-conference opponents, the longest active streak in the nation.

Kentucky finished the season with a 10-3 record, only the fourth time in school history (twice in the last four years under Stoops) that the Wildcats have reached double-digit victories. UK began the season with a 6-0 start for the first time since 1950, when the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant patrolled the sidelines in Lexington.

The 2021 campaign featured a 5-3 tally in the Southeastern Conference. UK finished in sole possession of second place in the SEC Eastern Division, the first time the Wildcats were solely in second since the league split into divisions in 1992.

More milestones loom in the near future. When the Wildcats begin the 2022 season, it will be Stoops' 10th year at UK, longer than any coach in school history.

In addition, Stoops has 59 wins in the Blue and White, needing only two more triumphs to surpass the school standard of 60 set by Bryant.

As quickly as the achievements have come recently, Stoops' success has been far from easy.

Inheriting a program that was 2-10 in 2012, the year before he arrived, Stoops' rebuilding efforts took time. Two games into the 2016 season his record was 12-26, but the program took off from there and the coach has engineered a 47-27 (63.5%) mark since.

In addition to the numerous landmarks above, a partial accounting of Stoops' achievements features:



STOOPS AND CO. MAKING A HIT IN RECRUITING

In nine seasons at the helm of the Kentucky football program, head coach Mark Stoops and his staff have been making noise on the recruiting trail. Kentucky's 10 classes under Stoops have ranked in the top 50 by all four major recruiting services. Below is a look at UK's recruiting success under Stoops and Co.

Kentucky's Signing Day class for 2022 is UK's highest-rated class in the available history of recruiting rankings. (Note: these rankings are based on UK's 20 signees, 19 high school and one junior college, and do not include four-year college transfers Javon Baker, Deuce Hogan, Derrion Henry-Young, Tashawn Manning and Tayvion Robinson.)

Table with 11 columns: Outlet, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022. Rows include Rivals, ESPN, 247Sports, and Scout.com.

- 33 wins in the last four seasons, ranking 16th among Power Five programs;
• Winning the season finale four years in a row for the first time since 1898-1901;
• Since 2016, a 20-8 record (71.4%) in games decided by seven points or less;
• First home win over Florida since 1986, also marking the first win over an Associated Press top 10-ranked opponent since 2010 (2021);
• First win at Tennessee since 1984 (2020)
• First New Year's Day Bowl win since 1951 (2018 season)
• First 10-win season since 1977 (2018)
• First SEC Coach of the Year since 1983 (2018)
• First final poll ranking since 1984 (2018)
• First bowl win since 2008 (2018)
• First win vs. Florida since 1986 (2018)
• First bowl appearance since 2010 (2016)

In addition to the team accomplishments, several of Stoops' players have won All-America accolades, along with honors such as the Bronko Nagurski Award, Chuck Bednarik Award, Paul Hornung Award, Ronnie Lott Trophy, Ray Guy Award, Danny Wuerffel Trophy, Jason Witten Man of the Year, Pop Warner Award, Academic All-America and National Good Works Team.

The bountiful crop of victories and honors are the fruit of the last six seasons, but the harvest didn't come easily. Arriving in 2013, taking over a team that had gone 2-10 the season before, it took three years of plowing, planting and growing before the results came.

Stoops earned his first bowl game as head coach in 2016, when the Wildcats overcame an 0-2 start to go 7-3 down the stretch and advance to the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. UK duplicated seven wins in 2017, playing in the Franklin-American Mortgage Music City Bowl.

Led by linebacker Josh Allen, the National Defensive Player of the Year, and Benny Snell Jr., the school's all-time leading rusher, the 2018 squad went 10-3. It was UK's best season in 41 years, topped by a win over Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl. It was only the third 10-win season in school history.

In addition, the 2018 campaign featured a win at Florida -- the Wildcats' first victory over the Gators in 32 years -- resulting in UK being named the National Team of the Week by the Football Writers Association of America. The regular season concluded with a 56-10 win at in-state rival Louisville, the largest margin of victory in the history of the Governor's Cup series.

UK was No. 11 in the final USA Today coaches' poll and No. 12 in the final Associated Press tabulation, the school's first appearance in the final rankings since 1984. The 2018 season also continued a remarkable trend -- since Stoops took over as coach of the Cats in 2013, UK was the only school in the nation that tied or improved its win total in six straight seasons.

CollegeFootballNews.com listed Stoops as the best coaching performance of the season and he was named Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year by The Associated Press, Athlon Sports and the league coaches.

The 2019 season was one of the most unusual in school history. A succession of injuries decimated the quarterbacks and Stoops turned to wide receiver Lynn Bowden Jr. to man the QB position. Running the ball almost exclusively, UK went 6-2 down the stretch and closed the season with four straight wins, topped by a dramatic come-from-behind Belk Bowl win over Virginia Tech when Bowden threw the game-winning touchdown pass with only 15 seconds remaining.

How has Stoops accomplished all of this? The coach would tell you that there's been nothing magical about the process.

True to his blue-collar roots in Youngstown, Ohio, the methodical advancement made by Stoops' teams is a reflection of the coach's rock-steady work ethic, tireless recruiting, and ability to adapt.

Stoops came to Kentucky from Florida State, where he was defensive coordinator from 2010-12. He inherited a unit ranked 108th in the nation in total defense and turned it into one of the nation's best. In the 2012 season, the Seminoles were second in the nation in total defense, allowing 254.1 yards per game, and sixth nationally in scoring defense at 14.7 points per game. Playing well against the run and the pass, FSU was third in the country in rushing defense and led the nation in pass defense. FSU led the ACC in seven defensive categories. Stoops also coached the defensive backs under head coach Jimbo Fisher.

Eight Seminoles on defense earned 2012 All-ACC honors, including four first-team selections, highlighted by one of the nation's top defensive end duos in Bjoern Werner and Cornellius Carradine, who combined for 24 sacks and 31 tackles for loss. Werner was a finalist for the 2012 Bronko Nagurski Award as the National Defensive Player of the Year and was among the national leaders in sacks with 13. Stoops also coached cornerback Ronald Darby to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year.

The Seminoles' prowess was a continuation of the 2011 season, when Stoops' defenders led the nation in fewest yards allowed per carry (2.3), ranked fourth in the nation in total defense (275 yards per game), second in rushing defense (82.7 ypg), fourth in scoring defense (15.1 points per game), and eighth in tackles for loss (8.6 per game)



and quarterback sacks (3.1 per game). FSU led the ACC in eight defensive categories.

Stoops overhauled the Florida State defense in 2010, his first season as defensive coordinator. The Seminoles gave up 19.6 points per game, third-best in the ACC and 20th nationally. FSU ranked 42nd nationally in total defense that season; in contrast, the team was 108th nationally in total defense and 94th in scoring defense in 2009, the year before Stoops' arrival. FSU improved its overall defense by more than 80 yards per game, primarily by limiting opponents to 75 fewer rushing yards per game. The Seminoles ranked third in the nation in quarterback sacks and were 21st in tackles for loss. In the secondary, Stoops coached Xavier Rhodes to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year honors and National Defensive Freshman of the Year accolades.

During Stoops' three seasons, FSU went 10-4, 9-4 and 12-2, including wins over South Carolina in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Notre Dame in the 2011 Champs Sports Bowl and Northern Illinois in the 2013 Orange Bowl.

Stoops was defensive coordinator and DBs coach at Arizona from 2004-09, working for his brother, Mike, who was head coach of the Wildcats. During Mark's time there, Arizona's records improved steadily, going 3-8, 3-8, 6-6, 5-7, 8-5 and 8-5. The Wildcats advanced to the Las Vegas Bowl and Holiday Bowl during the last two years.

Stoops inherited an Arizona unit that was 109th in the nation in total defense and 107th in scoring defense in 2003, the year before he arrived. By the end of his term at Arizona, the Wildcats ranked in the nation's top 25 in total defense his final two seasons and ranked as high as 33rd in scoring defense.

Mark and Mike are also brothers of Bob Stoops, who spent 18 years as the Oklahoma head coach and has been elected to the College Football Hall of Fame. The eldest Stoops brother, Ron Jr., is retired after coaching at Youngstown State. Mark and Mike have reunited in Lexington, as Mike has joined the UK staff as inside linebackers coach.

Prior to Arizona, Mark Stoops coached the defensive backs three years at Miami (Fla.). The 2001 national champion Hurricanes led the nation in pass efficiency defense, scoring defense and turnover margin. That team also established a school record with 27 interceptions and 45 total takeaways.

Stoops' 2002 secondary led the nation in pass defense and pass efficiency defense. Despite having to replace all four starters in the

Most Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. 60 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
2. **59 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
3. 47 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
4. 41 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
4. 41 Blanton Collier (1954-1961)
6. 39 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)
7. 32 Harry Gamage (1927-1933)
8. 26 Bill Curry (1990-1996)

Most Wins By A Head Coach At Kroger Field

1. **41 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
2. 33 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
3. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
4. 29 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
5. 25 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)

defensive backfield, the 2003 team led the nation in pass defense. In his three seasons, Miami went 35-3, including the 12-0 Rose Bowl title campaign, plus appearances in the Fiesta and Orange bowls. Ten Miami defensive backs who played at least one season under Stoops were eventually selected in the National Football League draft – seven in the first round.

Stoops got his first experience in leading a defense as co-defensive coordinator at Houston in the 2000 season. He coached the secondary at Wyoming from 1997-99 and the Cowboys notched three straight winning seasons. A highlight of his time there was a school-record 24 interceptions in the '97 season. His first full-time coaching job was in 1996 at South Florida, helping USF in the start-up of its program before the Bulls had their first kickoff in '97.

Stoops has recruited and developed numerous outstanding defensive backs, many of whom went on to National Football League careers. Among the notables are Antoine Cason and Michael Johnson at Arizona, Miami's Philip Buchanon, Kelly Jennings, Brandon Meriweather, Ed Reed, Antrel Rolle, Mike Rumph and Sean Taylor and Wyoming's Brian Lee.

Stoops was raised in Youngstown, Ohio. As did brothers Bob and Mike, Mark played in the secondary at the University of Iowa for Hall of Fame coach Hayden Fry. He participated in four bowl games as a player. Fry hired Stoops as a graduate assistant coach at Iowa in the 1990 and '91 seasons. The Hawkeyes won the 1990 Big Ten title and played in the Rose Bowl, duplicating feats Stoops also achieved as a player. Stoops went on to coach four years in high school before entering the collegiate ranks.

Stoops has two sons, Will and Zack.

STOOPS VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Record
Alabama	0-3
Alabama State	1-0
Arkansas	1-0
Auburn	0-2
Austin Peay	1-0
Central Michigan	1-0
Charlotte	1-0
Chattanooga	1-0
Eastern Kentucky	2-0
Eastern Michigan	2-0
Florida	2-7
Georgia	0-9
Georgia Tech	0-1
Iowa	1-0
Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe	2-0
Louisville	4-4
LSU	1-1
Miami (Ohio)	1-0
Middle Tennessee	1-0
Mississippi State	3-6
Missouri	6-3
Murray State	1-0
New Mexico State	2-0
North Carolina State	1-0
Northwestern	0-1
Ohio	1-0
Ole Miss	0-2
Penn State	1-0
South Carolina	7-2
Southern Miss	1-1
Tennessee	2-7
Tennessee-Martin	2-0
Texas A&M	0-1
Toledo	1-0
Vanderbilt	7-2
Virginia Tech	1-0
Western Kentucky	0-1
Totals:	59-53





THE MARK STOOPS COACHING FILE

Year	School	Position	W-L	SEC	Bowl
1990	Iowa	Graduate Assistant	8-4		Rose
1991	Iowa	Graduate Assistant	10-1-1		Holiday
1992-95	Nordonia HS	Defensive Backs			
1996	South Florida	Defensive Backs	0-0		
1997	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	7-6		
1998	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	8-3		
1999	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	7-4		
2000	Houston	Co-Defensive Coord., Safeties	3-8		
2001	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	12-0		Rose
2002	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	12-1		Fiesta
2003	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	11-2		Orange
2004	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	3-8		
2005	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	3-8		
2006	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	6-6		
2007	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	5-7		
2008	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	8-5		Las Vegas
2009	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	8-5		Holiday
2010	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	10-4		Chick-fil-A
2011	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	9-4		Champs Sports
2012	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	12-2		Orange
2013	Kentucky	Head Coach	2-10	0-8	
2014	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	2-6	
2015	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	2-6	
2016	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	4-4	TaxSlayer
2017	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	4-4	Music City
2018	Kentucky	Head Coach	10-3	5-3	Citrus
2019	Kentucky	Head Coach	8-5	3-5	Belk
2020	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-6	4-6	TaxSlayer Gator
2021	Kentucky	Head Coach	10-3	5-3	Citrus

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STOOPS' NFL DRAFT PICKS

Name	Year	Rd	Pick	Overall	Team
Avery Williamson	2014	5	11	151	Titans
Bud Dupree	2015	1	22	22	Steelers
Za'Darius Smith	2015	4	23	122	Ravens
Josh Forrest	2016	6	15	190	Rams
Josh Allen	2019	1	7	7	Jaguars
Lonnie Johnson	2019	2	22	54	Texans
Mike Edwards	2019	3	35	99	Bucs
Benny Snell Jr.	2019	4	19	122	Steelers
George Asafo-Adjei	2019	7	18	232	Giants
Lynn Bowden Jr.	2020	3	16	80	Raiders
Logan Stenberg	2020	4	15	121	Lions
Jamin Davis	2021	1	19	19	Washington
Kelvin Joseph	2021	2	12	44	Cowboys
Quinton Bohanna	2021	6	8	192	Cowboys
Brandin Echols	2021	6	16	200	Jets
Landon Young	2021	6	22	206	Saints
Phil Hoskins	2021	7	3	232	Panthers



STOOPS YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013 – Won 2, Lost 10

26	WKU*	35	Nashville	Aug 31
41	Miami (Ohio)	7	Lexington	Sept 7
13	Louisville	27	Lexington	Sept 14
7	Florida*	24	Lexington	Sept 28
28	South Carolina*	35	Columbia	Oct 5
7	Alabama*	48	Lexington	Oct 12
22	Mississippi State*	28	Starkville	Oct 24
48	Alabama State*	14	Lexington	Nov 2
17	Missouri	48	Lexington	Nov 9
6	Vanderbilt	22	Nashville	Nov 16
17	Georgia*	59	Athens	Nov 23
13	Tennessee*	27	Lexington	Nov 30
246		374		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Avery Williamson and game captains

2014 – Won 5, Lost 7

59	UT Martin	14	Lexington	Aug 30
20	Ohio	3	Lexington	Sept 6
30	Florida* (3 OT)	36	Gainesville	Sept 13
17	Vanderbilt	7	Lexington	Sept 27
45	South Carolina*	38	Lexington	Oct 4
48	ULM	14	Lexington	Oct 11
3	LSU*	41	Baton Rouge	Oct 18
31	Mississippi State	45	Lexington	Oct 25
10	Missouri	20	Columbia	Nov 1
31	Georgia	63	Lexington	Nov 8
16	Tennessee	50	Knoxville	Nov 15
40	Louisville	44	Louisville	Nov 29
350		375		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Javess Blue, Alvin "Bud" Dupree, Za'Darius Smith, Jordan Swindle

2015 – Won 5, Lost 7

40	UL Lafayette*	33	Lexington	Sept 5
26	South Carolina*	22	Columbia	Sept 12
9	Florida*	14	Lexington	Sept 19
21	Missouri*	13	Lexington	Sept 26
34	Eastern Ky. (OT)*	27	Lexington	Oct 3
27	Auburn*	30	Lexington	Oct 15
16	Mississippi State*	42	Starkville	Oct 24
21	Tennessee*	52	Lexington	Oct 31
3	Georgia	27	Athens	Nov 7
17	Vanderbilt	21	Nashville	Nov 14
58	Charlotte*	10	Lexington	Nov 21
24	Louisville	38	Lexington	Nov 28
296		329		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Farrington Huguenin, Josh Forrest, Patrick Towles, Jordan Swindle, Melvin Lewis, A.J. Stamps

2016 – Won 7, Lost 6

35	Southern Miss*	44	Lexington	Sept 3
7	Florida	45	Gainesville	Sept 10
62	New Mexico St.	42	Lexington	Sept 17
17	South Carolina*	10	Lexington	Sept 24
6	Alabama*	34	Tuscaloosa	Oct 1
20	Vanderbilt	13	Lexington	Oct 8
40	Mississippi State*	38	Lexington	Oct 22
35	Missouri	21	Columbia	Oct 29
24	Georgia*	27	Lexington	Nov 5
36	Tennessee	49	Knoxville	Nov 12
49	Austin Peay	13	Lexington	Nov 19
41	Louisville	38	Louisville	Nov 26

TAXSLAYER BOWL

18	Georgia Tech	33	Jacksonville	Dec 31
390		407		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Jon Toth, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love, Jeff Badet, Jojo Kemp, Marcus McWilson

2017 – Won 7, Lost 6

24	Southern Miss	17	Hattiesburg	Sept 2
27	Eastern Ky.	16	Lexington	Sept 9
23	South Carolina*	13	Columbia	Sept 16
27	Florida*	28	Lexington	Sept 23
24	Eastern Mich.	20	Lexington	Sept 30
40	Missouri*	34	Lexington	Oct 7
7	Mississippi State	45	Starkville	Oct 21
29	Tennessee*	26	Lexington	Oct 28
34	Ole Miss	37	Lexington	Nov 4
44	Vanderbilt	21	Nashville	Nov 11
13	Georgia	42	Athens	Nov 18
17	Louisville	44	Lexington	Nov 25

FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY BOWL

23	Northwestern	24	Nashville	Dec 29
332		367		

COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Mike Edwards, Nick Haynes, Stephen Johnson, Courtney Love, Garrett Johnson, Charles Walker

2018 – Won 10, Lost 3

35	Central Michigan	20	Lexington	Sept 1
27	Florida*	16	Gainesville	Sept 8
48	Murray State	10	Lexington	Sept 15
28	Mississippi State*	7	Lexington	Sept 22
24	South Carolina*	10	Lexington	Sept 29
14	Texas A&M (OT)*	20	College Station	Oct 6
14	Vanderbilt*	7	Lexington	Oct 20
15	Missouri	14	Columbia	Oct 27
17	Georgia	34	Lexington	Nov 3
7	Tennessee	24	Knoxville	Nov 10
34	Middle Tennessee	23	Lexington	Nov 17
56	Louisville*	10	Louisville	Nov 24

VRBO CITRUS BOWL

27	Penn State	24	Orlando	Jan 1
346		219		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Josh Allen, George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Kash Daniel, Mike Edwards, Benny Snell Jr.

2019 – Won 8, Lost 5

38	Toledo	24	Lexington	Aug 31
38	Eastern Michigan*	17	Lexington	Sept 7
21	Florida*	29	Lexington	Sept 14
13	Mississippi State	28	Starkville	Sept 21
7	South Carolina*	24	Columbia	Sept 28
24	Arkansas*	20	Lexington	Oct 12
0	Georgia*	21	Athens	Oct 19
29	Missouri*	7	Lexington	Oct 26
13	Tennessee*	17	Lexington	Nov 9
38	Vanderbilt	14	Nashville	Nov 16
50	UT Martin	7	Lexington	Nov 23
45	Louisville	13	Lexington	Nov 30

BELK BOWL

37	Virginia Tech	30	Charlotte	Dec 31
353		251		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Lynn Bowden Jr., Kash Daniel, Logan Stenberg, Terry Wilson, Josh Paschal

2020 – Won 5, Lost 6

13	Auburn	29	Auburn	Sept 26
41	Ole Miss (OT)	42	Lexington	Oct 3
24	Mississippi State*	2	Lexington	Oct 10
34	Tennessee	7	Knoxville	Oct 17
10	Missouri	20	Columbus	Oct 24
3	Georgia	14	Lexington	Oct 31
38	Vanderbilt	35	Lexington	Nov 14
3	Alabama	63	Tuscaloosa	Nov 21
10	Florida	34	Gainesville	Nov 28
41	South Carolina*	18	Lexington	Dec 5

TAXSLAYER GATOR BOWL

23	North Carolina St.	21	Jacksonville	Jan 2
240		285		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Josh Ali, Quinton Bohanna, Yusuf Corker, Max Duffy, Drake Jackson, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square, Boogie Watson, Terry Wilson and Landon Young

Due to COVID 19, regular season was a 10-game SEC-only schedule

2021 – Won 10, Lost 3

45	ULM	10	Lexington	Sept 4
35	Missouri*	28	Lexington	Sept 11
28	Chattanooga	23	Lexington	Sept 18
16	South Carolina*	10	Columbia	Sept 25
20	Florida*	13	Lexington	Oct 2
42	LSU*	21	Lexington	Oct 9
13	Georgia	30	Athens	Oct 16
17	Mississippi State*	31	Starkville	Oct 30
42	Tennessee*	45	Knoxville	Nov 6
34	Vanderbilt*	17	Nashville	Nov 13
56	New Mexico State	16	Lexington	Nov 20
52	Louisville*	21	Louisville	Nov 27

Vrbo Citrus Bowl

20	Iowa	17	Orlando	Jan 1
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COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Josh Ali, Yusuf Corker, DeAndre Square, Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Will Levis, Josh Paschal and Chris Rodriguez Jr.

* indicates night game





ASSISTANT COACHES



FRANK BUFFANO

SAFETIES/ CO-SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Frank Buffano was hired in March of 2020 after serving seven years as the director of football operations at UK. He assists Chris Collins with the defensive backs and works primarily with the safeties. He also serves as the co-special teams coordinator with John Settle.

Prior to Kentucky, Buffano was a secondary coach and linebackers coach at Youngstown State. He began his career at Arizona under Mike Stoops, serving as a defensive graduate assistant coach his last two seasons after three years of working as a video graduate assistant with the Wildcats.

2008-09	Defensive Grad Assistant	Arizona
2010	Secondary	Youngstown State
2011-12	Linebackers	Youngstown State
2020	Safeties	Kentucky
2021-present	Safeties/Co-Special Teams Coordinator	Kentucky



CHRIS COLLINS

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Chris Collins enters his second season at Kentucky coaching the defensive backs. Collins was hired in June of 2021 after four seasons as the safeties coach at Georgia State. He helped the Panthers advance to a bowl game in three of his four seasons.

Collins was a four-year letter winner and two-year captain as a safety and outside linebacker at Western Carolina from 2006-09. He finished his career with 303 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, nine forced fumbles and five pass breakups.

2011-12	Defensive Assistant	Western Carolina
2013-14	Secondary / Special Teams Coordinator	Catawba
2015	Defensive Graduate Assistant	Appalachian State
2016	Assistant Linebackers Coach	Western Carolina
2017-18	Assistant Safeties Coach	Georgia State
2019-20	Assistant Safeties Coach / Recruiting Coordinator	Georgia State
2021-present	Kentucky	Defensive Backs



RICH SCANGARELLO

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QBS

Rich Scangarello is in his first season at Kentucky as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He was hired in February of 2022, replacing Liam Coen who was hired to be the new offensive coordinator for the Super Bowl Champion Los Angeles Rams.

Scangarello came to the Bluegrass with 24 years of coaching experience, seven in the NFL and 17 in the collegiate ranks. He arrived in Kentucky fresh off a run to the NFC Championship game with the San Francisco 49ers.

1998-99	Graduate Assistant	UC-Davis
2000	Graduate Assistant	Idaho
2001	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Carleton College
2002-03	Quarterbacks	Idaho
2004-07	Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers	UC-Davis
2008	Co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	UC-Davis
2009	Offensive Quality Control/Assistant Quarterbacks	Oakland Raiders
2010-11	Offensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach/Quarterbacks	Millsaps
2012-14	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Northern Arizona
2015	Offensive Assistant	Atlanta Falcons
2016	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Wagner College
2017-18	Quarterbacks	San Francisco 49ers
2019	Offensive Coordinator	Denver Broncos
2020	Senior Offensive Assistant	Philadelphia Eagles
2021	Quarterbacks	San Francisco 49ers
2022-present	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Kentucky



JOHN SETTLE

RUNNING BACKS/CO-SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

John Settle is in his second season at Kentucky as the running backs coach and co-special teams coordinator. Settle came to the Bluegrass in 2021 and now has 27 years of coaching experience, including six in the NFL. He has coached in 20 bowl games and boasts a long list of successful running backs.

Eleven years of his coaching career were spent at Wisconsin, most recently from 2015-2021 and also from 2006-10.

Settle was a four-year letterwinner (1983-86) at Appalachian State, where he finished as the school's career rushing leader with 4,409 yards (then third-most in FCS history) and 43 touchdowns. A two-time All-American, he was the Southern Conference Player of the Year as a senior after rushing for 1,661 yards and 20 TDs. His No. 23 was retired by his alma mater and he was inducted into the school's hall of fame in 1994.

1994	Running Backs	Appalachian State
1995	Offensive Assistant	Cleveland Browns
1996-97	Offensive Assistant	Baltimore Ravens
1998-2005	Running Backs	Fresno State
2006-10	Running Backs	Wisconsin
2011-12	Running Backs	Carolina Panthers
2013	Running Backs	Cleveland Browns
2014	Running Backs	Pittsburgh
2015-20	Running Backs	Wisconsin
2021-Present	Running Backs/Co-Special Teams Coordinator	Kentucky



VINCE MARROW

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/TIGHT ENDS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Vince Marrow, aka the "Big Dawg," enters his 10th season at Kentucky, currently handling the duties of associate head coach/tight ends coach/recruiting coordinator/NFL liaison.

Marrow's tight ends have been a big factor in UK producing six consecutive seasons of 2,000 or more rushing yards with at least one 1,000-yard rusher in five of those (Stanley "Boom" Williams -2016; Benny Snell Jr., - 2017, 2018; Lynn Bowden - 2019; Chris Rodriguez Jr. - 2021). Marrow also has been instrumental in UK signing nine straight top-50 recruiting classes, including the highest-rated class in UK history in 2021.

Marrow had a professional playing career as a member of NFL rosters on five teams, including Buffalo, Carolina, New York Jets, Chicago and San Francisco. After his NFL days ended, Marrow played for the Frankfurt Galaxy of NFL Europe in 1998, earning all-league honors with 32 receptions for 345 yards. He also played for the Orlando Rage in the XFL in 2001.

He began his collegiate playing career at Youngstown State before transferring to Toledo. Marrow played two seasons at Toledo, earning second-team All-MAC honors in 1991 before being drafted by the Bills in 1992.

2005-06	Tackles, Tight Ends	Berlin (NFL Europe)
2006-07	Tackles, Tight Ends	Rhein (NFL Europe)
2008	Tight Ends	Toledo
2009	Head Coach	Holland HS
2010	Tight Ends	Omaha (United Football League)
2011-12	Graduate Assistant / Tight Ends	Nebraska
2013	Tight Ends	Kentucky
2014-18	Tight Ends, Recruiting Coordinator	Kentucky
2019-present	Associate Head Coach/Tight Ends	Kentucky



ANWAR STEWART

DEFENSIVE LINE

Former Wildcat Anwar Stewart was named the defensive line coach at Kentucky in January of 2020. He returned to the Bluegrass after one season as the defensive line coach at Appalachian State.

Stewart is quite familiar with the Kentucky football program after playing linebacker/defensive end from 1996-99 under head coaches Bill Curry and Hal Mumme and having served as a student assistant and defensive assistant under head coach Mark Stoops from 2017-18.

During his playing days at Kentucky, he totaled 64 tackles, including nine tackles for loss and eight sacks, playing both linebacker and defensive end.

2014	Defensive Quality Control	Montreal Alouettes
2015	Defensive Ends	Montreal Alouettes
2016	Defensive Line	Montreal Alouettes
2017-18	Defensive Assistant	Kentucky
2019	Defensive Line	Appalachian State
2020-present	Defensive Line	Kentucky



MIKE STOOPS

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

Mike Stoops, a 35-year collegiate coaching veteran who is the brother of head coach Mark Stoops, was named the inside linebackers coach in January of 2022. He replaced Jon Sumrall, who was named the head coach at Troy.

Mike Stoops most recently was at Florida Atlantic where he spent the 2021 season as the defensive coordinator and safeties coach. Prior to that, he spent two seasons (2019 and 2020) at Alabama as an analyst on Nick Saban's staff, highlighted by the 2020 national championship. He also was the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Oklahoma from 2012-18 and was the head coach at Arizona from 2004-11. He had a first term at Oklahoma from 1999-2003, including the 2000 national championship season.

1987	Graduate Assistant	Iowa
1988-91	Volunteer Assistant	Iowa
1992-95	Defensive Ends	Kansas State
1996	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Ends	Kansas State
1997	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Kansas State
1998	Asst. Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Kansas State
1999-2003	Asst. Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Oklahoma
2004-11	Head Coach	Arizona
2012-14	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Oklahoma
2015-18	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers	Oklahoma
2019-20	Quality Control	Alabama
2021	Defensive Coordinator/Safeties	Florida Atlantic
2022-present	Inside Linebackers	Kentucky



COACHES & STAFF



BRAD WHITE

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

Brad White is in his fifth season at Kentucky as the outside linebackers coach and fourth as the Cats' defensive coordinator. He was elevated to the DC position by head coach Mark Stoops in February of 2019.

White came to Kentucky after spending six years at the outside linebackers coach with the Indianapolis Colts.

A graduate of Wake Forest, White started at linebacker and finished his playing career with 227 tackles, 19.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks and eight passes defended, while starting 34-of-35 games played. White was a three-time Academic All-ACC selection and was named to the 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District III team.

2007-08	Defensive Graduate Assistant	Wake Forest
2009	Safeties	Murray State
2010-11	Inside Linebackers	Air Force
2012-13	Defensive Quality Control	Indianapolis (NFL)
2014	Assistant Linebackers	Indianapolis (NFL)
2015-17	Outside Linebackers	Indianapolis (NFL)
2018	Outside Linebackers	Kentucky
2019-present	Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers	Kentucky



ZACH YENSER

OFFENSIVE LINE

Zach Yenser was named the new offensive line coach at Kentucky in February of 2022 after three seasons as the assistant offensive line coach with the San Francisco 49ers.

Yenser, originally from Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater Troy University in 2007, working with special teams and the offensive linemen under former Wildcat and beloved UK assistant coach John Schlarman.

As a player at Troy, Yenser earned a starting spot at center from 2003-06. In 2006, as a senior team captain, he helped the Trojans win the Sun Belt Conference and the New Orleans Bowl, and was named a First-Team All-Sun Belt selection.

2007	Graduate Assistant - Offensive Line/Special Teams	Troy
2008	Offensive Line	Henderson State
2009	Offensive Line	Colquitt County High School
2010-11	Graduate Assistant - Offensive Line	Louisiana Tech
2012	Assistant Offensive Line	Louisiana Tech
2013-14	Offensive Line	California
2015-17	Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator	Kansas
2018	Offensive Quality Control	Southern Methodist
2019-21	Assistant Offensive Line	San Francisco 49ers
2022-present	Offensive Line	Kentucky



SCOTT WOODWARD

WIDE RECEIVERS

Scott Woodward is in his second season as the wide receivers coach.

Before coming to the Bluegrass, Woodward spent two seasons as a quality control coach at Pittsburgh. From 2015-18, he served as the tight ends coach at his alma mater, Massachusetts, and also served as an offensive analyst and worked with the quarterbacks and receivers.

Prior to UMass, had coaching stints at Fairleigh Dickinson-Florham (2013-15) and Westfield State (2010-13).

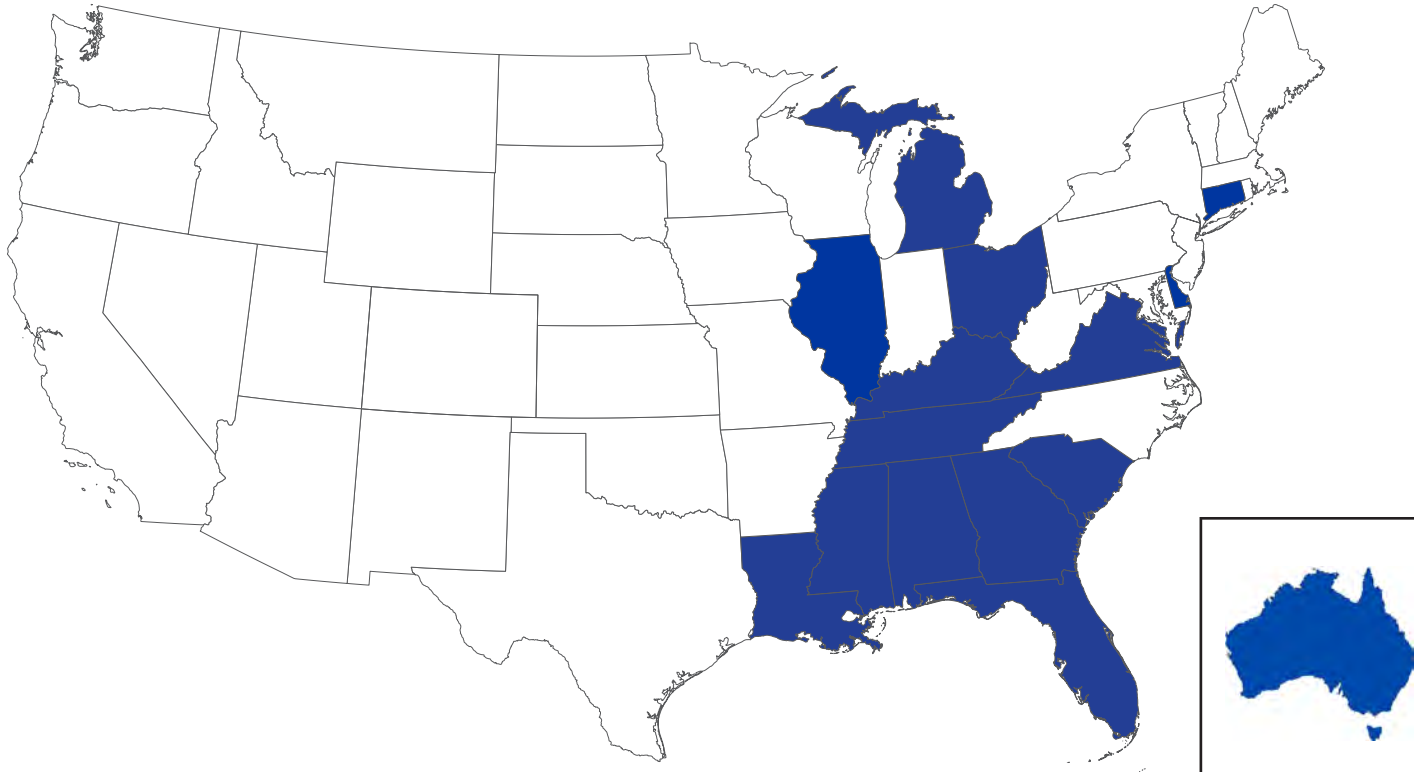
Woodward was a four-year letterman at quarterback for Massachusetts and played for the Minutemen's 2006 team that finished as the Division I-AA National Championship national runner-up.

2010-12	Offensive Graduate Assistant	Westfield State
2013-14	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Fairleigh Dickinson
2015	Graduate Assistant/Wide Receivers	Massachusetts
2016	Offensive Analyst/Quarterbacks	Massachusetts
2017	Quarterbacks	Massachusetts
2018	Tight Ends	Massachusetts
2019-20	Offensive Quality Control	Pittsburgh
2021-present	Wide Receivers	Kentucky



CATS ON THE MAP

The 2022 Spring Football roster is comprised of 14 different states and Australia



Alabama (5)

Birmingham	Lucas Padgett
Huntsville	Kahlil Saunders
Pleasant Grove	Chris Lewis
Tuscaloosa	Jacquez Jones
Wetumpka	Kavosiey Smoke

Connecticut (1)

Madison	Will Levis
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Delaware (1)

Middletown	Tomiwa Durojaiye
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Florida (7)

Apopka	Tashawn Manning
Fort Lauderdale	Jordan Wright
Miami	Sam Anaele
	Clevan Thomas Jr.
Orlando	Rahsaan Lewis
Sanford	Kenneth Horsey
Vero Beach	DeMarcus Harris

Georgia (8)

Albany	Chauncey Magwood
Atlanta	Andre Stewart
Columbus	Josh Jones
Dublin	D'Eryk Jackson
Jesup	Trevin Wallace
McDonough	Chris Rodriguez Jr.
Union Grove	Taj Dodson
Rochelle	Martez Thrower

Illinois (1)

Lake Forest	Jai Williams
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Kentucky (37)

Bowling Green	Jordan Dingle
	Justice Dingle
	Vito Tisdale

Danville

Jackson	Cole Lanter
Lexington	Braxton Eiserman
	Beau Allen
	Jager Burton
	Dekel Crowdus Jr.
	Trey Dennis
	Dane Key
	Jack Monday
	Graham Wald

Louisville

	Alex Bascom
	Richard Bascom
	Tae Tae Crumes
	Izayah Cummings
	Kiyaunta Goodwin
	Luke Leeper
	Jordan Morrow
	Elijah Reed
	Jackson Shulz
	Jack Varga
	J.J. Weaver
	Lavell Wright
	John Young

Mayfield

Nicholasville	Cody Goatley
Owensboro	Eli Cox
Paintsville	Austin Gough
Radcliff	Grant Bingham
	Isaiah Beasley
	Jordan Lovett
	Octavious Oxendine
Richmond	Dillon Wheatley
Science Hill	Jase Bruner
Somerset	Kaiya Sheron
Stamping Ground	Jonathan Berry
Upton	Clay Perry

Louisiana (3)

Baton Rouge	Joel Williams
Metairie	William Nalty

Michigan (7)

Beecher	Earnest Sanders IV
Detroit	Deondre Buford
	Jeremy Flax
	Justin Rogers
	DeAndre Square
East Lansing	Conner Long
West Bloomfield	Maxwell Hairston

Mississippi (2)

Horn Lake	Josaih Hayes
Lake Cormorant	Cade Degraw

Ohio (16)

Cincinnati	Brenden Bates
	Darrion Henry-Young
	Chris Oats
	Carrington Valentine
	Quintin Wilson
Centerville	Matt Ruffolo
Cleveland	Colin Goodfellow
Columbus	Jamarius Dinkins
	Rickey Hyatt Jr.
Fairfield	JuTahn McClain
Hilltop	Mike Drennen II
Lima	Keaton Upshaw
Mansfield	Tyrell Ajian
Mason	Paul Rodriguez
Stow	David Wohlabaugh Jr.
Youngstown	Luke Fulton

South Carolina (3)

Anderson	Andru Phillips
	Chance Poore
Columbia	Jalen Geiger

Tennessee (2)

Dickson	Tre'Vonn Rybka
Nashville	Adrian Huey

Virginia (2)

Woodbridge	R.J. Adams
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AUSTRALIA (1)

Maribyrnong	Wilson Berry
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Breakdown by Class

Super Seniors (9)

Tyrell Ajian
Colin Goodfellow
Jacquez Jones
Tashawn Manning*
William Nalty
Matt Ruffolo
DeAndre Square
Clevan Thomas Jr.
Jordan Wright

Seniors (19)

Alex Bascom
Richard Bascom
Brenden Bates
Cade Degraw
Justice Dingle
Braxton Eiserman
Kenneth Horsey
Will Levis
Rahsaan Lewis
Jordan Morrow
Chance Poore
Tayvion Robinson*
Chris Rodriguez Jr.
Kavosiey Smoke
Keaton Upshaw
Jack Varga
Dillon Wheatley
Quintin Wilson

Juniors (25)

Beau Allen
Isaiah Beasley
Jase Bruner
Eli Cox
Tae Tae Crumes
Izayah Cummings
Taj Dodson
Michael Drennen II
Jeremy Flax
Luke Fulton
Jalen Geiger
Cody Goatley
DeMarcus Harris
Josaih Hayes
D'Eryk Jackson
Luke Leeper
JuTahn McClain
Octavious Oxendine
Clay Perry
Justin Rogers
Vito Tisdale
Carrington Valentine
Graham Wald
J.J. Weaver
Joel Williams

Sophomores (20)

R.J. Adams
Sam Anaele
Jonathan Berry
Deondre Buford
Trey Dennis
Austin Gough
Darrion Henry-Young*
Deuce Hogan*

Rickey Hyatt Jr.
Josh Jones
Conner Long
Chauncey Magwood
Lucas Padgett
Andru Phillips
Tre'Vonn Rybka
Earnest Sanders IV
Martez Thrower
Trevin Wallace
Jai Williams
John Young

r-Freshmen (14)

Wilson Berry
Jager Burton
Dekel Crowdus Jr.
Jordan Dingle
Jamarius Dinkins
Maxwell Hairston
Adrian Huey
Chrisitan Lewis
Jordan Lovett
Paul Rodriguez
Kahlil Saunders
Kaiya Sheron
David Wohlabaugh
La'Ve'll Wright

Freshmen (9)

Grant Bingham*
Tomiwa Durojaiye*
Kiyaunta Goodwin*
Dane Key*
Cole Lanter*
Jack Monday*
Elijah Reed*
Jackson Shulz*
Andre Stewart*

* 2022 Mid-year enrollee



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REUBEN "R.J." ADAMS

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 321 • Sophomore-SQ
Woodbridge, Va. (Woodbridge Senior)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Four-star recruit by Rivals.com and ESPN
- Rivals listed him as the No. 6 prospect in Virginia and No. 12 overall prospect in the nation
- Named an Under Armour All-American and contributed for Coach Deion Sanders' winning squad, Team Pressure, defeated Team Savage, 30-24, in January of 2020
- Three-year starter and two-year captain at Woodbridge Senior High School for Coach Gary Wortham Sr.
- Led Woodbridge to a regional championship and Final Four appearance in 2017 with a school-best 12-2 record
- Allowed zero sacks as a senior and went on to earn 2019 second-team All-District, All-Region and All-Met honors by *The Washington Post*
- Helped lead the Vikings to a 2018 Class 6A state title
- Winner of the school's prestigious Iron Mad Award for starting every game in three seasons (34 straight), the final 10 games on both sides of the ball
- Also a two-year varsity basketball player at Woodbridge
- Four-year member of the AB Honor Roll
- Chose Kentucky over Alabama and NC State

Personal

- Born in Arlington, Virginia
- Son of Reuben and Lisa Adams
- Has two sisters, Imani and Nia
- Dad, Reuben, played football at Howard and is a member of Howard's Athletics Hall of Fame
- Major is pre-communication

R.J. Says

- His nickname is "Big Nasty" or "Big Woo"
- He chose Kentucky because the staff made him feel at home immediately and did not pressure him to commit
- His dream job is to become a teacher
- One word to describe him on the field is "powerful"
- Most people don't know that he was crowned Homecoming King as a senior



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TYRELL AJIAN

SAFETY

6-0 • 190 • %Senior-4L
Mansfield, Ohio (Madison Comprehensive)

2022 - %Super Senior

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Four-year letter winner who has played in 49 career games with 23 starting assignments
- Has totaled 121 tackles, nine pass breakups and four interceptions in his career

2021 - Senior

- Saw action in all 13 games with 11 starts at safety
- Totaled 46 tackles, four pass breakups and one of UK's nine interceptions
- Had a career-high tying eight tackles and a career-best two pass breakups in the win over No. 10/9 Florida
- Had a 95-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter vs. UTC ... Marked his first collegiate score and the fourth interception of his career ... Tied for the third-longest interception return in school history and the longest since David Johnson's 95-yard TD return at Cincinnati in 1986 ... Marked the longest UK interception return in Commonwealth Stadium/Kroger Field history
- Led the Wildcats with a career-high eight tackles vs. Missouri

2020 - Junior

- Started at safety in 10 of 11 games played
- Totaled 48 tackles, an interception, a forced fumble, a PBU and a blocked kick
- Blocked a field goal attempt in the second quarter vs. No. 23 NC State in the Gator Bowl, the first blocked kick of his career and UK's second blocked field goal of the season, also Jamin Davis vs. Georgia
- Made a career-high seven tackles vs. the Wolfpack
- Had his third career interception in the win over No. 18 Tennessee

2019 - Sophomore

- Played in 12 games with two starting assignments (Florida and Miss. State) at safety
- Totaled 17 tackles, an interception and a PBU
- Recorded a career-high tying three tackles vs. Vanderbilt, Eastern Michigan and at South Carolina
- In his first career start, had two tackles and an interception vs. Florida, his second career INT
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games



- Finished the season with 10 tackles, three PBUs and one INT
- Made his first career interception and also had a pass breakup in Kentucky's 28-7 win over Mississippi State ... With MSU threatening to tie the game early in the fourth quarter, his third-down pass breakup forced a punt ... On the next possession, with MSU again threatening to tie, he intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards ... His long return set up a touchdown run on the next play, giving UK a two-TD lead
- Recorded two tackles vs. Murray State, his first career action

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Combination athlete in high school, playing defensive back, wide receiver and quarterback
- Four-star prospect by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- Rivals ranks him the No. 10 overall prospect in the state of Ohio and the No. 23 athlete in the class of 2017
- ESPN has him as the No. 8 safety in the country
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter for Coach Jamie Masi at Madison Comprehensive
- First-team OCC All-Conference and honorable mention second-team All-Northwest Ohio in 2016 after averaging 9.0 tackles per game
- Nominated for the 2017 U.S. Army All-American Bowl
- Had three interceptions and 54 tackles as a junior, along with 783 receiving yards, 551 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns
- OCC Offensive Player of the Year and first-team Offense All-Northwest Ohio in 2015
- Also excelled on the basketball court, becoming a member of Madison's 1,000-point club during his senior season
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan, Michigan State, and West Virginia

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Ajian (a-jun)"
- Born in Ashland, Ohio
- Son of Nikki Ajian and Burton Hester
- On track to graduate in the spring of 2022 with a degree in family science and a minor in coaching

Tyrell Says

- His nickname is "Ty"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "ball hawk"
- The one thing he's looking forward to this season is continuing what the guys started last year
- When he played football as a kid he pretend to be Terrell Owens

AJIAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-S	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	INT	PBU	Blk
2018	S	13-0	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-35	3	0
2019	S	12-2	17	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-22	1	0
2020	S	11-10	48	0-0	0-0	1/0	1-0	1	1
2021	S	13-11	46	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-95	4	0
Totals		49-23	121	0-0	0-0	1/0	4-152	9	1

AJIAN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. ULM*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-95	0	0
at USC*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	0
at Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
NMST*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	0
Totals	39	0-0	0-0	0/0	4	1-95	0	0

AJIAN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
at Auburn*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0	0
at Missouri	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama*	3	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State*	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
Totals	48	0-0	0-0	1/0	1	1	0	1

AJIAN'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	INT	QBH
vs. Toledo	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Michigan	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-22	0
at Miss. State*	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
at South Carolina	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia		DNP					
vs. Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Va. Tech	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-22	0

AJIAN'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-35	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
vs. Penn State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	0-0	0-0	0	3	1-35	0

AJIAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, twice, last vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021
Blocked kicks: 1, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
Interceptions: 1, 4x, last vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021 (1-95)
Pick Six: 1, at UTC, Sept 13, 2021 (95)
Pass breakups: 2, vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021



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BEAU ALLEN

QUARTERBACK

6-2 • 215 • Junior-11
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)

2021 - Sophomore

- Played in three games (ULM, New Mexico State and Louisville) and completed 8 of 12 passes for 92 yards
- Entered in the fourth quarter vs. New Mexico State and completed 3 of 4 passes for 40 yards ... Also had a three-yard scramble for his first collegiate rushing touchdown
- Got a career-long 23-yard rush at Louisville

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Mid-year enrollee
- Saw action in two games (Vanderbilt and at Alabama)
- Completed 3-of-7 passes for 40 yards
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Vanderbilt on Nov. 14 and completed 3 of 5 passes for 40 yards

High School

- Four-star recruit by Rivals as the No. 13 pro-style quarterback
- Rated a top 500 player in the class by 247Sports and the No. 19 pro-style quarterback
- Named the Paul Hornung Award winner given to the top high school player in Kentucky
- Four-year starter who compiled 11,439 career passing yards and 127 touchdowns, numbers that put him in the top five all-time
- Coached by Nigel Smith
- Candidate for Kentucky's Mr. Football award
- Completed 248 of 366 passes for 3,682 yards and 38 touchdowns and rushed for a team-high 478 yards and 12 scores
- Three-time first-team All-State
- Named to the 2019 Class of the Commonwealth by the Lexington Herald-Leader
- Also was a two-year basketball letter winner
- Academic All-State





- Member of the Beta Club and was named Academic All-State
- Picked Kentucky over Georgia, Washington State, West Virginia, Duke and others

Community Cats

- Volunteered at LexCity Church (2020)
- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Carmel, Indiana
- Son of Bill and Ingrid Allen
- Dad, Bill, also played quarterback at Kentucky from 1984-88
- Majoring in pre-finance

Beau Says

- His nickname is "Beau" - his birth name is William
- He chose Kentucky because of the coaches and the relationships he made with team
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to coach
- One word to describe him on the field is "calm"
- His sports hero is Tom Brady because he wins

ALLEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2020	2-0	2	-9	0	3	7	0	42.9	40	0	20
2021	3-0	4	9	1	8	12	0	66.7	92	0	31
Totals	5-0	6	-23	1	11	19	0	57.9	132	0	31

ALLEN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	4-7-0	52	0	31	1	-10	0	0
vs. NMST	3-4-0	40	0	23	2	-4	0	3
at Louisville	1-1-0	0	0	0	1	23	0	23
Totals	8-12-0	92	0	31	4	9	1	23

ALLEN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Vanderbilt	3-5-0	40	0	20	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	0-2-0	0	0	0	2	-9	0	0
Totals	3-7-0	40	0	20	2	-9	0	0

ALLEN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 7, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Pass completions: 4, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Pass yards: 52, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Long pass: 31, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Rush attempts: 2, twice, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
 Rushing touchdowns: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
 Long rush: 23, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021



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SAM ANAELE

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 290 • Sophomore-SQ
Lagos, Nigeria (McDougle Technical Institute)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in three games vs. ULM, Louisville and Iowa
- Got a career-high two tackles, including 1.0 tackle for loss vs. the Cards
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Moved to defensive end from outside linebacker

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season as an outside linebacker
- Mid-year enrollee in Jan. 2020
- Saw action in one game vs. South Carolina
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Four-star recruit by 247Sports Composite and Rivals rankings
- Ranked the No. 96 overall player in the class by Rivals and the No. 5 weakside defensive end
- The No. 16 player in talent-rich state of Florida according to Rivals
- Selected to the 2020 Under Armour All-America Game
- Has been timed at 4.9 in the 40-yard dash
- Had 38 total tackles, 19 tackles for loss and seven sacks as a senior at McDougle Technical Institute Preparatory
- Coached by Norman Richards
- Picked Kentucky over Miami, South Florida, Florida, Colorado and others

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Brenda Cowan Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Lagos, Nigeria
- Son of Steven Anaele
- Began athletic career on the basketball court and has only been playing football five years
- Named is pronounced Sam "ah-NEL-lee"
- Majoring in communication

Sam Says

- His nickname is "Bax"
- He chose Kentucky so he could to play football at the highest level and get a high-level education
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to work in business management/communications
- One word to describe him on the field is "hard-nosed"
- His hidden talent is writing

ANAELE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	Blks	Int	FF/FR	QBH
2020	OLB	1-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0
2021	DE	3-0	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0
Totals		4-0	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0

ANAELE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int	QBH
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0

ANAELE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int	QBH
vs. USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0

ANAELE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (2 yards)

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ALEX BASCOM

DEFENSIVE LINE



6-5 • 268 • Senior-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2021)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year letter winner for head coach Kevin Wallace
- Started at defensive end and helped lead the Tigers to 9-4 record as a senior, totaling 54 tackles and 7.0 sacks
- Named All-District as a senior
- Helped St. Xavier go 12-3 and finish as state runner up in 2017
- Also a two-year letter winner as a forward on the basketball team
- Member of the National Honor Society and was named to the President's List for excelling in the classroom
- Chose Kentucky over Butler, Jacksonville, and Louisville





Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Theresa and Rich Bascom
- Has a twin brother, Richard, also on the team
- Double majoring in finance and management

Alex Says

- He chose Kentucky because he's been a fan his whole life and he liked the coaching staff
- After his football career, he would like to be a financial advisor
- Three words to describe him are respectable, reliable, and funny
- The best advice he's ever received is "always remember, things get better"
- The person he admires the most is his grandpa because he's always been able to make him laugh



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RICHARD
BASCOM

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 275 • Senior-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year letter winner at Saint Xavier under head coach Kevin Wallace
- Started at defensive end and helped lead the Tigers to 9-4 record as a senior, totaling 68 tackles and 7.0 sacks
- Named All-State honorable mention and was a member of the *Courier Journal's* All-Metro Louisville football team as a senior
- Helped St. Xavier go 12-3 and finish as state runner up in 2017
- Also played basketball for two seasons
- Member of the National Honor Society
- Chose Kentucky over Butler, Jacksonville and Louisville

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Theresa and Rich Bascom
- Has a twin brother, Alex, also on the team
- Double majors are in finance and management

Richard Says

- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to experience the highest level of football

- After his football career, he would like to be an investment banker
- His sports hero is Justin Thomas because he's from Louisville and he's one of the greatest to ever play golf
- The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Robert Herjavec, Donald Trump, and LeBron James
- The best advice he's ever received is "do what you think is right, not what others think is right"



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BRENDEN
BATES

TIGHT END

6-5 • 263 • Senior-2L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)

2021 - Junior

- Has seen action in 34 career games with six starting assignments
- Played in all 13 games with six starts in 2021
- Had 11 receptions for 70 yards (5.4) and one score
- Earned his first career start vs. ULM and also started vs. Missouri, LSU, Tennessee, Louisville and Iowa
- Caught a season-high tying two passes at No. 1 Georgia and vs. Tennessee
- Caught his first collegiate touchdown with a four-yard catch vs. ULM
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Sophomore

- Played in six games in 2020
- Missed five games with injury
- Made his first collegiate catch, a 14-yarder in the third quarter, vs. Mississippi State

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in 13 games, mostly on special teams

2018 - Freshman

- Saw action in two games
- Redshirt season
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- One of the nation's top-20 tight ends by Rivals
- Noted for his receiving ability, a difficult skill to find among tight ends in the high school ranks
- Caught 17 passes for 305 yards with 11 touchdowns as a senior at Archbishop Moeller in Cincinnati
- Totaled 250 yards receiving on 14 catches with five scores as a junior
- Two-time first-team All-Greater Catholic League selection
- Accepted an invitation to the 2018 Team USA Under-19 National Team for International Bowl IX
- Coached by John Rodenberg

- Three-year letter winner in track in the 200-meters and discus throw and was a power forward/center for two seasons on the basketball team
- Was a member of the Improv Club
- Received offers from the SEC, Big Ten, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conference, including schools such as Vanderbilt, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, West Virginia, Louisville and Pittsburgh

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Doug and Kelly Bates
- Has two siblings, Morgan and Doug Jr.
- Comes from a family of athletes as father played football at Indiana, mother played volleyball at Morehead State, brother, Doug, played tight end at Toledo, sister, Morgan currently plays lacrosse at Cincinnati and grandfather, Gene Neff, played basketball at Kentucky under Coach Adolph Rupp from 1951-52
- Major is consumer economics and family financial counseling

Brenden Says

- His nickname is "Batesy"
- Most people don't know that he is extremely good at the worm
- A muscular Will Ferrell or Chris Pratt would play him in a movie about his life
- If he could only eat three foods for the rest of his life he would choose spicy chicken sandwiches, carrots with ranch, and Philly cheese steaks
- The best part of being a Kentucky Wildcat is meeting great people and being a part of something special

BATES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2018	TE	2-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019	TE	13-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2020	TE	6-0	1	14	14.0	0	14
2021	TE	13-6	11	70	5.4	1	15
Totals		34-6	12	84	7.0	1	15

BATES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM*	1	4	1	4
vs. Missouri*	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	2	2	0	4
at South Carolina	1	15	0	15
vs. Florida	1	11	0	11
vs. LSU*	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	13	0	8
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	18	0	13
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	1	0	1
at Louisville*	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	1	6	0	6
Totals	11	70	1	15





BATES' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	1	14	0	14
at Tennessee		DNP	(Injury)	
at Missouri		DNP	(Injury)	
vs. Georgia		DNP	(Injury)	
vs. Vanderbilt		DNP	(Injury)	
at Alabama		DNP	(Injury)	
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	14	0	14

BATES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, 3x, last vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
 Receiving yards: 18, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (2 receptions)
 Long reception: 15, at South Carolina, Sept 15, 2021
 Receiving touchdowns: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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ISAIAH BEASLEY

DEFENSIVE LINE

5-11 • 273 • Junior-SQ
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

2021 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-year letter winner and two-year starter for head coach Brent Thompson at North Hardin High School
- Helped lead the Trojans to a 13-1 overall record in 2019 and take the region and district championship before advancing to the KHSAA Class 6-A state semifinals
- Voted team captain and totaled 39 tackles, 5.0 sacks, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries as a senior
- Earned Select Preps Player of the Year and was a first-team All-Area selection by *The News-Enterprise*
- Also a member of the baseball team
- An excellent student who earned a 4.0 grade point average and was named first-team All-Academic by the KHSAA all four years of high school
- Selected as a 2018 University of Kentucky Rising Scholar

- Earned a certificate of nomination for the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Award of Excellence
- Nominated for Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders
- Active in community service, helping build house frames for the homeless and serving breakfast to senior citizens
- Member of the High School Ministry, the Pep Club and DECA
- High school teammates with fellow Wildcats Darren Green and Oxtavious Oxendine
- Chose Kentucky over Western Kentucky, Kentucky Wesleyan, and Liberty

Personal

- Born in Burglengenfeld, Germany
- Son of Roderick and Tammy Beasley
- Has one brother, Alex
- Major is psychology

Isaiah Says

- His nickname is "Beaz"
- His dream job is to be a psychiatrist
- One thing people may not know about him is that he writes left-handed and throws right-handed
- His sports hero is Aaron Donald because he has proven that no matter your size as a defensive lineman, you can dominate and be successful
- One word to describe him is "consistent"



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JONATHAN BERRY

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 284 • Sophomore-SQ
Stamping Ground, Ky. (Scott County)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year letter winner and two-year starter at left tackle for head coach Jim McKee at Scott County High School
- Named second-team All-State by the Associated Press in 2020 after helping lead the Cardinals to a 9-1 record with more than 2,000 yards rushing and one of the state's top ground attacks
- As a junior, helped the Cardinals' offense generate 3,736 yards of rushing offense and finish with a 10-2 record and an appearance in the 6th District finals
- Member of the 6A state runner-up team in 2018
- Chose Kentucky over Georgetown College and University of the Cumberland

Personal

- Born in Georgetown, Kentucky
- Son of Kevin and Melissa Berry
- Siblings are Alexandra and Daniel

- Brother, Daniel, was an offensive lineman at the University of the Cumberland from 2014-17
- Major is sociology

Jonathan Says

- His nickname is "Berry"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to play for his home state school
- His dream job is to be a U.S. Marshal
- Besides football, he's also good at fishing
- The three famous people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are his great grandfather, Vin Diesel and "Stone Cold" Steve Austin



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WILSON BERRY

PUNTER

6-4 • 207 • Freshman-RS
Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)

2021 - Freshman

- Had four punts for 148 yards (37.0) with one punt instead the 20-yard line in two games played
- Missed a majority of the season with a back injury
- Had two punts for 71 yards (35.5) in the season opener vs. ULM, his first collegiate action
- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021

High School / Australian Rules Football

- Following in the footsteps of UK's two previous Aussie punters – Matt Panton (2017) and Max Duffy (2018-20), the 2019 Ray Guy Award winner as the nation's best punter
- Comes to UK from the auspices of ProKick Australia
- 247sports rated him as the No. 3 player out of Australia and the No. 7 punter in the 2020 recruiting class
- Coached by Nathan Chapman and John Smith at ProKick
- Following high school, played three years of Australian rules football for Essendon's team in the Victorian Football League
- Prior to footy, attended Maribyrnong College, previously known as Maribyrnong High School, that specializes in sports

Personal

- Born in Ballarat, Victoria
- Son of Jason and Louise Berry
- Siblings are Jordan, Lachlan, and Oscar
- Older brother, Jordan, played football at Eastern Kentucky and is currently the punter for the Minnesota Vikings
- Majoring in kinesiology
- Currently 23 years old (birthday is in June)
- While playing footy, held down a part-time job at Grill'd, a restaurant known for preparing healthy hamburgers ... Started as a waiter before being promoted to the kitchen as a cook and then as an assistant manager





Wilson Says

- His nickname is "Bangers"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a physical therapist
- One word to describe him on the field is "silky"
- To calm butterflies before a game he watches Max Duffy highlights
- The best advice he's ever received is "life's uncertain, eat dessert first"



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GRANT
BINGHAM

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-5 • 321 • Freshman-FR
Johnson County, Ky. (Johnson Central)

2022-Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2022

High School

- A four-star recruit, considered a top-300 college football prospect in the country
- Listed as the No. 3 overall recruit in the Commonwealth via 247Sports and on3.com
- Helped lead Johnson Central to a 51-5 overall record during his four-year prep career, learning under the tutelage of the late and beloved head coach Jim Matney, who passed away in October after complications due to COVID-19
- Named the 2021 4A District 8 Player of the Year after leading the Eagles to a runner-up finish in the 4A KHSAA state championship title race
- Helped JCHS rush for 4,564 yards during the 2021 season
- Named to the Lexington Herald-Leader "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Kentucky Sports Radio 2021 All-State Football Team
- Member of Johnson Central's 2019 Class 4A state championship team that went 15-0
- Earned Football University (FBU) Freshman All-America honors in 2018
- Also an excellent tennis player
- Along with doubles partner Brayden Pickle, the duo advanced to Johnson Central's first regional team tennis championship match
- Member of the 2021 regional championship team
- Excelled in the classroom, carrying a 4.0 grade point average
- Received over 20 offers but ultimately chose UK over Notre Dame, Michigan and Miami

Personal

- Born in Frankfort, Kentucky
- Son of Robyn and Carl Bingham
- Has one brother, Ethan
- Major is undecided

Grant Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a real estate firm CEO
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he plays tennis
- Three words to describe him are caring, motivated, and hardworking
- The best advice he's ever received is "eat or be eaten"
- If he could create a holiday he would celebrate milk and everyone would be required to drink at least one glass of milk. It would be called "MilkMas"



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JASE
BRUNER

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 237 • Junior-SQ
Science Hill, Ky. (Somerset)

2021 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Four-year letter winner and starter at linebacker, safety, running back, fullback, and tight end for head coach Robbie Lucas at Somerset High School
- Had a team-high 121 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, one forced fumble, two recovered fumbles, and one interception on defense in 2019
- Offensively, charted 434 yards rushing on 55 carries with five touchdowns, in addition to 10 catches for 169 yards
- Helped the Briar Jumpers win the 2019 District 4 championship, the Region 2 championship, and the Class 2A State championship
- Also won the 2018 District and Region championship
- Earned the 2019 *Commonwealth Journal* Defensive Player of the Year and was on the *Lexington Herald-Leader's* "Best of the Bluegrass" team
- Twice named honorable mention on *The Associated Press* All-State team (2018, 2019)
- Three-time first-team All-Conference player (2017, 2018, 2019)
- Named the 2018 AA District 7 Player of the Year
- Also played baseball and basketball
- Earned a spot on the 2020 12th Region All-Tournament Team and 47th All-District Team as a center
- Excelled in the classroom as a member of the National Honor Society
- Was a Kentucky Governor's Scholar, Rogers Scholar, and Rogers Explorer

- Chose Kentucky over Louisville, Centre, and Furman

Personal

- Born in Somerset, Kentucky
- Son of John and Beth Bruner
- Siblings are Grace, Kate, Jack, and Josh
- Comes from a family of athletes as dad, John, was a tight end at Centre College; mother, Beth, was a cheerleader at Transylvania; grandfather, Jack Bruner, was a four-sport athlete in basketball, baseball, track, and golf at Union College; uncle, Teel Bruner, played basketball and football at Transylvania; aunt, Rachel Gaynor, was a basketball player at Western Kentucky; aunt, Margaret Brown, ran track at Centre; aunt, Martha Breeding, played basketball at Transylvania; cousin Jake Bruner, played basketball at the College of Idaho
- Major is pre-economics

Jase Says

- His nickname is "Bronko"
- He chose Kentucky because he was born in Kentucky and has been a Wildcat his whole life
- His dream job is to be a dermatologist
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't argue with ignorance"
- The three famous people he would invite to his fantasy dinner Adam Sandler, Jon Gruden, and Ronald Reagan



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DEONDRE
BUFORD

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 303 • Sophomore-SQ
Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in two games (New Mexico State and Louisville)

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Mid-year enrollee
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Four-star recruit by 247 Sports Composite rankings
- A Detroit News Blue Chip top-10 recruit
- Ranked the No. 24 offensive tackle in the 2020 class and No. 7 prospect in Michigan by 247Sports
- Coached by Tyrone Spencer
- Helped Detroit King win two Division 2 state titles in his four-year career
- Led Detroit King to the Detroit Public School League championship title in 2019, finishing with an 11-3 overall record
- Named to the Detroit News All-State First Team
- Earned Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2019 by Detroit PSL
- Earned the highest offensive GPA as a junior



- Picked Kentucky over Missouri and Pittsburgh, Purdue and Arizona and held offers from Auburn, LSU, Penn State, Tennessee and Miami

Community Cats

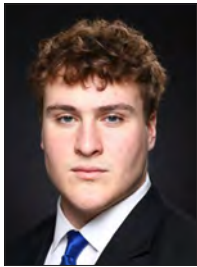
- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2020)

Personal

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Sianena Taylor
- Siblings are Andre, Adrianna, and Damondre
- Major is family science

Deondre Says

- Nickname is "Deon"
- He chose Kentucky because he loves the university, the coaches, and the SEC
- The thing he looks forward to the most this season is learning, growing, and dominating
- His hidden talent is art
- Three words to describe him on the field are physical, smart, and dominant



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JAGER BURTON

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 300 • Freshman-RS
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2021 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games this season (ULM, New Mexico State, Louisville and Iowa)
- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- A four-star offensive lineman who was rated as one of the nation's top-10 offensive guard prospects by 247, Rivals and ESPN
- The No. 1 prospect in Kentucky by Rivals and 247sports
- The No. 66 national prospect by 247sports and No. 200 nationally by Rivals
- An all-around talent known for his combination of athleticism, footwork, playing intensity and notable strength for a high school player
- Winner of the 2020 Paul Hornung Award, chosen by the Louisville Quarterback Club, as the top high school player in Kentucky ... Only the third offensive lineman to win the award
- Named Co-Mr. Football in the state of Kentucky in 2020 by The Associated Press ... First Lexington player and first offensive lineman to take the honor since its inception in 1986
- Selected to the prestigious All-American Bowl, held annually in San Antonio, Texas
- A four-year letter winner and three-year starter for head coach Brian Landis and Nathan McPeek
- A two-way player who played both offensive tackle and defensive end

- Helped Frederick Douglass finish 7-2 as a senior, reaching the Class 5A state semifinals
- Anchored a line that helped the Broncos average 38.7 points and 323 yards per game
- As a defensive lineman, had a 33-yard interception return for a touchdown against Ballard
- Named first-team all-state by the AP, Louisville Courier-Journal and Kentucky Sports Radio
- Named to the Lexington Herald-Leader "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in KY
- Named a finalist for the 2020 Sports Illustrated All-America team
- As a junior, helped lead the Broncos to a 14-1 record and state runner-up position in Class AAAAA
- Earned a spot on the Courier Journal's All-State First Team in 2019 as well
- In his four-year prep career, Fredrick Douglass totaled a 44-6 overall record
- Chose Kentucky over Alabama, Clemson, Ohio State and Oregon
- Was an academic honor roll student
- Also lettered one season as a midfielder in lacrosse

Personal

- Named pronounced same as "jagger"
- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Teresa and Jeff Burton
- Has one brother, Drayden Burton
- Dad, Jeff, played football at Morehead State
- Major is pre-communication

Jager Says

- His nickname is "Moose"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to own his own restaurant
- One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"
- The person he most admires is his dad because he made him a man
- He chose Kentucky because it was home and he wanted to help continue building this program



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ELI COX

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 305 • Junior-2L
Nicholsville, Ky. (West Jessamine)

2021 - Sophomore

- Midseason All-American (ESPN, AP)
- Started at right guard in the first nine games of the season before suffering a season-ending hand injury vs. Tennessee
- Named SEC Co-Offensive Line Player of the Week in helping UK pile up 330 rushing yards in the win over LSU ... Played every offensive snap and graded at 91 percent ... Led the offensive line with seven knockdown blocks and had 15 blocks at the point of attack, including Will Levis' quarterback sneak for a touchdown ... Did not have any missed

- assignments and did not allow any quarterback sacks or pressures
- Earned his first career start vs. ULM
- Recovered a fumble in the end zone vs. Missouri, giving him his first career score
- Also recovered a fumble at South Carolina

2020 - r-Freshman

- Back up at left guard behind Kenneth Horsey
- Saw action in eight games
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin
- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- A three-star recruit by 247sports.com and Rivals.com
- Ranked as the No. 14 Kentucky prospect in the class of 2019 by 247Sports
- Has the versatility to play at either offensive guard or tackle
- Has been instrumental in West Jessamine improving its win total each season of his prep career
- Named to the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl watch list
- Represented West Jessamine at the Louisville vs. Bluegrass Senior All-Star Game
- Coached by John Gilliam
- Chose UK over Cincinnati, Marshall, Ohio and Toledo

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Rosewood Elementary (2020)
- Volunteered at LexCity Church and Florence Baptist Church (2020)
- Volunteered for a weekend of service in Harlan County, Ky., with other UK student-athletes, where he worked with nonprofit organizations Willing Hearts and Club 180 Ministry, and also helped the Harlan County Youth Football League with various projects
- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Nicholasville, Kentucky
- Son of John and Katherine Cox
- Siblings are Avery and Ellie
- Major is integrated strategic communications with a business minor
- One of three representatives for UK football on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Eli Says

- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to represent his state
- His hidden talent is his photoshop skills
- His dream job is to go into sports broadcasting
- One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"
- If he could create a holiday he would call it "National Super Bowl Monday" and everyone would have the day off after the Super Bowl



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DEKEL
CROWDUS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 171 • Freshman-RS
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2021 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Suffered a knee strain in August that did not require surgery

High School

- 247sports ranks him as a four-star prospect, the No. 3 prospect in Kentucky, No. 51 receiver and No. 300 overall player nationally
- Three-star recruit by Rivals and rated the No. 4 player in Kentucky and No. 74 receiver nationally
- Known for his high-end speed and explosiveness who has drawn comparisons in some circles to the NFL's Brandin Cooks
- Frederick Douglass coach Nathan McPeck: "He is track fast but he translates that to the field. If he touches the ball five times he could score five touchdowns ... He's not as big as Lynn (Bowden) but he can do some of those things."
- Finished with 91 receptions for 1,505 yards and 22 touchdowns in his prep career
- In 2020, named second-team All-State by the AP and the *Louisville Courier-Journal* after totaling 25 catches for 331 yards and nine touchdowns
- Averaged 13.0 yards per catch
- Named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Owns the school record for career touchdown receptions (14 before 2020) and in a season 11 (2018), as well as career receiving yards and yards in a season (831, 2018)
- In 2018, had 37 receptions for 831 yards
- Selected the hometown Wildcats over a top 10 that included Louisville, Ohio State, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas, Baylor, South Carolina and Virginia Tech

Personal

- Name pronounced "da-KEL CROWD-us"
- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Shonda Minnifield
- Siblings are Shania Lyvers and Shylah Lyvers
- Uncle, Frank Minnifield, was a defensive back for the Cleveland Browns from 1984-92 and was a four-time pro-bowler; cousin, Chase Minnifield, played for the Washington Football Team from 2012-14
- Major is undeclared

DeKel Says

- His nickname is "Kel"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- His dream job is to own his own gym and be a personal trainer

- One word to describe him on the field is "unpredictable"
- Besides football, he's also good at drumming, basketball and soccer



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TAE TAE
CRUMES

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 190 • Junior-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (Butler)

2021 - Sophomore

- Saw action in four games
- Caught his first career pass for 10 yards in the season opener vs. ULM
- Dean's List (Fall 2021)

2020 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin

High School

- A quality in-state prospect that ranked as one of the top 10 players in the Commonwealth of Kentucky by Rivals.com and 247sports.com
- An incredible senior season at Butler with 42 receptions for 877 yards
- Averaged 73.1 receiving yards per game, which was fourth most among all Class 6A players while his 14 receiving touchdowns were third most in the division
- Had 30 receptions for 779 yards and 14 touchdowns his junior season
- Finished his high school career with 35 touchdowns and 2,021 receiving yards
- Was named to the 2018 *Lexington Herald-Leader* Class of the Commonwealth and was also tabbed an all-state honoree and all-Louisville metro performer
- Speedy wide receiver that has been timed at 4.3 in the 40-yard dash
- Coached by Gary Wheeler
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan and Oregon

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Tinisha Wilson
- Major is health promotion

Tae Tae Says

- His nickname is "Tae Tae" is derived from his first name "Demontae"
- He chose Kentucky because he felt a bond like no other school had
- One word to describe him on the field is "fast"
- After his football career he would like to be an athletic trainer

- The best advice he's ever received is "if you can't change the people around you, change the people around you"

CRUMES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2019	WR	1-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	WR	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	WR	4-0	8	63	7.9	0	21
Totals		5-0	1	10	10.0	0	10

CRUMES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	1	10	0	10
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	10	0	10

CRUMES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Receiving yards: 10, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (1 reception)
 Receiving TDs: n/a
 Long reception: 10, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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IZAYAH
CUMMINGS

TIGHT END

6-3 • 230 • Junior-2L
Louisville, Ky. (Male)

2021 - Sophomore

- Moved from wide receiver to tight end during fall camp
- Played in all 13 games with two starting assignments (Missouri and Georgia) ... Got his first career start vs. Missouri
- Totaled 14 receptions (fourth on the team) for 195 yards (third on the team) and three scores
- Averaged 13.9 yards per catch
- Caught two passes for 27 yards, including a 22-yard TD at Vanderbilt
- Set career highs with four catches for 75 yards against Tennessee, including the second touchdown catch of his career
- Caught three passes for 22 yards at No. 1 Georgia
- Caught his first collegiate touchdown pass, a 31-yard play in the fourth quarter, vs. UTC
- Caught first career pass for seven yards in the season opener vs. ULM
- Dean's List (Fall 2021)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Saw action in nine games (Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina)
- Charted first career tackle on special teams in the win over South Carolina





• 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-star prospect by all three major recruiting services
• A top-10 prospect in the state of Kentucky and rated the No. 86 wide receiver by 247Sports
• Named Kentucky Football Coaches Association 6A Player of the Year
• Candidate for Kentucky's Mr. Football award
• Named to the 2019 Class of the Commonwealth by the Lexington Herald-Leader
• First-team All-State by the Courier-Journal
• Three-year starter who finished his career with 109 receptions for 1,965 yards and 27 touchdowns
• Had a team-high 57 receptions for 1,100 yards and 15 touchdowns in 2019, helping the Bulldogs go 14-1 overall
• Named Class 6A Player of the Year by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association
• Helped Male advance to back-to-back appearances in the Class 6A State Championship
• Won the title in 2018
• Combined for 23 receiving TDs in his last two seasons of football
• Ranked fifth in Class 6A in receiving yards and sixth in receptions despite playing three fewer games than the state leader
• Coached by Chris Wolfe
• Averaged nearly 20 yards per reception and 96.0 yards per game
• Ranked in the top 20 of all class levels in receptions and receiving yards
• Has a 38-inch vertical leap
• Also an honor-roll student and participated in track and basketball
• Chose Kentucky over Louisville, Indiana, Purdue, Virginia, Cincinnati, Missouri and others

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
• Son of Andra and Natasha Cummings
• Has two sisters, Mia and Nia
• Major is undecided

Izayah Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was close to home and because of his relationship with the coaches
• Three words to describe him are smart, quiet, and talented
• The best advice he's ever received is "someone right now is working to take your spot"
• His dream job is to own his own business and help out the next generation
• Besides football, he's also good at playing basketball and video games

CUMMINGS' CAREER STATISTICS table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, Long. Rows for 2020, 2021, and Totals.

CUMMINGS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for various opponents like ULM, Missouri, UTC, etc.

CUMMINGS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS table with text: Receptions: 4, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021; Receiving yards: 75, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (4 receptions); Receiving TDs: 1, 3x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021; Long reception: 31, vs UTC, Sept, 18, 2021; Tackles: 1, vs USC, Dec 5, 2020



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CADE DEGRAW

LONG SNAPPER

5-11 • 221 • Senior-2L Lake Cormorant, Miss. (Lake Cormorant)

2021 - Junior

- Starting long snapper, seen action in all 13 games
• Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic

2020 - Sophomore

- Served as the team's long snapper after the graduation of four-year starter Blake Best
• Saw action in all 10 games
• Charted one tackle

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Four-year starter and letter winner as a long snapper and defensive end for the Gators
• Rated as a 4.5-star prospect by Rubio Long Snapping
• Earned first-team All-State and All-Conference in both his junior and senior seasons
• Elected team captain as a senior
• Also was a two-year letter winner in archery

- Excelled in the classroom as he was a member of the National Honor Society and was a Graduate of Distinction
• Played for head coach Nick Nester

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Memphis, Tennessee
• Son of Alisha and Dominic Degraw
• Has one brother, Brandon
• Major is pre-management

Cade Says

- He chose Kentucky because he loved the environment
• His hidden talent is being able to play the guitar
• His hobbies are hunting and fishing
• Chewing gum and listening to music helps him stay focused before a game
• The best advice he's ever received is "don't look back, there's nothing back there to go after"



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TREY DENNIS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-8 • 150 • Sophomore-SQ Lexington, Ky. (Sayre)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Played just one season of high school football as a senior in 2020
• Earned a starting spot at slot receiver for head coach Chad Pennington at Sayre
• Recorded 62 receptions for 776 yards and 11 scores in a COVID-shortened season
• Helped lead the Spartans to an 8-1 overall record which included an undefeated regular season
• Named All-State honorable mention by the Louisville Courier-Journal
• Earned first-team All-City honors by the Lexington Herald-Leader
• Also a three-time letter winner in basketball at point guard for the Spartans
• Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes
• Chose Kentucky over scholarship offers from Center, Hanover and Georgetown College

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Ky.
• Son of Harold and Donna Dennis
• Dad, Harold, was a wide receiver at Kentucky from 1994-96
• Siblings are Jasmine and Kylee
• Major is kinesiology





Trey Says

- His nickname is "T.D."
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to continue the legacy his dad started
- His dream job is to work in the medical field
- The best advice he's ever received is "time never stops, so seize the moment"
- Three words to describe him are outgoing, kind and assertive



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JORDAN DINGLE

TIGHT END

6-4 • 230 • Freshman-RS
Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green HS)

2021 - Freshman

- Saw action in four games (ULM, Miss. State, Vanderbilt, NMST)
- Totaled two catches for 54 yards
- Caught first career pass for 31 yards in the season opener vs. ULM
- Dean's List (Fall 2021)

High School

- A four-star prospect by ESPN and a three-star recruit by Rivals and 247sports
- Ranked the No. 5 player in the state and a top-25 tight end nationally by Rivals and 247sports
- Four-year letter winner and starter for head coach Mark Spader
- Caught 41 passes for 515 yards (12.6 ypc) with two touchdowns in helping lead Bowling Green to the 2020 Class AAAAA state championship with a 10-2 overall record
- Caught five passes, ran for a touchdown, and had a quarterback sack in the state finals win
- Named the 2020 4th Region AD Association Player of the Year
- Named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Named first-team All-State by the *Courier Journal* and AP as a senior
- Named a preseason All-America candidate by Sports Illustrated
- Named honorable mention All-State by the *Courier Journal* as a junior after catching 35 passes for 474 yards and five TDs
- Three-sport athlete who also was a four-year letter winner in basketball and a three-year letter winner in track and field (shot put and hurdles)
- Led Bowling Green to the 2020 4th region title and an elite eight appearance in basketball
- High school teammate of current UK safety Vito Tisdale
- Chose Kentucky over Purdue, Vanderbilt, Virginia Tech and Ohio State
- Member of the National Honor Society
- Excelled in the classroom with a 4.0 GPA

Personal

- Born in Manning, South Carolina
- Son of Tonya and Justice Dingle
- Younger brother of teammate Justice Dingle
- Major is clinical leadership and management

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "The Professor"
- He chose Kentucky because it had a great family feeling
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a CEO of a hospital
- Three words to describe him are hardworking, trustworthy, and intelligent
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he likes to ride four-wheelers

DINGLE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2021	TE	4-0	2	54	27.0	0	31
Totals		4-0	2	54	27.0	0	31

DINGLE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	1	31	0	31
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	23	0	23
Totals	2	54	0	31

DINGLE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, twice, last vs NMST, Nov 20, 2021
 Receiving yards: 31, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (1 reception)
 Receiving TDs: n/a
 Long reception: 31, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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JUSTICE DINGLE II

FULLBACK

6-3 • 265 • Senior-SQ
Bowling Green, Ky. (Georgia Tech/
Bowling Green HS)

2022 - Senior

- Moved from outside linebacker to fullback in the spring

2021 - Junior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Georgia Tech
- Has seen action in 23 career games (19 at Ga Tech, 4 at UK)
- Has one tackle at UK vs. NMST and also saw action vs. ULM, Louisville and Iowa
- Totaled eight career tackles, three fumble recoveries and a tackle for loss at Ga Tech
- Mid-year enrollee

2020 - Sophomore (Georgia Tech)

- Played in four games, recording one tackle

2019 - r-Freshman (Georgia Tech)

- Made 11 appearances, including his first college start at defensive end in the home opener against South Florida (Sept. 7)
- The Yellow Jackets' top ball hawk, led the team with three fumble recoveries
- Also finished with six tackles (five solo) on the season, including an 8-yard sack

2018 - Freshman (Georgia Tech)

- Redshirted as a true freshman but saw action in four games, vs. Alcorn State (Sept. 1), at USF (Sept. 8), at Pitt (Sept. 15) and vs. Clemson (Sept. 22) and recorded one tackle at USF
- One of 13 true freshmen in 2018 to see game action for the Yellow Jackets

High School

- Rated as a four-star prospect by Rivals coming out of high school
- No. 2-ranked player in his class in the state of Kentucky and the No. 18-ranked inside linebacker in the nation, according to Rivals
- Listed as the nation's No. 16-ranked inside linebacker by ESPN
- Two-time all-state honoree
- Two-time first-team all-district selection
- Nominated for Army All-America Game, Dick Butkus Award (national high school Linebacker of the Year) and Kentucky's Mr. Football award as a senior
- Selected to participate in Kentucky/Tennessee Border Bowl, Kentucky Best of Bluegrass all-star game and Army All-American Combine
- Helped lead Bowling Green to state championship as a junior in 2016
- Two-time team captain
- Honor roll student
- Coached by Kevin Wallace
- Played first two prep seasons at Oakland H.S. in Murfreesboro, Tenn. (coached by Kevin Creasy and Tommy McDaniel)
- Helped lead Oakland to a pair of district championships as a freshman and sophomore (2014 and 2015)
- Also lettered in track and field and basketball

Personal

- Born in Manning, South Carolina
- Son of Tonya and Justice Dingle
- Older brother of signee Jordan Dingle
- Majoring in communication

Justice Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports commentator
- One word to describe him on the field is "beast"
- Besides playing football, he's also good at riding dirt bikes
- He chose Kentucky because it's home and UK will help develop him into a better player and man
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's country





JU. DINGLE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds., TFL-Yds., FC/FR, INT, PBU. Totals: 23-1, 9, 1.8-8, 0-0, 0/3, 0, 0

*at Georgia Tech

JU. DINGLE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int. Totals: 1, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0

JU. DINGLE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (GT)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int. Totals: 1, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0

JU. DINGLE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (GT)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int. Totals: 6, 0-0, 0-0, 0/3, 0, 0

JU. DINGLE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME (GT)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int. Totals: 1, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0

JU. DINGLE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, at Duke, Oct 12, 2019
Sacks: 1, vs Georgia, Nov 30, 2019
Fumble recoveries: 1, 3x, last vs Georgia, Nov 30, 2019



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JAMARIUS DINKINS

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 296 • Freshman-RS
Columbus, Ohio (Walnut Ridge)

2021 - Freshman

- Played in three games (ULM, Georgia, NMST)
• Saw his first collegiate action vs. ULM and charted a tackle and a half sack

High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by 247sports and Rivals
• Rated a top 25 recruit in talent-rich Ohio and a top 35 strongside defensive end nationally
• Four-year starter on the defensive line for head coach Byron Mattox
• Named Central District D-II Defensive Player of the Year after totaling 43 tackles, 12 tackles-for-loss, eight sacks and four forced fumbles in 2020
• Helped Walnut Ridge win the Columbus City League Championship title
• Also helped the Scots advance to the second round of the Division II, Region 7 playoffs and finish 6-3 after going 11-1 and advancing to a regional semifinal in 2019
• Ohio MaxPreps All-State Second Team honors
• Named First-Team Division II All-Ohio by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association
• Chose Kentucky over Michigan State

Personal

- First name is pronounced "ja-MAR-ee-us"
• Born in Columbus, Ohio
• Son of Juanita Dinkins
• Siblings are James Polk-Dinkins and Akilah Stewart
• Major is pre-media arts and studies

Jamarius Says

- His nickname is "Spider"
• He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit
• One thing most people don't know about him is that he's a sleep walker
• Three words to describe him are funny, loud, and energetic
• The best advice he's ever received is "keep God first"

DINKINS' CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds., TFL-Yds., FC/FR, INT, PBU. Totals: 3-0, 1, 0.5-2, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0

DINKINS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int. Totals: 1, 0.5-2, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0

DINKINS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Sacks: 0.5, vs. ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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TAJ DODSON

SAFETY

6-1 • 204 • Junior-1L
Union City, Ga. (Creekside)

2021 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 11 games and totaled six tackles and a pass breakup
• Recorded a career-best two tackles at Louisville
• Got his first career PBU vs. New Mexico State

2020 - r-Freshman

- Played in five games and had two tackles
• Missed six games with injury
• Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
• Had three total tackles in three games played
• Had a fumble recovery vs. Florida
• Mid-year enrollee

High School

- A consensus three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
• Coached by Region 5-6A Coach of the Year Maurice Dixon
• Had 19 returns for 737 yards and two touchdowns, including a 92-yard score
• Named first-team All-Region 5-6A after totaling 86 tackles, 12 PBUs, two interceptions, one sack and once forced fumble in 2018
• Also had seven catches for 106 yards
• Excelled in track and field, earning All-Region 1A State Track honors in 2016 and 2017 as a sprinter and high jumper
• Ran a personal best 10.78 in the 100-meter dash
• Chose UK over Syracuse, Louisville, and Ole Miss

Personal

- First name is pronounced the same as Taj Mahal
• Born in Atlanta, Georgia
• Son of Terika Dodson and Alex Chapman
• Siblings are India Paulk and Kyle Davis
• Member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity
• Major is communication



Taj Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's a family vibe
- One word to describe him on the field is "calm"
- After his football career he would like to be a stock broker
- The three famous people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Nipsey Hussle, Kobe Bryant, and Donald Trump
- If he could create a holiday he would call it "National Chicken Wing Day" and everyone would get free chicken wings

DODSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FC/FR	INT	PBU
2019	S	3-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
2020	S	5-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
2021	S	11-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1
Totals		19-0	11	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	1

DODSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Mississippi St.	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1

DODSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
at Auburn	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Mississippi St.	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Missouri		DNP	(Injury)			
vs. Georgia		DNP	(Injury)			
vs. Vanderbilt		DNP	(Injury)			
at Alabama		DNP	(Injury)			
at Florida		DNP	(Injury)			
vs. South Carolina		DNP	(Injury)			
vs. Dodson	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

DODSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. Toledo	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich.	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0

DODSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Fumble Recovery: 1, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019
 Pass breakup: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021



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MIKE
DRENNEN II

RUNNING BACK

5-11 • 206 • Junior-1L
Hilltop, Ohio (Coffman)

2021 - Sophomore

- Switched from wide receiver to running back during fall camp
- Played in six games
- Had seven carries for 17 yards and a score
- Also had two catches for three yards
- Rushed three times for 16 yards, including a four-yard touchdown that is his first collegiate TD in the season opener vs. ULM
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Saw playing time in eight games (Mississippi State, Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina)
- Had three catches for 26 yards
- Got his first career catch for six yards in the win over Tennessee
- Also had a catch for 14 yards vs. Vanderbilt and a six-yard reception vs. South Carolina
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Consensus four-star prospect
- Considered the No. 6 all-purpose back in the nation by 247Sports
- No. 3 overall recruit in Ohio by Rivals and 247Sports
- Four-year starter for head coach Mark Crabtree
- Helped lead the Rocks to the state playoffs all four years of his prep career and two straight regional title games
- Won the 2018 Class 6A State championship
- Was limited as a senior due to injury
- Earned a spot on the All-America Future 50 game roster
- Earned second-team All-Ohio honors as a junior in 2018 after rushing for 801 yards on 162 carries, making 30 receptions for 464 yards, and scoring 16 touchdowns in helping the Shamrocks (11-2) to a regional final
- Earned the 2019 Buckeye Blue Chip Award, given by the Touchdown Club of Columbus ... Excelled in the classroom with a 3.7 grade point average
- Had 43 scholarship offers but ultimately chose Kentucky over Southern California

Personal

- Born in Hilltop, Ohio
- Son of Mike Drennen and Carmaleah Pritchett
- Siblings are Michea Drennen, Myka Drennen, and Armané Cotton
- Major is pre-finance

Mike Says

- His nickname is "Donut"
- He chose Kentucky because he loved it from the beginning and UK had the best plan for him to accomplish his goals
- After football, his dream job is to become a pro skateboarder
- Three words to describe him are goofy, intelligent, and abnormal
- The best advice he's ever received is "be comfortable being uncomfortable"

DRENNEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2020	8-0	0	0	0	0	0	3	26	8.7	0	14
2021	6-0	7	17	2.4	1	9	2	3	1.5	0	8
Totals	14-0	7	17	2.4	1	9	5	29	5.8	0	14

DRENNEN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	3	16	5.3	1	9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	1	1	1.0	0	8	1	8	8.0	0	8
at USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	3	0	0.0	0	2	1	-5	0	0	0
Totals	7	17	2.4	1	9	2	3	1.5	0	8

DRENNEN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn		DNP		
vs. Ole Miss		DNP		
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	6	0	6
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	14	0	14
at Alabama	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	6	0	6
vs. NC State		DNP		
Totals	3	26	0	14

DRENNEN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, 5x, last vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
 Receiving yards: 14, vs Vanderbilt, Nov. 14, 2020
 Long reception: 14, vs Vanderbilt, Nov. 14, 2020
 Rush attempts: 4, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
 Rush yards: 16, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (3 carries)
 Long rush: 9, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Rushing TDs: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021





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TOMIWA
DUROJAIYE

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-4 • 250 • Freshman-HS
Middletown, Del. (Middletown)

2022-Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2022

High School

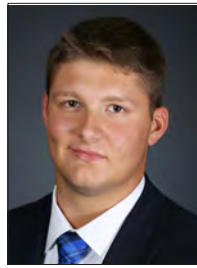
- Rated a three-star by both Rivals and 247sports
- Ranked as the No. 42 strongside defensive end in the nation and top player in the state of Delaware by Rivals
- First-Team All-State selection as both a junior and senior
- Named the 2021 Delaware 3A Defensive Player of the Year by the Delaware Interscholastic Football Coaches Association after helping Middletown claim the 2021 DIAA Class 3A title
- Totaled 58 tackles, 25.5 tackles for loss, 10.0 sacks, two forced fumbles and two pass breakups
- In a shortened eight-game season in 2020, charted 45 tackles, 19.5 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks, helping his team to a 7-1 record and conference championship, while finishing as state runner-up
- Coached by Zach Blum
- Named to the Honor Roll as a senior
- Picked Kentucky over Michigan, South Carolina, Arkansas, Missouri and others

Personal

- Name is pronounced "TOE-mee-wah Durr-oh-JI-yay"
- Born in Philadelphia
- Son of Theresa and Bayo Durojaiye
- Dad originated from Nigeria
- Siblings are Ayomi, Grace and Maxwell
- Major is undecided

Tomiwa Says

- His nickname is "Big Tomi"
- He chose Kentucky because it gave him the best opportunity to play in the NFL and help him reach his full potential
- After football, his dream job is to be a collegiate coach
- One word to describe him on the field is "passionate"
- Besides playing football, he's also very good at making breakfast food



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BRAXTON
EISERMAN

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 230 • Senior-SQ
Jackson, Ky. (Breathitt County)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2021)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter for head coach Kyle Moore, playing linebacker and center
- Totaled 107 tackles, 12.0 TFL and six sacks as a senior
- Also lettered four years in track and field as a discus thrower
- Named salutatorian of his graduating class
- President of SkillsUSA a career and technical student organization and Technology Student Association, an organization that helps develop skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics as well as business education ... Also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Ky.
- Son of Lea and Al Eiserman
- Has one brother, Zach
- Major is art studio

Braxton Says

- His nickname is "Diesel" because he runs over people like a diesel
- His dream job is to be an architect and design houses
- One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
- When he played football as a kid he pretended he was Jack Lambert
- His favorite movie is Remember the Titans



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JEREMY
FLAX

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 330 • Junior-RS
Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC/Robichaud)

2021 - r-Sophomore

- Saw action in 11 of 13 games

2020 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Vanderbilt and also played vs. South Carolina

High School/JUCO

- Considered a four-star recruit by Rivals
- 247Sports listed him as the top JUCO offensive tackle and the No. 8 overall JUCO prospect
- Rivals rated him as the No. 2 offensive tackle prospect nationally and the 20th overall JUCO prospect
- Three-year starter at Dearborn Heights Robichaud for head coach Jason Malloy
- Played both sides of the ball and recorded 40 tackles, 10 TFL, two sacks and a forced fumble as a defensive lineman during his senior season
- Earned a spot on The Free Press' All-West Prep Football Team
- Also played basketball
- Signed with UK over Auburn and Texas Tech

Community Cats

- Dressed up as Santa Clause and gave out gifts to kids for the Woodhill Community Center Holiday Party (2021)

Personal

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Sandra Flax
- Has one brother, Isaiah
- Major is community leadership and development

Jeremy Says

- His nickname is "Big Jerm"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and family
- After his football career he would like to be a coach
- Three words to describe him are funny, caring, and strong
- If he could eat three foods for the rest of his life he would choose pizza, soul food, and eggs



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LUKE
FULTON

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-4 • 217 • Junior-SQ
Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan State/
Cardinal Mooney)

2021 - Sophomore

- Saw in 10 of 13 games on special teams
- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2021

2020 - r-Freshman (Michigan State)

- Did not play in 2020

2019 - Freshman (Michigan State)

- Redshirt season
- Played in one game and was named Scout Team Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Rutgers

High School

- A four-star linebacker who came out of traditional powerhouse Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown, Ohio
- Ranked among the best players in Ohio by 247Sports (No. 9), Rivals.com (No. 15) and ESPN.com (No. 19)
- Listed as one of the top overall prospects in the nation by 247Sports (No. 280) and one of the top overall prospects in the Midwest (No. 51) by ESPN.com
- Three-year starter for head coach P.J. Fecko
- Cardinals' leading tackler as a junior and senior
- Totaled 98 tackles, 16.0 TFL and three sacks in 2018 as a senior
- Named to the 2018 Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association All-State Third Team in Division IV
- Two-time Ohio All-Northeast Inland District First-Team selection
- Named to the Butkus Award preseason watch list as one of the top 50 linebackers in the country
- Landed a spot on the WKBN Big 22 list
- Honorable mention all-state choice by OPSWA (Division IV) as a junior in 2017 after recording 135 tackles, including six sacks, and eight forced fumbles
- An all-around athlete who also participated in basketball, basketball and track at Mooney
- Excellent in the classroom as he was a member of the National Honor Society and ranked in the top 10 in his class with over a 4.00 GPA
- Named the WYTV "33 Student-Athlete of the Week" on Sept. 13, 2018
- Chose UK over Cincinnati, N.C. State and West Virginia

Personal

- Born in Youngstown, Ohio
- Son of Tina and Jeff Fulton
- Has two younger brothers, Jack and Cole
- Dad, Jeff, played baseball at Pitt
- Majoring in pre-management

Luke Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports agent
- He chose Kentucky because of his strong relationships with the coaching staff
- In one sentence he describes Coach Stoops as "not only a great coach but a great man"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can play the piano
- The best advice he's ever received is "no one cares, work harder"



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JALEN
GEIGER

SAFETY

6-1 • 200 • Junior-2L
Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)

2021 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with two start starts (Vanderbilt and Louisville)
- Totaled 18 tackles, a tackle for loss, a quarterback hurry, a pass breakup and an interception for a touchdown
- In his first collegiate start at Vanderbilt, made his first collegiate interception and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown
- Got a career-high four tackles at Louisville
- Playing in front of his hometown fans at South Carolina, made two tackles, including one for loss ... TFL came on USC's final possession and helped forced a field goal

2020 - r-Freshman

- Saw in action in six games (Georgia, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and NC State) and totaled three tackles
- Had a career-high two tackles at Alabama and also charted a tackle vs. NC State

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games (Missouri, Vanderbilt and UT Martin)
- Charted his first pass breakup in the win at Vanderbilt and got a tackle vs. UT Martin
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- A three-star defensive back by 247Sports.com
- Considered the No. 9 overall recruit and No. 2 corner in the state of South Carolina by Rivals.com
- Competed in the 82nd Annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and finished with four tackles
- Recorded 71 tackles, including 60 solo, eight PBUs, and three interceptions as a senior
- Named defensive back MVP
- Two-time All-State First Team selection
- Helped the Vikings finish 11-2 with a playoff berth as a junior in 2017
- Coached by Robin Bacon

- Transferred to Spring Valley after playing two seasons at Cardinal Newman
- Also a talented basketball player
- Chose UK over South Carolina, Virginia, and UNC

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2020)
- Volunteered at the Catholic Action Center (2020)

Personal

- Last name is pronounced "GI-ger"
- Born in Columbia, South Carolina
- Son of Tony and Ramona Geiger
- Siblings are Erique and Ja'nia
- Brother, Erique, played football at Bowling Green from 2009-12
- Major is health, society and populations

Jalen Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the great coaching staff and the family feel
- Most people don't know he lived in Korea from age 5 to 9
- The people he admires most are his parents because of their work ethic
- Three words to describe him are humble, quiet, and competitive
- His favorite thing about football is competing against the best in big games

GEIGER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-S	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
2019	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
2020	6-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2021	12-2	18	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	1-31	1	1
Totals	20-2	22	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	1-31	1	2

GEIGER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	2	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-31	0	0
vs. NMST	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
Totals	18	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	1-31	1	1

GEIGER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Alabama	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NC State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0



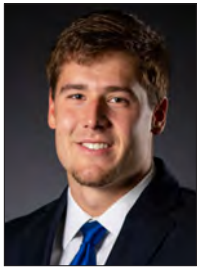


GEIGER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1
vs. UT Martin	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1

GEIGER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Tackles for loss: 1, at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021 (6 yards)
 Pass breakup: 1, twice, last vs Iowa, Jan 1, 2022
 Quarterback hurry: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Interceptions: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (1-31)
 Pick Six: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov. 13, 2021 (31)



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CODY GOATLEY
INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 213 • Junior-SQ
Mayfield, Ky. (Graves County)

2021 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Ranked as one of the top 35 prospects in Kentucky for the class of 2020 by 247Sports
- Four-year starter at Graves County High School
- Coached by Nick Kemp
- A four-time member of the All-Western Kentucky Conference Football First Team
- Earned AP first-team All-State honors as a senior linebacker after totaling a team-high 139 tackles, including 55 solo ... Also had 4.0 tackles for loss
- His 11.6 tackles per game ranked sixth in the state in 2019
- Owns Graves County's career tackles record with 386
- As a junior, led the team with 502 rushing yards and nine touchdowns as the starting running back
- Named a second-team All-State performer by the Courier-Journal
- Also participated in basketball as a freshman and sophomore and was on the track team as a junior and senior ... His 100-meter time of 11.62 in 2019 ranks fourth in school history
- Excelled in the classroom, graduating cum laude
- A four-year member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Future Farmers of America
- Chose Kentucky over Air Force and Southern Illinois

Personal

- Born in Mayfield, Kentucky
- Son of Jason and Christina Goatley
- Siblings are Cade and Carli
- Comes from a family of athletes as father, Jason, and mother, Christina, both played basketball at Freed-Hardeman, and an uncle, Jody Goatley, played football at Purdue
- Major is agricultural economics

Cody Says

- His nickname is "Goat"
- He chose Kentucky because of the staff and the program is about developing players
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to own a business that trains athletes in speed and strength & conditioning
- His sports hero is Luke Keuchly because he plays linebacker, is a fantastic leader, and has great knowledge for the game
- Besides playing football he's also good at duck hunting



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COLIN GOODFELLOW
PUNTER

6-2 • 225 • %Senior-2L
Cleveland, Ohio (Saint Ignatius)

2022 - *Super Senior

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Has seen action in 12 career games
- Has 45 punts for a total of 2,085 yards (46.3)

2021 - Senior

- Second-team CoSIDA Academic All-American
- First-team CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Dean's List (Fall 2021)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Ray Guy Award Watch List (nation's best punter)
- Ranked third in the SEC in punting with a 45.94 average in 10 games
- Had the second-highest season average for punting in school history
- Had 35 punts for 1,608 yards with a long of 70
- Kicked three times for a 53.7-yard average at Mississippi State ... Second straight game he had a career-long 70 yarder, becoming the first player in school history to have two punts of at least 70 yards during his career
- Punted seven times for a 51.1-yard average at No. 1 Georgia, including the two longest of his career – a 63-yarder in the second quarter, followed by a 70-yarder in the third quarter
- Made his first appearance of the season vs. UTC and punted four times for a 50.5-yard average, including two that were inside the opponent 20-yard line
- Punted three times a 45.7-yard average, including two punts inside the 20-yard line vs. LSU ... LSU did

not have any punt return yardage and the Tigers' average starting yard line following his punts was its own 15

2020 - Senior

- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Starting punter vs. Vanderbilt and Alabama and totaled 10 punts for 477 yards with a 47.7 yards per punt average
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Vanderbilt, punting three times for a 46.3-yard average, and there were no return yards
- Punted seven times for 48.3 yards per kick at Alabama ... Nailed a career-long 55-yarder and placed two inside the 20

2019 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2018)

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

High School

- Three-year letter winner and starter at punter for St. Ignatius in Cleveland
- Averaged 41.1 yards per punt as a senior, helping the Wildcats finish 13-2
- Kept nine punts inside the 20-yard line and allowed only three touchbacks
- Also handled kickoffs, sending 61-of-87 to the end zone
- Named to Cleveland.com's 2016 all-star football team
- Was a two-time first-team All-County and two-time All-State selection
- Coached by Chuck Kyle
- Also a two-year letter winner as a guard on the basketball team
- Member of the National Honor Society
- 1st Honors (2016 and 2015), 2nd Honors (2014 and 2013)
- Chose Kentucky over Penn State and Pittsburgh

Community Cats

- Volunteers with God's Pantry each Monday, picking up and delivering crates of food (2021)
- Volunteers each Friday to help younger nursing students work on their first aid skills (2021)
- Helped make blankets for Project Linus-Home, a non-profit organization which provides handmade blankets to children in need (2020)

Personal

- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Son of Kathy and Don
- Siblings are Alex, Christina, Eric, and Julianne
- Father, Don, played basketball at Case Western and sister, Christina, played soccer at Duquesne
- Graduated in May of 2021 with a nursing degree and is currently working on a second degree in kinesiology and health promotion





Colin Says

- His nickname is "Goody "
- He chose Kentucky because it would allow him to study nursing and play football
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a certified registered nurse anesthetist
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Phil Dawson
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's in nursing school

GOODFELLOW'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	TBs	FC	Inside 20	Long	50+
2020	2	10	477	47.7	2	3	1	55	3
2021	10	35	1608	45.9	6	9	12	70	10
Totals	12	45	2085	46.3	8	12	13	70	13

GOODFELLOW'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. UTC*	4	202	50.5	59	2
at South Carolina*	3	122	40.7	42	1
vs. Florida*	6	255	42.5	47	3
vs. LSU*	3	137	45.7	48	2
at Georgia*	7	353	51.1	70	1
at Miss. State*	3	161	53.7	70	1
vs. Tennessee*	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	2	91	45.5	51	1
vs. NMST*	2	67	33.5	34	0
at Louisville*	1	33	33.0	33	0
vs. Iowa*	4	182	45.5	54	1
Totals	35	1608	45.9	70	12

GOODFELLOW'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. Vanderbilt*	3	139	46.3	51	1
at Alabama*	7	338	48.3	55	0
Totals	10	477	47.7	55	1

GOODFELLOW'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Punts: 7, twice, last at Georgia, Oct 16, 2021
Punt Yards: 353, at Georgia, Oct 16, 2021
Single-game Avg: 53.7, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Long: 70, twice, last at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021



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KIYAUNTA
GOODWIN

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-8 • 355 • Freshman-HS
Louisville, Ky. (Charleston {Ind.})

2022-Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2022

High School

- A five-star recruit who is ranked as the top offensive tackle in the nation and No. 1 recruit from Indiana
- Ranked the No. 2 offensive tackle and No. 13 overall player in the 2022 class by 247Sports
- Ranked as the No. 5 offensive tackle and No. 30 player based on ratings of multiple recruiting services
- Listed as the state of Indiana's No. 2 recruit by Rivals
- Played at Holy Cross in Louisville, Kentucky as a freshman and was named to the MaxPreps Freshman All-America team
- Transferred to Ballard High School in Louisville as a sophomore before ending his prep career at Charlestown High School in Indiana
- Coached by Jason Hawkins at Charlestown ... Hawkins said of Goodwin, "He's got a great attitude and he's fun to be around. His work ethic is really good. He practices hard and when he gets to the game he can move. He looks like a semi and runs like a Camaro."
- Selected to play in the 2022 All-American Bowl
- Had more than 60 scholarship offers but ultimately chose Kentucky over Alabama, Michigan State and Texas A&M

Personal

- Name is pronounced "key-ON-tay"
- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Kim Durham
- Major is undecided

Kiyaunta Says

- His nickname is "K.G."
- He chose Kentucky because it's home and he loved the people and the program
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be in real estate
- Most people don't know that he can play four musical instruments (trombone, clarinet, base clarinet and trumpet) and is learning a fifth (guitar)
- Three words to describe him are protector, caring, and selfless



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AUSTIN
GOUGH

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0 • 218 • Sophomore-SQ
Owensboro, Ky. (Owensboro)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2021)

High School

- Four-year starter and letter winner at linebacker for head coach Jay Fallin at Owensboro High School
- Totaled 112 tackles, including 41 solo and three tackles for loss in helping the Red Devils finish 12-1 and advance to their first KHSAA Class 5A State Championship since 2014
- Named first-team All-State by the Associated Press and was the *Owensboro Times* Defensive Player of the Year in 2020
- Selected second-team All-State as a junior, despite missing eight games due to injury
- Broke Owensboro's single-season tackles mark as a sophomore with 141 and the all-time tackles record with 413
- Also named first-team All-State by the AP in 2018, one of only two sophomores selected to the team
- Chose Kentucky over Southern Illinois, Austin Peay, and Southeast Missouri State
- An all-around athlete also lettering three years in baseball as a catcher and one season as a shot put and discus thrower on the track & field team
- Four-time Academic All-State member
- Elected class president as a freshman and sophomore

Personal

- Name is pronounced Austin "Goff"
- Born in Owensboro, Kentucky
- Son of Greg and Tin Gough
- Siblings are Hunter, Isaac, Mary Katherine, and Ethan
- Major is kinesiology

Austin Says

- His nickname is "A.G."
- He chose Kentucky because it's home and was the best fit to help him reach his goals
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be in medical sales
- Most people don't know that he participated in ballet as a kid
- Besides football, he's also good at drawing





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MAXWELL
HAIRSTON

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 175 • Freshman-RS
West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)

2021 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Rated a three-star prospect by 247sports
- Ranked the No. 19 prospect in Michigan and No. 65 cornerback nationally by 247sports
- A two-way player at defensive back and wide receiver for head coach Ron Bellamy at West Bloomfield
- Voted team captain as a senior
- Totaled 23 tackles, 16 pass breakups, three interceptions and three forced fumbles on defense and 500 receiving yards and eight scores on offense in 2020
- Led the Lakers to the 2020 Division I state championship title
- Named first-team All-State by the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News
- Named to the All-Oakland Athletic Association Team in 2020
- Helped West Bloomfield to a 10-2 record as a junior in 2019
- Current UK running back Tyler Markray also hails from West Bloomfield
- Picked Kentucky over offers from Arkansas, Minnesota, Purdue, Rutgers, Virginia Tech and others due to "the coaching staff and the relationship we built."
- Also lettered in track and basketball
- Honor roll student
- Member of the school's choir

Personal

- Born in West Bloomfield, Michigan
- Son of Robin and Marvin Hairston
- Has three older siblings Alexandria, Madison, and Marvin
- Cousin Jaylin Bannerman played football two seasons at UK; cousin, Taiwan Jones, played football at Michigan State and with the New York Jets; cousin Lyndsey Hairston played basketball at Michigan State and later in the NBA and overseas
- Major is undecided

Maxwell Says

- His nickname is "Mad Max"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a businessman or coach
- He chose Kentucky because he saw an opportunity he couldn't resist
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can sing
- One word to describe him on the field is "greedy"



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DEMARCUS
HARRIS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 181 • Junior-2L
Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)

2021 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 13 games with one starting assignment vs. Vanderbilt
- Totaled 12 catches for 150 yards and a score
- Caught three passes for 37 yards, both season highs, in the win over New Mexico State ... the 37 yards were a career best
- Caught first collegiate touchdown at Mississippi State

2020 - r-Freshman

- Started in seven of 11 games played
- Fourth on the team in receptions with 14 catches for 87 yards, averaging 6.7 yards per catch
- Tied his career high with four catches and had a career-best 33 yards vs. Vanderbilt
- Earned his first career start vs. Mississippi State
- Caught a career-high four passes for 25 yards at AU

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games (Toledo, Eastern Michigan, and UT Martin)
- Totaled a tackle on special teams vs. Toledo
- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- Considered one of the nation's top 150 receivers
- A three-star recruit according to 247sports.com and ESPN.com
- Became Treasure Coast's career record holder with 2,864 receiving yards
- Only Treasure Coast player to register back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving seasons
- Had 1,582 receiving yards with 73 receptions and 16 touchdowns as a senior
- Had eight games with at least 100 receiving yards, including a season-high 238 receiving yards on five catches vs. Treasure Coast High School on Oct. 12
- Averaged 131.8 receiving yards per game for the Indians in 2018, helping them finish 11-1 with the loss coming in the 8-A regional final
- Recorded 43 catches for 1,001 yards and 11 scores in 2017 and led Vero Beach to the regional finals
- Earn first-team all-area and all-state honors
- 2017 Class 8A Player of the Year candidate
- An all-around athlete who also excelled in basketball and track and field
- Chose Kentucky over Syracuse, Purdue and UCF

Personal

- Born in Seaford, Delaware
- Son of Marc and Takeisha Harris
- Siblings are Kyra Isler, Kourtney Harris, and Pashence Harris

- Father, Marc, played minor league baseball for the Chicago White Sox from 1991-93; Served as DeMarcus' wide receivers coach in high school
- Major is communication

DeMarcus Says

- His nickname is "Dee"
- The thing he's looking forward to the most this season is getting better everyday
- After his football career, he would like to be a sports commentator
- One word to describe him on the field is "explosive"
- The best advice he's ever received is "be patient and work hard"

HARRIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2019	WR	3-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	WR	11-7	14	87	6.2	0	12
2021	WR	13-1	12	150	12.5	1	17
Totals		27-8	26	237	9.1	1	17

HARRIS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	1	4	0	4
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	1	10	0	10
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	31	0	16
at Miss. State	2	30	1	17
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	10	0	10
vs. NMST	3	37	0	16
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	2	28	0	14
Totals	12	150	1	17

HARRIS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	4	25	0	12
vs. Ole Miss	1	5	0	5
vs. Mississippi St.*	1	4	0	4
at Tennessee*	1	5	0	5
at Missouri*	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	3	15	0	8
vs. Vanderbilt*	4	33	0	10
at Alabama*	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	87	0	12





HARRIS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich.	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0

HARRIS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 4, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020
Receiving yards: 37, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2020 (3 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 17, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Tackles: 1, vs Toledo, Aug. 31, 2019



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JOSIAH HAYES
NOSE GUARD

6-3 • 313 • Junior-2L
Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)

2021 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with his first career start against Vanderbilt
- Totaled 14 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack and a fumble recovery
- Made his first collegiate sack at Mississippi State ... Also finished with a career-high four tackles
- Charted a career-high two tackles in the win over ULM and also against No. 10/9 Florida

2020 - Freshman

- Played in five games vs. Mississippi State, Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia and South Carolina
- Totaled two career tackles (vs. UT and UGA)
- Notched his first career tackle vs. the Vols

High School

- Four-star prospect who was regarded as the No. 2 prospect in Mississippi and a top-15 defensive tackle nationally according to Rivals.com
- Named to the 6A Coaches All-State First-Team Defense in 2019 after a second-team selection as a junior
- Totaled 26 tackles during his senior year
- Helped lead Horn Lake to its first MHSAA Class 6A state football title in 2018
- Played in the 2019 Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Game
- Coached by Brad Boyette
- Chose Kentucky over Auburn and Ole Miss

Personal

- Born in Cleveland, Mississippi
- Son of Thomosa Roger and Wilson Hayes
- Siblings are Nema Hendrix, Savanna Hawkins, and Isaiah Hayes
- Major is undecided

Josiah Says

- His nickname is "Pooh"
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit for him
- His sports hero is Ray Lewis because of his energy
- One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"
- His dream job is to be a physical therapist

HAYES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF	FR	QBH
2020	5-0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021	13-1	14	1.5-5	1.0-5	0	0	1	0
Totals	18-1	16	1.5-5	1.0-5	0	0	1	0

HAYES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	4	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	1.5-5	1.0-5	0	0	1	0	0

HAYES' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Mississippi St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

HAYES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Oct. 30, 2021
Sacks: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Oct. 30, 2021
Fumble recovery: 1, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021



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DARRION HENRY-YOUNG
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-4 • 255 • Sophomore-Tr
Cincinnati, Ohio (Ohio State/Princeton HS)

2021 - r-Freshman (Ohio State)

- Played in two games for the Buckeyes vs. Nebraska in the season opener and against Rutgers

2020 - Freshman (Ohio State)

- Redshirt season
- Played in two games and totaled two tackles, a sack and tackle for loss

High School

- Ranked as the No. 2 player in the state of Ohio and the No. 16 defensive tackle prospect in the nation by 247Sports as a high school senior in class of 2020
- A four-star prospect ranked in the Top 150 nationally
- Also a Rivals100 recruit
- Earned first-team All-Ohio and was a member of the Southwest Ohio Football Coaches Association Division I first team in 2019
- Led the Greater Miami Conference with 8.5 sacks as a junior in 2018
- Played at Princeton for coach Mike Daniels

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati
- Son of Denetia Henry and Olen Young
- Siblings are Olivia, O'rianne and Olen
- Major is pre-social work

Darrion Says

- His nickname is "D-Hen"
- He chose Kentucky because of the opportunities it provides
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to work with struggling youth
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- Hobbies include bowling, paintball and playing basketball





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DEUCE HOGAN

QUARTERBACK

6-4 • 208 • Sophomore-Tr
Southlake, Texas (Iowa/
Grapevine Faith Chrisitan)

2022 - Sophomore

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2022

2021 - r-Freshman (Iowa)

- Saw action vs. Maryland

2020 - Freshman (Iowa)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Coming out of high school was rated by 247Sports as the 15th-best pro-style quarterback in the nation in the Class of 2020
- Four-year letter winner and three-time team captain for his dad and head coach Kris Hogan at Faith Christian Academy
- Threw for an impressive 8,192 yards and completed 52.8 percent of his pass attempts, with 100 career touchdown passes and 30 interceptions
- Holds school records for career wins, touchdowns, yards, and completions
- Led the Lions to the state playoffs four straight years, winning state title as a freshman and reaching semifinals as a senior
- Helped the Lions compile a four-year prep record of 36-11
- Earned all-state and all-district honors as a senior
- Earned all-district as a sophomore and junior
- Named Newcomer of the Year as a freshman

Personal

- Given name is Kristopher Joseph Hogan II
- Born in Grapevine, Texas
- Son of Kris and Amy Hogan
- Siblings are Zeke and Jerilyn
- Major is community and leadership development

Deuce Says

- His nickname is "Deuce"
- He chose Kentucky because of the great people, great coaches and the NFL offense
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a pastor or high school football coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can play the guitar and the piano
- Three famous people he would invite to dinner are Jesus, Tim Tebow and Paul "Bear" Bryant



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KENNETH HORSEY

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 296 • Senior-3L
Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)

2021 - Junior

- Has played in 25 career games with 21 starts
- Started in all 13 games
- Key cog on the "Big Blue Wall" who has been recognized for the Joe Moore Award, given to the nation's top offensive line, four straight seasons, including finalists in 2021
- One of 11 FBS players named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team for his volunteer work with the American Heart Association
- Received the Central Kentucky American Heart Association's Finn Collier Service Award for his volunteer work in helping spread heart health awareness
- Named to the SEC Community Service Team
- Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- Named to UK's Frank G. Ham Society of Character

2020 - Sophomore

- One of the three winners of the 2020 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award ... Honored after having open-heart surgery in 2018 and returning to start on the offensive line for UK
- Started in eight games played in 2020
- Earned first career start at left guard in the season opener vs. Auburn
- Did not dress vs. Vanderbilt, Florida or South Carolina

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in four games at left guard (Eastern Michigan, Vanderbilt, UT Martin and Virginia Tech)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals
- Ranked as the No. 58 offensive guard in the nation
- Helped lead his team to a 9-3 record and district championship as a senior
- Coached by Don Stark
- Also a two-year letter winner in the shot put
- Excelled in the classroom as he touted a 3.6 GPA and scored 1220 on his SAT
- Chose Kentucky over Mississippi State, South Florida and Central Florida

Community Cats

- Has become an advocate for heart health after having open heart surgery in 2018
- Participated in American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day (2020 and 2021)
- Participated in the 2021 Central Kentucky Heart Walk Digital Experience (2021)
- Coordinated and planned a hands-only CPR training for the UK Football team and staff (2021)

- Helped plan a Hands-Only CPR media availability on June 14 that promoted Hands-Only CPR awareness to the media for CPR Awareness Month (2021)
- Spoke at Central Kentucky Heart Walk kick-off event (2020)
- Spoke at UK Healthcare Heart Walk kick-off event (2020)
- Dedicated his 2020 football season to Finn Collier, a seven-year-old who lost his life to heart disease
- Volunteered at Brenda Cowan Elementary and Cassidy Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Orlando, Florida
- Son of Shari and Ken Horsey
- Siblings are Kenyese Horsey and Ora-Monet Hughes
- Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a degree in communication ... Currently working on a master's degree in social work

Kenneth Says

- He chose to play football at UK because he loved the school on his visit and wanted to play in the SEC
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a football coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he participated in martial arts for 14 years and had open-heart surgery in April of 2018
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #68wave



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ADRIAN HUEY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 172 • Freshman-RS
Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)

2021 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-star recruit by Rivals and 247sports
- Ranked the No. 23 player in Tennessee and the No. 72 cornerback nationally by the 247Sports Composite
- Named 2020 Preseason Second-Team All-Tennessee by MaxPreps.com
- In seven games in 2020, charted 17 total tackles, five pass breakups, and zero touchdowns allowed
- Did not allow a touchdown reception during the 2019 season
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter at cornerback for head coach Maurice Fitzgerald
- Had offers from Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee before selecting the Wildcats
- Also lettered in track one season as a sprinter

Personal

- Born in Nashville, Tennessee



- Son of Antonio Huey and La'Keyda Wakefield
- Has one brother, Kodi Crawford
- Major is art studio

Adrian Says

- His nickname is "Huey"
- He chose Kentucky because of the coaching staff
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is a rapper known as "Lu Huey"
- His dream job is to be a YouTube star
- One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"



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RICKEY
HYATT JR.

SAFETY

6-2 • 202 • Sophomore-SQ
 Columbus, Ohio (Central)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in two games
- Played in his first collegiate game vs. UTC
- Got his first career tackle vs. New Mexico State
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- One of the nation's top 40 safeties by ESPN and Rivals.com
- Rated as high as the No. 18 prospect in the state of Ohio by 247sports
- Three-year starter for head coach Brent Morrison at Westerville Central
- As a running back and defensive back in 2019, he made 28 tackles with an interception; also showed his versatility by rushing for 736 yards on 117 carries and nine touchdowns, while also catching two TDs
- Earned first-team all-district, second-team All-OCC-Buckeye Division and third-team all-state honors by the Ohio Sportswriters Association as a senior
- Helped lead the Central Warhawks to a 7-4 record and the first-round of the state playoffs in 2018
- Totaled 94 tackles, three interceptions and caused four fumbles in his junior season
- A two-sport standout as he also excelled on the track team
- Placed third in the Division I state meet in the 300 hurdles (38.15), the indoor long jump (21-8), and the indoor 60 hurdles (8.07)
- Holds Central's outdoor records in the 300 hurdles (38.01) and long jump (23-8 1/4) and helped set the program record in the 1,600 relay (3:19.18) ... Also ranks second in the 110 hurdles (14.69) in program history
- Also holds the program's indoor records in the 60 hurdles (8.07) and long jump (21-11) and helped set the program record in the 800 relay (1:28.26)

- Named a scholar athlete three straight years
- Recruiting finalists included Ohio State, Michigan State, Cincinnati and North Carolina

Personal

- Born in Libertyville, Illinois
- Son of Rickey and Stacy Hyatt
- Siblings are Tre and Morghan
- Sister, Morghan, ran track at Duquesne, while an uncle, Rodney Hyatt, played point guard on the basketball team at NC Chapel Hill
- Major is sociology

Rickey Says

- His nickname is "Slick Rick"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's ambidextrous
- His dream job is to be a therapist
- One word to describe him on the field is "fast"
- The best advice he's ever received is "someone who worries about the past can't truly see what's waiting for them in the future"



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D'ERYK
JACKSON

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 243 • Junior-2L
 Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)

2021 - Sophomore

- Suffered a torn Achilles tendon in spring practice on April 10, 2021 ... Had surgery on April 13 and was expected to miss the entire season ... Instead, returned to full practice activity on Oct. 28 and saw his first action of the season at Vanderbilt on Nov. 13
- Saw action in four games with one starting assignment vs. Iowa in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl, his first career start
- Totaled 18 tackles, a quarterback hurry and his second career interception
- Had seven tackles (tied for third on the team) and an interception vs. Iowa in the Citrus Bowl
- In his third game back, totaled a team and career-high eight tackles in the win over Louisville
- Charted three tackles and his first career quarterback hurry vs. New Mexico State
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2020
- Played in nine games and totaled four tackles and one interception for a five-yard return
- Did not see action at Alabama or at Florida
- Earned his first career tackle at Auburn
- Snagged his first career interception on the final play of the game vs. Mississippi State
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-star prospect by all three major recruiting services
- Rated the No. 47 inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports
- Three-time All-Region 2AAAA selection
- Led the team in tackles three straight seasons as a starter
- Tallied 129 total tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss, nine sacks, four quarterback hurries and an interception as a senior, earning Region 2AAAA Defensive Player of the Year by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution
- Had 96 tackles, 14 TFL and four sacks as a junior
- West Laurens Defensive Player of the Year as a junior
- Two-time Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Junior All-Star Game participant
- Ranked 20th in the state of Georgia among all classifications in total tackles
- Helped lead the Raiders to the Region 2AAAA championship title
- Coached by Kagan McClain
- Also played power forward on the basketball team
- Chose Kentucky over Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Purdue

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)
- Visited sick children at Kentucky Children's Hospital (2020)

Personal

- First name pronounced "dee-ERIC"
- Born in Dublin, Georgia
- Son of Shamika and Eric Jackson
- Has one sister, Dezhune
- Major is pre-communication

D'Eryk Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like family
- When he played football as a kid, he pretended to be Ray Lewis
- One word to describe him on the field is "physical"
- His favorite movie is *Friday*
- His sports hero is Ray Lewis

JACKSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	INT	PBU	QBH
2020	ILB	9-0	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-5	0	0
2021	ILB	4-1	18	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-3	0	1
Totals		13-1	22	0-0	0-0	0/0	2-8	0	1

JACKSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at Louisville	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-3	0
Totals	18	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	1-3	1





JACKSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL, FF/FR, PBU, Int-Yds, QBH. Rows include Auburn, Ole Miss, Miss. State, Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida, USC, NC Stae, and Totals.

JACKSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
Interceptions: 1, twice, last vs Iowa, Jan 1, 2022
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021



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JACQUEZ JONES

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0 • 230 • %Senior-1L
Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Ole Miss/Hillcrest)

2021 - %Super Senior

- Elected to return for a fifth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
Transferred to Kentucky after playing in 33 career games with 19 starts at Ole Miss
Totaled 182 tackles in three seasons with the Rebels
Now has 45 career games played with 31 starting assignments and a total of 268 career tackles and 16.0 tackles for loss

2021 - Senior

- Started in 12 games played at Kentucky ... Missed the bowl game vs. Iowa with injury
Led the team in tackles with 86 ... Also had four pass breakups, 3.5 tackles for loss, three quarterback hurries, an interception, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery
Ranked 15th in the SEC in total tackles per game (7.17)
Had a career-high 18 tackles at Mississippi State
Named SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week and Walter Camp Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week with his defensive efforts in the win over Florida ... Had a season-high tying nine tackles, including one for loss, a quarterback hurry and a game-saving pass breakup ... His fourth-down pass breakup in the end zone with 18 seconds left preserved the victory ... Had two shared tackles for loss, one on a three-yard loss

that helped force a punt and also on a one-yard loss leading up to UK's decisive game-changing blocked punt

- Had nine tackles against UTC and also broke up a pass that saved a likely Mocs TD
Got his first collegiate INT – and UK's first takeaway of the year – vs. Missouri with an acrobatic leaping grab on the first possession of the third quarter, setting up a UK touchdown ... He added seven tackles and a career-high two pass breakups

2020 - Junior (Ole Miss)

- Started in nine of the Rebels' 10 games, leading the team with 75 total tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and three quarterback hurries
Recorded a career-high 13 tackles in the win over Indiana in the Outback Bowl

2019 - Sophomore (Ole Miss)

- Saw action in all 12 games with nine starts at inside linebacker, finishing second on the team with 71 tackles, including 7.5 tackles for loss and two forced fumbles

2018 - Freshman (Ole Miss)

- Appeared in every game as a true freshman
Earned one starting spot vs. Southern Illinois
Named to the SEC All-Freshman team after charting 36 tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss in his debut season
Named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll in the fall of 2018 for his work in the classroom

High School

- Four-star prospect by ESPN and a three-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals
Ranked the No. 15 player in the state of Alabama by ESPN and No. 22 by Rivals
Rated as the No. 10 inside linebacker nationally according to ESPN.

Personal

- Born in Decatur, Alabama
Son of Kendrick and Lakeshia Jones
Siblings are Chris and Shea
Majoring in sociology with a minor in criminology

Jacquez Says

- Nickname is "Quez"
He chose Kentucky so he could take his game to the next level
One thing most people don't know about him is that he's terrified of snakes
After football he would like to own a training facility
One word to describe him on the field is "hunter"

J.A. JONES' CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds, TFL-Yds, FF/FR, QBH, PBU, Int. Rows include 2018*, 2019*, 2020*, 2021, at UK, and Totals.

*at Ole Miss

JA. JONES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (UK)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU, Int. Rows include ULM*, Missouri*, UTC*, USC*, Florida*, LSU*, Georgia*, Miss. State*, Tennessee*, Vanderbilt*, NMST*, Louisville*, Iowa, and Totals.

JA. JONES' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (OLE MISS)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows include Florida*, Kentucky*, Alabama, Arkansas*, Auburn*, Vanderbilt*, South Carolina*, Mississippi St.*, LSU*, Indiana*, and Totals.

JA. JONES' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (OLE MISS)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows include Memphis, Arkansas, SLU*, Cal*, Alabama*, Vanderbilt*, Missouri*, Texas A&M, Auburn*, New Mexico St.*, LSU*, Mississippi St.*, and Totals.

JONES' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME (OLE MISS)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows include Texas Tech, Southern Ill.*, Alabama, Kent State, LSU, ULM, Arkansas, and Auburn.





JONES' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME (OLE MISS)

vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Texas A&M	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Mississippi St.	5	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	36	0.5-2	2.5-6	1/0	2	0

JA. JONES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 18, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 3x, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
Sacks: 1.0, vs Mississippi State, Nov 28, 2019
Forced fumbles: 2, vs SLU, Sept 14, 2019
Fumble recoveries: 1, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
Quarterback hurries: 2, at LSU, Dec 19, 2020
Pass breakups: 2, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
Interceptions: 1, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021 (0 yards)



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JOSH JONES

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 314 • Sophomore-SQ
Columbus, Ga. (Central-Phenix City, Ala.)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-star prospect by all three major recruiting services
- Rated the No. 32 overall prospect in the state of Alabama for the Class of 2020
- Four-year starter who helped Central advance to the Alabama 7A state championship game in 2019 and finish with a 12-2 record
- Named to the 33rd annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Game roster
- Two-time first-team Class 7A All-State selection
- Led the Red Devils to a state title in 2018 after defeating Thompson in the Super Seven Championship game, finishing 14-0
- Coached by Jamey DuBose
- Had 14 Division I offers before choosing UK over LSU

Personal

- Born in Columbus, Georgia
- Son of Quinnita and Deforest Jones
- Has one brother, Joseph Jones
- Major is consumer economics and family financial counseling

Josh Says

- Nickname is "Bugg"
- He chose Kentucky because of the coaching staff and it's a great place
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's quiet
- His sports hero is LeBron James

- Besides being good at football, he's also a good basketball player



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DANE KEY

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 190 • Freshman-HS
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2022 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2022

High School

- Consensus four-star prospect
- The top prospect in Kentucky as rated by 247sports and ESPN
- One of the nation's top 40 wide receivers and top 250 overall prospects by both services
- Paul Hornung Award winner as the Kentucky Player of the Year, selected by the Louisville Quarterback Club
- Class 5A Player of the Year as picked by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association
- Named to the Lexington Herald-Leader "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Had 959 receiving yards and nine touchdowns as a senior
- Two-time first-team all-state selection by The Associated Press, Louisville Courier-Journal and Kentucky Sports Radio as junior and senior
- Caught 37 passes for 625 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior, plus a kickoff return for a TD
- Helped lead team to a 34-5 record during his final three seasons, with trips to the Class AAAAA state finals as a senior and sophomore
- Coached by Nathan McPeck
- Also a centerfielder on the baseball team three seasons
- Earned Academic Freshman of the Year
- Reunites at UK with Frederick Douglass teammates Dekel Crowds and Jager Burton
- Chose UK over Oregon, South Carolina and Michigan

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Donte' and Nicole Key
- Has one brother, Devon
- Father, Donte', was a UK linebacker/defensive end from 1992-95, who was National Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in the 1994 inaugural Governor's Cup game vs. Louisville
- Brother, Devon, played at Western Kentucky and is currently with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs
- Major is pre-management

Dane Says

- Nickname is "Ace"
- He chose Kentucky because it's home

- One thing most people don't know about him is he is a good skateboarder
- His sports hero is his brother because he taught him how to love the game and how to play it like it should be played
- Three words to describe him are determined, ambitious, and athletic



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COLE LANTER

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 172 • Freshman-HS
Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)

2022 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2022

High School

- Accepted a preferred walk-on position after a stellar high school career at Boyle County High School
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter at slot receiver
- Helped the Rebels compile an impressive 52-3 overall record during his four seasons as he combined for 2,253 receiving yards and 35 receiving touchdowns
- As a senior, led Boyle County with 78 catches for 1,288 yards and 21 receiving touchdowns, averaging 85.9 receiving yards per game ... Also had 28 carries for 227 rushing yards and four touchdowns
- His 21 receiving touchdowns and 78 receptions led the state and were school records
- His 1,288 receiving yards ranked second in the state
- Also had two punt return touchdowns and playing defensive back, charted 32 tackles and two interceptions
- Totaled 27 touchdowns and helped Boyle County finish 14-1 and win its 10th state championship, including second in a row, by defeating Johnson Central in the 2021 Class 4A championship
- Played for head coach Justin Haddix
- Named first-team All-State by the Courier-Journal
- Named to the Lexington Herald-Leader's Class of the Commonwealth team
- Finalist for the Kentucky Football Coaches Association's Mr. Football award
- As a junior, had 38 catches for 647 yards and nine scores and 18 rushes for 123 yards and one score
- Also had 20 tackles in helping the Rebels win the 2020 state championship
- Member of the 2019 Class 4a State Runner-up team
- Competed in track in 2021, participating in the 100 and 200-meters, 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter relay
- Excellent student as he carried a 4.0 grade point average throughout his prep career
- Named Academic All-American by scoutSmart





- Chose Kentucky over scholarship offers from Eastern Kentucky and Murray State

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Tim and Johnna Lanter
- Siblings are Reed, Trey, Cook, Hunter and Lexi
- Comes from a family of athletes as cousin Tod Lanter, was a walk-on on the Kentucky basketball team from 2012-2015 and his uncle, Bo, played basketball at Kentucky from 1979-82
- Major is pre-finance

Cole Says

- His nickname is "Glenny" (first name is Glendon)
- He chose Kentucky because it's home and he grew up bleeding blue
- His dream job is to be a director of player development
- The best advice he's ever received is "pray continually"
- Three words to describe him are "leader, caring and determined"



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LUKE
LEEPER

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 190 • Junior-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy of Louisville)

2021 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Four-year letter winner and two-year starter at the Christian Academy of Louisville
- Helped the Centurions finish 7-5 and a spot in the Class 3A District Four final as a senior, the school's first season in Class 3A
- Caught a team-high 63 passes for 747 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior
- Earned first-team All-District as a WR and KR
- Key contributor on the 2016 and 2018 Class 2A state championship teams
- Coached by Stefan Lefors and Hunter Cantwell
- Also on the basketball team
- Kentucky was his first choice of schools

Personal

- Born in Paducah, Kentucky
- Son of John and Melissa Leeper
- Has one brother, Alex
- Major is kinesiology

Luke Says

- His nickname is "Leap"

- He chose Kentucky because it's his dream school
- After football, his dream job is to be a physical therapist
- Three words to describe him are active, patient, and hard working
- His sports hero is Adam Thielen because he went from undrafted to WR1



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WILL
LEVIS

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 228 • Senior-1L
Madison, Conn. (Penn State/Xavier HS)

2021 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Elected one of eight team captains
- Davey O'Brien QB Class of 2021
- Two-time FBS National Offensive Player of the Week (LSU, Louisville)
- Two-time College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week honorable mention (LSU, Louisville)
- Two-time Manning Award Quarterback of the Week (ULM, Louisville)
- Named the Walter Camp Connecticut Player of the Year
- Started in all 13 games and helped lead UK to 10 wins for the fourth time in school history, along with 1950 (11-1), 1977 (10-1) and 2018 ... Also the first time that UK has had at least eight total victories (including bowls) three times in a four-year span since 1949-52
- Totaled 3,202 yards total offense, the seventh player in school history to reach 3,000 yards total offense in a season
- Completed 233 of 353 passes for 2,827 yards (66.0) and 24 scores ... 24 touchdown passes are the most since Andre' Woodson had 40 in 2007
- Totaled 107 rushes for 376 yards and a team-high tying nine rushing touchdowns
- Ranked in the top 10 in several statistical categories in the SEC, including fourth in offense TDs (33), fifth in pass completions (233), sixth in total offense plays (460), total offense yards (3,203), total passing yards (2,827), pass attempts (353) and passing TDs (24), seventh in total offense (3203), eighth in the SEC in passing average per game (217.46) and ninth in rushing TDs (9)
- Had two games (LSU and Tennessee) with three passing touchdowns and two rushing TDs in the same game, the only Wildcat ever to do so
- First UK quarterback with at least 30 completions against two SEC opponents (Georgia and Tennessee) in the same season since Mike Hartline in 2010
- Completed 17 of 28 passes for 233 yards and one touchdown in leading UK to a 20-17 win over Iowa in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl, the Cats' school-record fourth straight bowl win
- Received The Manning Award Quarterback of the Week, the Howard Schnellenberger Award as the

- Most Valuable Player of the Governor's Cup game vs. Louisville and was named College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week honorable mention for the second time after completing 14 of 18 passes for 149 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions, rushing 14 times for a career-high 113 yards and a career-best four touchdowns ... The four rushing touchdowns tied the school record that has now been set by 12 players a total of 14 times and also tied the Governor's Cup record set by Lynn Bowden Jr. in 2019
- Completed 21 of 31 passes for a career-high 419 yards and a career-high-tying four touchdowns in the win over New Mexico State ... Added 11 net rushing yards and his 430 yards total offense is a career high ... 419 passing yards is the 12th-highest single-game total in school history ... Became the first 400-yard passer since Andre' Woodson threw for 430 vs. Tennessee in 2007 ... 79-yard pass to Wan'Dale Robinson marked the longest of his career and longest for UK since an 83-yard pass from Patrick Towles to Javess Blue vs. ULM in 2014.
- First UK quarterback with three 350-yard passing games in one season since Patrick Towles in 2014
- Among Kentucky QBs with at least 20 completions in a game, his 19.95 yards per completion is the highest single-game mark in school history
- Accounted for 419 yards total offense and five touchdowns vs. Tennessee ... Rushed 15 times for a net 47 yards and two TDs ... Completed 31 of 49 passes for a career-high 372 yards and three touchdowns ... Marked the most passing yards for a Wildcat since Patrick Towles threw for 390 yards vs. Mississippi State in 2014 ... Most yards total offense since Towles had 466 (390 passing, 76 rushing) vs. Mississippi State in 2014 ... First Wildcat to have at least 15 passing touchdowns and five rushing TDs in one season since Jared Lorenzen in 2003
- Completed 32 of 42 passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns at No. 1 Georgia ... His 32 completions are the most for a UK quarterback against a No. 1-ranked opponent since Tim Couch (35) vs. Tennessee in 1998 ... His 32 completions are the most for a UK quarterback in an SEC road game since Jared Lorenzen (32) at Georgia in 2001
- With starting lineups available since 1993, became the first quarterback since that time to win his first six starts
- Named the FBS National Offensive Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Football Foundation, named to the Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 list and earned College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week honorable mention after accounting for Kentucky's first five touchdowns in the Wildcats' 42-21 win over LSU ... Completed 14 of 17 passes (82.4 percent) for 145 yards and three TDs ... Rushed 11 times for a net 75 yards and two TDs ... Had a 33-yard run that helped set up his own QB sneak for a score ... Led UK to 42 points, most ever for the Wildcats against LSU in a regulation-length game
- Completed 18 of 26 passes for 367 yards and four touchdowns in the season opener vs. ULM, notching career highs for completions, yards and TDs, in his first career start at Kentucky ... Marked the most passing yards for a Kentucky player in his first game as a Wildcat and the most passing yards for a UK quarterback since Patrick Towles



- threw for 390 in 2014 vs. Mississippi State ... UK's first 300-yard passer in a season opener since Drew Barker, 323 vs. Southern Mississippi in 2016 ... Most passing TDs since Drew Barker threw four vs. Southern Mississippi in 2016 ... Named The Manning Award Quarterback of the Week
- Graduate transfer who played three seasons at Penn State
 - His 473 career rushing yards rank 10th all-time by a Penn State quarterback
 - Two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection

2020 - Sophomore (Penn State)

- Played in eight games with one starting assignment
- Completed 33-of-55 passes for 421 yards and a score
- On the ground, had 82 rushes for 260 yards and three touchdowns
- Completed 14-of-31 passes for a career-high 219 yards, including a 74-yard completion in his first starting assignment of the season vs. Iowa
- At Michigan, rushed for 25 yards on six carries and had a two-yard rushing TD, helping the Nittany Lions win 27-17 in "The Big House"

2019 - r-Freshman (Penn State)

- Appeared in seven games with one start
- Completed 28-of-47 passes for 223 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions
- Totaled 213 rushing yards on 51 carries with three scores
- Earned the team's High Academic Average (cumulative GPA), along with teammate Black Gillikin

2018 - Freshman (Penn State)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-year letter winner for head coach Andy Guyon at Xavier High School in his hometown of Madison, Connecticut
- As a senior captain, earned second-team Walter Camp All-Connecticut honors
- Selected to the Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) Top 25 list, after breaking Xavier's records for passing yards (2,793), passing touchdowns (27) and completions in a season
- Named the Hartford Courant's Offensive POY
- All-Courant first-team selection
- Earned All-Southern Connecticut Conference (SCC) Tier 1 accolades
- SPARQ MVP for The Opening Elite 11 event in New Jersey in 2017
- Registered 1,972 passing yards with 19 passing touchdowns and six rushing touchdowns as a junior
- Carried a 4.0 grade-point average during his prep career, winning the Brother Celestine Academic Award
- Also chosen as an All-SCC Tier 1 academic athlete in 2017
- Member of the National Honor Society and was a Ryken Scholar
- Three-star recruit by all three major recruiting outlets – 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals
- Ranked as the No. 2 player in Connecticut and No. 24 pro-style quarterback by 247Sports, was the No. 35 pro-style quarterback, No. 2 recruit in Connecticut and No. 61 prospect in the region by

ESPN and the No. 30 pro-style quarterback and No. 2 player in Connecticut by Rivals

- Also lettered in baseball at Xavier

Personal

- Born in Newton, Massachusetts
- Son of Michael and Beth Levis
- Siblings are Kelley, Jillian and Claire
- Comes from a family of athletes as his great-grandfather, Alva Kelley, was an All-America football player at Cornell University and won a National Championship in 1939 ... Went on to be the head football coach at Colgate University, Hobart College and Brown University ... Father, Mike, was a tight end at Denison University ... Mother, Beth Kelley Levis, was two-time All-America soccer player at Yale and has been inducted into the Connecticut Girls' Soccer Association Hall of Fame... Uncle, David Kelley, also was an Academic All-America football player at Yale
- Graduated in May of 2021 from Penn State's Smear College of Business in three years with a degree in finance ... Currently working on a master's degree in finance from UK's Gatton School of Business and Economics

Will Says

- He chose Kentucky because he felt very connected to the coaches and their collective vision for the program, and for a chance to compete for a conference and national championship
- After football, his dream job is to be stay-at-home dad with a wife who earns six figures
- He calms butterflies before a game by going through visualization and breathing exercises as well as listening to pre-2012 Justin Bieber
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is a very good singer, but he only sings in the shower (there are prime acoustics in the shower)
- The best advice he's ever received was from his late grandfather who would end almost every conversation with "never give up"

LEVIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Lg	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg
2019*	7-0	51	213	3	49	28	47	2	59.6	223	2	44
2020*	8-1	82	260	3	14	33	55	0	60.0	421	1	74
2021	13-13	107	376	9	33	233	353	13	66.0	2827	24	79
UK	13-13	107	376	9	33	233	353	13	66.0	2827	24	79
Totals	28-14	240	849	15	49	294	455	15	64.6	3471	27	79

*at Penn State

LEVIS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM*	18-26-1	367	4	62	4	-6	0	8
vs. Missouri*	10-18-1	179	1	49	11	25	1	10
vs. UTC*	23-35-2	254	2	39	3	18	0	21
at USC*	15-22-1	102	0	17	5	30	0	9
vs. Florida*	7-17-1	87	1	41	6	21	0	12
vs. LSU*	14-17-0	145	3	34	11	75	2	33
at Georgia*	32-42-0	192	2	16	10	12	0	7
at Miss. State*	17-28-3	150	1	21	3	9	0	5

vs. Tennessee*	31-49-1	372	3	31	15	47	2	16
at Vanderbilt*	14-22-1	177	2	39	6	32	0	17
vs. NMST*	21-31-1	419	4	79	4	11	0	16
at Louisville*	14-18-0	149	0	27	14	113	4	29
vs. Iowa*	17-28-1	233	1	52	15	-11	0	7
Totals	233-366-13	2827	24	79	107	376	9	33

LEVIS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (PSU)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
at Indiana	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	-2	0	0
vs. Ohio State	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3
at Nebraska	14-31-0	219	0	74	18	61	0	14
vs. Iowa*	13-16-0	106	0	22	15	34	0	11
at Michigan	0-0-0	0	0	0	6	25	1	6
vs. Rutgers	0-0-0	0	0	0	17	65	0	14
vs. Michigan St.	3-3-0	54	0	36	15	36	1	9
vs. Illinois	3-5-0	42	1	23	9	38	1	13
Totals	33-55-0	421	1	74	82	260	3	14

LEVIS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (PSU)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Idaho	11-14-0	62	1	11	5	21	0	12
vs. Buffalo	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Maryland	3-8-0	23	0	15	6	38	2	8
vs. Purdue	0-0-0	0	0	0	2	7	0	7
vs. Indiana	0-0-0	0	0	0	3	5	0	3
at Ohio State	6-11-1	57	0	22	18	34	1	10
vs. Rutgers	8-14-1	81	1	44	17	108	0	49
Totals	28-47-2	223	2	44	51	213	6	49

*started game

LEVIS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 49, twice, last vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
Pass completions: 31, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
Pass yards: 372, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
Pass TDs: 4, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Long pass: 74, vs Nebraska, Nov 14, 2020
Total offense plays: 64, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (15 rush, 49 pass)
Total offense yards: 419, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (47 rush, 372 pass)
Rush attempts: 18, vs Ohio State, Nov 23, 2019
Rush yards: 113, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (14 carries)
Long rush: 49, vs Rutgers, Nov. 30, 2019
Rushing TDs: 4, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021





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CHRIS LEWIS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-4 • 198 • Freshman-RS Pleasant Grove, Ala. (Pleasant Grove)

2021 - Freshman

- Saw action in four games (ULM, New Mexico State Louisville and Iowa)
• Redshirt season

High School

- A four-star recruit by 247sports and rated as one of Alabama's top 10 players
• Finished his senior season with 70 receptions for 1,235 yards and 19 touchdowns in helping Pleasant Grove finish 12-3 overall
• Averaged 17.6 yards per catch
• Helped lead the Spartans to back-to-back Class 5A state title games (2019 and 2020)
• Led the Spartans with six catches for 111 yards and two scores in the state title game in 2020
• Earned first-team Birmingham All-Region by AL.com
• Named a 2020 Sports Illustrated First-Team All-American
• Earned honorable mention All-State honors by the Atlanta Journal Constitution
• Caught four passes for 57 yards and two scores in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Classic in 2020
• Named Birmingham Area Athlete of the Week after finishing with six catches for 84 yards and two scores in the Spartans' win over Ramsay to advance to the AHSAA 5A state championship game
• Totaled 75 catches for 1,398 yards and 20 touchdowns as a junior
• Two-year starter for head coach Darrell LeBeaux
• Also played basketball at Pleasant Grove, averaging 15 points, 11 rebounds, three blocks and three assists per game as a small forward in 2020-21
• Earned second-team All-State in basketball and was named the 2021 Birmingham Athlete of the Year by AL.com
• Inducted into the PGHS Hall of Fame which is an award voted on by teachers
• Had more than 47 offers but ultimately chose Kentucky over Texas A&M, Ole Miss and Notre Dame

Personal

- Born in Pleasant Grove, Alabama
• Son of Camilla and Detrick Lewis
• Siblings are Erica Johnson and Detrick Lewis II
• Major is pre-mechanical engineering

Chris Says

- He chose Kentucky because he felt at home and wanted to help change the offense
• After football, his dream job is to be an NFL coach



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RAHSAAN LEWIS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 190 • Senior-1L Orlando, Fla. (FAU/Central Fla./Windermere Prep)

2021 - Junior

- Saw action in six games, missing action due to a knee injury mid-season
• Totaled two catches for four yards and also had a punt return for 12 yards vs. New Mexico State
• Got his first collegiate reception vs. ULM and also had a catch vs. Louisville

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2019 - r-Freshman (at FAU)

- Saw action in four games
• Added to the team's 41-31 Ball State victory
• Had an eight-yard kick return in the Wagner victory
• Contributed in FAU's 45-27 C-USA win over Charlotte
• Saw action in the Owls' Middle Tennessee win
• Redshirt season

2018 - Freshman (at UCF)

- Appeared in seven games as a defensive back and totaled four tackles
• Made his collegiate debut vs. SMU on Oct. 6
• Recorded his first collegiate tackle vs. Temple on Nov. 1

High School

- Helped guide Windermere Prep to the Sunshine State Championship Game as a senior in 2017, his lone season of football
• Rushed for 359 yards and six touchdowns, while recording 306 yards receiving and three scores
• Posted 154 kick return yards and 156 punt return yards with one touchdown as a senior
• Made 83 tackles with three sacks, one interception and two fumble recoveries, including a fumble recovery for a touchdown as a senior
• Took the Lakers to the state semifinals
• Two-sport athlete (football and basketball)
• Played two seasons of basketball

Personal

- Born in Orlando, Florida
• Son of Tatyana McCall and Ray Lewis
• Siblings are Diaymon, Ray, Rayshad, Rayven, and Ralin
• Father, Ray, played 17 seasons in the NFL and was a 13-time Pro Bowler, 10-time All-Pro, two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year, a member of the

- NFL 2000s All-Decade Team, two-time Super Bowl champion and Super Bowl XXXV MVP, as well as a two-time All-American at the University of Miami
• Major is community and leadership development

Rahsaan Says

- His nickname is "Fat"
• He chose Kentucky because it was a great opportunity
• Three words to describe him are funny, purpose-driven, and real
• His sports heroes are his dad and Kobe Bryant because of their mentality and love of the game
• The three famous people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Kobe Bryant, Bob Marley, and Steve Jobs

LEWIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tkl, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, Long, PR, Yds. Rows include 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and Totals.

*at UCF

at FAU

LEWIS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long, PR, Yds, TD, Long. Rows include vs ULM, vs. Missouri, at Vanderbilt, vs. NMST, at Louisville, vs. Iowa, and Totals.

LEWIS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (FAU)

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long, KR/Yds, TD, Long. Rows include at Ball State, vs. Wagner, at Charlotte, vs. Middle Tenn., and Totals.

LEWIS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME (UCF)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkl, TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, INT, FF, FR, PBU, QBH. Rows include vs. SMU, vs. Temple, vs. Navy, vs. Cincinnati, at USF, vs. Memphis, vs. LSU, and Totals.





LEWIS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Receiving yards: 4, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Long reception: 4, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Tackles: 3, vs Memphis, Dec 1, 2018
 Kick returns: 1, vs Wagner, Sept 21, 2019
 Kick return yards: 8, vs Wagner, Sept 21, 2019



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CONNOR
LONG

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 208 • Sophomore-SQ
East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- A dual-sport standout (football and track & field) at East Lansing High School
- Two-year starter at outside linebacker for head coach Bill Feraco
- Helped the Trojans win three straight Capital Area Activities Blue Conference championship titles
- Led the conference with 65 tackles, 15 sacks and three fumble recoveries in nine games as the Trojans finished 8-1 in a COVID-shortened 2020 season
- Earned first-team All-Conference, All-Region and All-State as a senior
- Selected to play in the 2020 Xenith Senior All-Star Game and the 2021 Offense-Defense All-American Bowl
- Also an all-state performer in track in the 200-meter and 400-meter dash
- Choose to play football at UK over scholarship offers to run track
- Member of the National Society of High School Scholars and the Black Student Union
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan State

Personal

- Born in Lansing, Michigan
- Son of Octavis and Lynette Long
- Has one sister, Nia
- Father, Octavis, was a wide receiver at Michigan State from 1995-97, while his mother, Lynette ran track for the Spartans
- Major is political science

Conner Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the coaches, the fanbase and it's a great program
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a lobbyist
- Besides football, he's also good at track and public speaking
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- His sports hero is LeBron James



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JORDAN
LOVETT

SAFETY

6-2 • 198 • Freshman-RS
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

2021 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. ULM and recorded one tackle
- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-star prospect by ESPN, Rivals.com and 247sports.com
- Rated as high as the No. 38 safety nationally by 247 and No. 4 prospect in the commonwealth of Kentucky
- Rangy defensive back with an interesting progression in high school
- Did not play safety until his junior season, then made 15 interceptions and 21 tackles in his first campaign at the position ... Ranked second nationally in interceptions
- Ranks second in KSHAA history for interceptions in a single season (15 in 2019)
- Tied for third in KSHAA history for interceptions in a game with four vs. Barren County (11/8/19)
- Followed that with another impressive season as a senior, totaling 60 tackles and three interceptions for 55 total yards
- Named first-team all-state, the AP, the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and Kentucky Sports Radio in 2020
- Helped take North Hardin to a 9-1 record and a berth in the state quarterfinals in 2020
- As a junior, earned first-team all-state honors from The Associated Press and *Louisville Courier-Journal*
- Helped lead North Hardin HS to a 13-1 record, reaching the state semifinals in Class AAAAAA in 2019
- High school teammates of current UK defensive lineman Octavious Oxendine and fellow signee La'Ve'll Wright
- Coached by Brent Thompson
- Also a two-year letter winner in basketball
- Named academic all-state as a junior
- Chose Kentucky over Cincinnati, Louisville, Missouri and West Virginia

Personal

- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of Tameka Herriot and Rodney Lovett
- Mom, Tameka, is a Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army
- Siblings are Caleb Walls and Lex Lovett
- Major is undecided

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "J Love"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit for him

- Besides playing football, he's also good at basketball, video games and swimming
- One word to describe him on the field is "lit"



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CHAUNCEY
MAGWOOD

WIDE RECEIVER

6-0 • 193 • Sophomore-1L
Albany, Ga. (Lee County)

2021 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021
- Saw action in all 13 games
- Caught his first career pass vs. Tennessee, a 17-yard catch
- Had a kick return for 11 yards vs. UTC
- Got a tackle against New Mexico State

High School

- Three-star prospect who ranks as one of the nation's top-100 receivers by ESPN and Rivals.com
- Rated as high as No. 48 in Georgia by Rivals
- Started every game in his four years at Lee County High School (58 straight), helping lead the Trojans to a 52-6 overall record with four straight 1-AAAAAA Region championship titles with three state championship appearances and two state titles
- Played wide receiver his first three seasons, switched to quarterback as a senior and guided his team to the state runner-up finish with a 12-2 record in 2020
- Named Athlete of the Year for Region 1-AAAAAA in 2020
- Earned All-State HM in 2020 as an athlete by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* in Class 6A
- Threw for 938 yards with 12 touchdowns and only three interceptions in 2020, while rushing for 643 yards on 120 carries with six TDs
- Named a *Sports Illustrated* All-America nominee
- Spent some time at receiver, with 11 catches for 141 yards and two TDs
- First-team all-state as a sophomore, junior and senior by the Georgia Coaches Association
- Caught 53 passes for 700 yards and 10 TDs as a junior
- Sophomore season featured 68 catches for 958 yards and seven TDs in helping the Trojans win their second straight state title
- Team won state championship as a freshman when he had 33 receptions for 388 yards
- Played for head coach Dean Fabrizio
- Narrowed his choices to Arkansas, Florida State, Louisville, Nebraska and South Carolina before picking Kentucky

Personal

- Born in Albany, Georgia
- Son of Shontay Magwood and Khamal Magwood
- Siblings are Vincent Spurling, Jala Spurling, Jalen Spurling and Kaden Magwood
- Major is economics



Chauncey Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be an engineer
- He chose Kentucky because he saw a better future
- If he could only eat three foods for the rest of his life he would choose burgers, hibachi grill food, and chicken
- One word to describe him on the field is "versatile"
- The best advice he's ever received is "never look back"



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TASHAWN MANNING

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 344 • %Senior-Tr
Apopka, Fla. (Auburn/Wekiva)

2022 - %Super Senior

- Comes to Kentucky as a graduate transfer/Super Senior after spending five seasons at Auburn (2017-2021)
- Has played in 30 career games with 14 starting assignments
- Mid-year enrollee

2021 - Senior (Auburn)

- Saw action in 12 of Auburn's 13 games, earning three starts vs. Mississippi State, South Carolina and Alabama
- Graded as the team's best run blocker in 2021 by Pro Football Focus

2020 - Junior (Auburn)

- Earned a starting role in all 11 games
- Named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Sophomore (Auburn)

- Played in five games at left guard vs. Oregon, Kent State, Mississippi State, Arkansas and Samford

2018 - r-Freshman (Auburn)

- Saw action in two games at left guard vs. Alabama State and Liberty

2017 - Freshman (Auburn)

- Redshirt season
- Moved from defensive tackle to offensive guard

High School

- A three-star athlete ranked by 247 Sports and ESPN as a top 75 defensive tackle coming out of high school
- All-Conference defender for Coach Kenard Lang at Wekiva High School
- 2015 Florida Class 8A first-team All-State
- Central Florida All-Star Game invite
- Also threw the shot put and discus

Personal

- Name is pronounced "TAY-shawn"
- Born in Charleston, West Virginia
- Son of Nakia and Curtis Manning

- Has one sister, Eboni
- Comes from a family of athletes as his mother played basketball and father played football at Marshall
- Graduated from Auburn in December of 2020 with an interdisciplinary studies degree emphasizing business, leadership and sports coaching ... Currently working on a second degree in sport, fitness and recreation management
- Prior to enrolling at Auburn, during his senior year of high school, was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia ... After eight months of chemotherapy, he was declared cancer-free on July 10, 2016

Tashawn Says

- His nickname is "Boogie"
- He chose Kentucky because he felt the love from the coaches and staff, and Coach Stoops is all about his players
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to own his an urban big man clothing store
- One word to describe him on the field is "dominant"
- The best advice he's ever received is "the only two things you can control are your effort and attitude"



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JUTAHN MCCLAIN

RUNNING BACK

5-9 • 198 • Junior-2L
Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in 20 career games
- Had 34 rushes for 165 yards and six receptions for 42 yards and a score in nine games played in 2021
- Averaged 4.9 yards per carry
- Set career highs at Vanderbilt with 10 carries for 69 yards, averaging 6.9 per carry
- Also had 10 carries vs. Iowa in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl
- Caught a season-high two passes and had a season-high four rushes at No. 1 Georgia
- Saw his first action of the season vs. Florida
- Scored his first collegiate touchdown in the win over LSU, a 25-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter

2020 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January, 2020
- Played in all 11 games
- Totaled 16 carries for 62 yards, also had one kick return for 26 yards and two tackles on special teams
- Had a career-high seven carries for 23 yards in the win over Tennessee
- Charted a tackle in his first collegiate game at Auburn

High School

- Four-star prospect by ESPN

- Three-star prospect by 247Sports
- Rated the No. 8 all-purpose back by 247Sports
- In three seasons at Fairfield, rushed for 4,406 yards and 53 touchdowns while catching 48 passes for 680 yards and seven scores
- As a senior, rushed for 1,947 yards and 21 touchdowns
- Voted 2019 Offensive Player of the Year and First-Team Offense on the Division I All-Ohio team as voted on by the Ohio Prep Writers Association
- In 2018, he totaled 1,754 yards with 25 touchdowns in addition to catching 24 passes for 415 yards and five scores and returning a kick-off 92 yards for a touchdown
- Coached by Jason Krause
- Krause said, "Not only does he have that high-class level of speed that you've got to have to play in the Power Five, but he gets to that top speed in two or three steps. He's a guy that can go the distance any time he touches it."
- Chose Kentucky over Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue, Michigan, Michigan State and Nebraska
- Also was a four-year letter winner as a sprinter and long jumper on the track team

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Brenda Cowan Elementary (2020)

Personal

- First name pronounced "juh-TAWN"
- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Qulita Glover and Robert McClain
- Siblings are Juwan Glover, Qiersten McClain, and Jumahl McClain
- Major is community and leadership development

Jutahn Says

- His nickname is "Tahn"
- He chose Kentucky because he loves it
- His hidden talent is doing back flips
- The thing he looks forward to the most this season is growing mentally, physically, and creating bonds
- One word to describe him on the field is "patient"

MCCLAIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2020	11-0	16	62	3.9	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
2021	9-0	34	175	3.9	0	22	6	42	7.0	1	25
Totals	20-0	50	227	4.5	0	22	6	42	7.0	1	25

MCCLAIN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	1	-4	0	0
vs. LSU	1	5	0	5	1	25	1	25





MCCLAIN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

at Georgia	4	12	0	9	2	12	0	9
at Mississippi St.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	1	16	0	16	1	2	0	2
at Vanderbilt	10	69	0	22	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	2	2	0	3	1	7	0	7
at Louisville	6	33	0	10	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	10	28	0	10	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	175	0	22	6	42	1	25

MCCLAIN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	1	17	0	17	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	7	23	0	7	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	4	7	0	7	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	9	0	9	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	62	0	17	0	0	0	0

MCCLAIN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 10, twice, last vs Iowa, Jan 1, 2022
Rush yards: 69, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (10 carries)
Long rush: 22, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021
Reception: 1, 4x, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Receiving yards: 25, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
Receiving touchdowns: 1, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
Tackles: 1, twice, last vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
Kick returns: 1, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
Kick return yards: 26, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
All-purpose yards: 30, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021



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JACK
MONDAY

TIGHT END

6-1 • 227 • Freshman-HS
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)

2022 - Freshman

- Mid-season enrollee in January of 2022

High School

- Accepted a preferred walk-on position after an excellent prep career at Lexington Catholic High School
- Three-year starter at tight end and linebacker for head coach Nigel Smith
- Had 36 catches for 439 yards and eight touchdowns in helping lead the Knights to a 9-3 record in 2021
- Also totaled 78 tackles, including six tackles for loss and one interception as a senior

- Named to the Class 4A, District 5 All-District First Team
- Excelled in the classroom, earning first-team all-state academic honors three straight seasons
- Was a member of the Knights' baseball team as a junior
- Chose Kentucky over Centre College and Vanderbilt

Personal

- Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Son of Eric and Sybil Monday
- Has one brother, Hampton
- Major is undecided

Jack Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the great people and because it's home
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to coach or work on Wall Street
- Three words to describe him are "quiet, hard-working and smart"
- His sports hero is Drew Brees because he's a Saints fan
- Person he most admires is his dad because of his work ethic



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JORDAN
MORROW

LONG SNAPPER

6-1 • 227 • Senior-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier HS)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Versatile player who saw action at linebacker, H-back, tight end and long snapper
- Lettered two years and was the team's starting starting long snapper as a junior and senior
- Helped the Tigers total a 38-14 overall record during his prep career, including a 12-3 mark as a junior
- Played for head coach Kevin Wallace
- Won a regional Emmy award by the Ohio Valley Broadcasting Association for broadcasting with a public service announcement on texting and driving
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville and Central Michigan

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Jeff and Julie Morrow
- Dad, Jeff, played football at Kent State and is the current director of player personnel for the Carolina Panthers
- Major is communication

Jordan Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was home away from home and the best fit for him
- His dream job is to work in an NFL front office
- Three words to describe him are reliable, respectful, and loyal
- The best advice he's ever received is "you can't control how tall you are or how fast you are but you can control your attitude, effort, and preparation"
- The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Walter Camp, Luke Kuechly, and Emilia Clarke



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WILLIAM
NALT

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0 • 223 • %Senior-2L
Metairie, La. (Metairie Park Country Day)

2022 - Super Senior

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Has played in 16 career games for Kentucky

2021 - Senior

- Saw action in all 13 games, seeing most of his playing time on special teams
- Got a fumble recovery vs. New Mexico State and his first career tackle at Louisville
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School





- Three-year letter winner and starter at linebacker for head coach Joe Chango at Metairie Park Country Day
- Totaled 63 tackles, including 10 sacks as a senior, helping the Cajuns compile a 9-4 overall record
- Also had one forced fumble and a fumble recovery
- Earned All-District honors
- Member of the United States Saddle Seat Team who captured the Gold Medal in the 2014 US Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup
- Also a member of the junior team from 2012-13
- Competed in his first equestrian show at the age of five
- Chose UK over North Carolina

Personal

- Born in Metairie, Louisiana
- Son of Donald J. Nalty Jr. (dad) and Holly (mom); and James Nichols (stepdad)
- Dad, Donald, played football at Tulane from 1982-86
- Graduated on December 17, 2021 with degrees in marketing and management ... Adding a third degree in communication

William Says

- His nickname is "Nalty"
- He chose Kentucky because it's a great area with great people
- When he's not on the field he enjoys riding horses and meeting new people
- One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't count the days, make the days count"



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CHRIS OATS

LINEBACKER

6-3 • 232 • Senior-2L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)

2021 - Senior

- Missed the season due to a medical issue
- Please visit 22oatsstrong.org for more information

2020 - Junior

- Missed the season due to a medical issue

2019 - Sophomore

- Played in 12 of UK's 13 games, with two starting assignments (Miss. State and Missouri)
- Did not see action vs. UT Martin
- Totaled 46 tackles (fifth on the team)
- Also had 2.5 tackles for loss, one PBU and one forced fumble
- Had five tackles, including two for loss (a career high), in the win over Virginia Tech in the Belk Bowl
- Led the team with eight tackles (six solo) and also caused a crucial fumble in Kentucky's 29-7 win over Missouri

- Spearheaded a defense that held Missouri to season lows of seven points and 289 yards total offense ... On 4th-and-1 from the UK 49, Oats' tackle knocked loose a fumble that was recovered by the Wildcats ... Two of his eight tackles came on third down, one forcing a punt and the other preceding a UK stop on fourth down
- Also totaled a career-high eight tackles at South Carolina
- Had seven tackles and 0.5 TFL at Georgia
- Started vs. Mississippi State and had five tackles
- Had five tackles in the season opener vs. Toledo
- Sat out the first half of the Eastern Michigan game ... Had one tackle in the second half

2018 - Freshman

- Totaled 27 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries in 13 career games
- Posted a career-high five tackles and had his second quarterback sack of the season at Louisville
- Earned his first collegiate start at Texas A&M, charting his first collegiate sack in the second quarter ... Ended the game with four tackles, including 1.5 for loss
- Also had four tackles in the win over South Carolina
- Made the game-clinching fumble recovery on the final play of the VRBO Citrus Bowl win over Penn State
- Recorded his first career tackle in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State

High School

- Four-star linebacker by all the major recruiting services
- Ranked the No. 22 outside linebacker in the 2018 class by 247sports
- Led Winton Woods to a 13-2 overall record and an appearance in the Division II state championship game as a senior
- Coached by Andre Parker
- Named the Division II Defensive Player of the Year and first-team All-Ohio by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association
- Totaled 79 tackles during the regular season and in five playoff games, had 60 tackles, including three interceptions and two touchdowns
- Also a four-year letter winner in basketball as a center
- Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss, Oklahoma, Michigan State and Ohio State

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Kemberly Gamble
- Siblings are Aliyah, Ke'airra, Kelain, Willie and Mikele
- Major is community and leadership development

Chris Says

- His nickname is "Deuce Deuce"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports analyst
- Three words to describe him are kind-hearted, hardworking, and determined
- One thing people might not know is he likes to play the piano
- One sentence to describe Coach Stoops is "he wants the best out of his players"

OATS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF/FR	QBH
2018	LB	13-1	27	3.0-11	2.0-9	0	1/2	0
2019	LB	12-2	46	2.5-4	0-0	1	1/0	0
Totals	25-3	73	5.5-15	2.0-9	1	2/2	0	

OATS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	5	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	8	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	7	0.5-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	8	0-0	0-0	0	1/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	1	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin			DNP					
vs. Louisville	4	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Va. Tech	5	2.0-4	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	46	2.5-4	0-0	1	1/0	0	0	0

OATS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	4	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	4	1.5-3	1.0-2	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	4	0-0	0-0	0	1/1	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0/1	0	0	0
Totals	27	3.0-11	2.0-9	0	1/2	0	0	0

OATS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, twice, last vs Missouri, Oct 27, 2019
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs Virginia Tech, Dec 31, 2019 (4 yards)
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (7 yards)
Forced fumble: 1, twice, last vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
Fumble recovery: 1, twice, last vs Penn State, Jan 1, 2019
Pass breakups: 1, vs Tennessee, Nov 9, 2019



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OCTAVIOUS
OXENDINE

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-1 • 285 • Junior-2L
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

2021 - Sophomore

- Played in six games with three starts before a knee injury vs. LSU sidelined him for the remainder of the season
- Named SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week after charting three tackles, including the first two quarterback sacks of his career (-16 yards), in Kentucky's 42-21 win over LSU
- Totaled 15 tackles, 3.5 tackle for loss, 2.0 sacks and quarterback hurry in six games
- Made three tackles, including the first two quarterback sacks of his career, good for 16 yards of loss, in the win over LSU
- Made his first collegiate start at South Carolina and had two tackles
- Also started against Florida and had three tackles and a tackle for loss in the win
- Charted a career-high five tackles and one tackle for loss in the season opener vs. ULM
- Got his first quarterback hurry vs. UTC

2020 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2020
- Redshirt season
- Played in three games (Mississippi State, Tennessee and Alabama)

High School

- Four-star prospect by Rivals
- Considered one of the top recruits from Kentucky and a top-25 defensive tackle in the country for the class of 2020
- Named to the Kentucky All-State first team
- Named to the 2019 Class of the Commonwealth by the Lexington Herald-Leader
- Produced 62 tackles, including 17 tackles for loss
- Also recovered two fumbles, one for a 25-yard touchdown during his senior season
- Important piece of North Hardin's defense, who finished the season 13-1 and won the region and district championship before advancing to the KHSAA Class 6-A state semifinals
- Played for head coach Brent Thompson
- High school teammates with fellow Wildcats Isaiah Beasley and Darren Green
- Picked the Wildcats over Tennessee and Texas

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)
- Volunteered at LexCity Church (2020)
- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2020)
- Volunteered at William Wells Brown Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Fort Polk, Louisiana
- Son of Mary and Kirk Oxendine
- Dad, Kirk, is a retired U.S. Army Sergeant First Class
- Major is pre-social work

Octavius Says

- His nickname is "Ox" or "Double O"
- He chose Kentucky because it's a great school and he loves the people
- His hidden talent is drawing
- His dream job is to be a NFL business owner
- Hobbies are drawing and fishing

OXENDINE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF/FR	QBH
2020	DE	3-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0
2021	DE	6-3	15	3.5-21	2.0-16	0	0/0	1
Totals		9-3	15	3.5-21	2.0-16	0	0/0	1

OXENDINE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	5	1.0-5	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	1
at USC*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	3	.5-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	3	2.0-16	2.0-16	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	15	3.5-21	2.0-16	0	0/0	0	0	1

OXENDINE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0

OXENDINE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (5 yards)
Quarterback hurries: 1, vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021



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LUCAS
PADGETT

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 295 • Sophomore-SQ
Birmingham, Ala. (La Cueva - N.M.)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico for his senior season but only played in three games due to a COVID-shortened 2020

- Prior to moving to New Mexico, was a two-year starter at center for head coach Ben Bergusen at Homewood High School in Birmingham, Alabama
- Rated one of the top 10 centers in Alabama for the spring of 2020 by Playmakers Elite Sports
- Named second-team 6A All-State in 2019 by the Alabama Sports Writers Association
- Earned a spot on the 2019 All-South Metro Team
- Named to the Over The Mountain Journal's All-OTM High School Football Team in 2019
- Participated in the 2021 Blue-Grey All-American Bowl
- An all-around athlete who also lettered in basketball (center) and track & field (shot put)
- National Honor Society

Personal

- Born in Salt Lake City, Utah
- Son of Scott and Cynthia Padgett
- Siblings are Logan and Layla
- Comes from a family of athletes as father, Scott, played basketball at Kentucky from 1995-99, helping the Wildcats advance to two Final Fours, including a national title in 1998 ... Went on to play eight years in the pros ... Mom, Cynthia, was a four-year letter winner on UK's volleyball team from 1994-97 ... Older brother, Logan, currently plays basketball at Shelton State Community College
- Major is undecided

Lucas Says

- He chose Kentucky because it has great academic programs and he likes the culture around the entire athletic department
- After football, his dream job is to be a coach
- Three words to describe him are smart, funny, and calm
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't change who you are to impress others"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's a huge superhero fan



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CLAY
PERRY

LONG SNAPPER

6-0 • 189 • Junior-1L
Upton, Ky. (Central Hardin)

2021 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 12 games as the long snapper
- Team did not punt in the Tennessee game
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year starter at Central Hardin High School for head coach Tom Mattingly as a long snapper and outside linebacker





- Finished with 45 tackles, including 6.0 tackles for loss, in helping Central Hardin go 9-3 and finish in the second round of the 2019 Class 6A playoffs
- Earned first-team All-District as a senior
- Excellent in the classroom as an honor roll student all four years of high school
- Also on the track and field team
- Earned Ray Guy Prokicker.com Top Prospect Award as a long snapper

Personal

- Born in Elizabethtown, Kentucky
- Son of Ginger and Matthew Perry
- Comes from a family of athletes as father, Matthew, played football at Northwestern, uncle, Mark Perry, played football at Northwestern, uncle, Todd Perry, is a former Wildcat who played from 1988-92 and went on to an 11-year career in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (eight years) and the Miami Dolphins (three years) as a guard
- Major is pre-management

Clay Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's close to home, it has an amazing campus and college life, and his family members attended UK
- After football, his dream job is to be a surveyor
- One thing most people don't know about him is that his first name is Remington
- Three words to describe him are hard-working, dedicated, and witty
- Besides playing football he also loves to fish



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ANDRU PHILLIPS
DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 183 • Sophomore-1L
Mauldin, S.C. (Mauldin)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Played in nine games and had three tackles (one each vs. Georgia, New Mexico State and Iowa)

2020 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee
- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Mississippi State and also played vs. Vanderbilt, Florida and South Carolina
- Got his first career tackle vs. the Gamecocks

High School

- Three-star recruit who has been rated the No. 8 overall player in South Carolina by 247Sports and Rivals
- As a senior, had 38 total tackles, eight pass breakups, two interceptions and a fumble recovery under head coach Harris Cabaniss
- Earned 5A first-team All-State by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association
- Selected to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas

- Also a three-year letter winner in track and field as a triple jumper, ranking No. 1 nationally in 2020
- Two-time All-State and three-time All-Region selection for the triple jump
- Won the 2019 spring state championship title with a jump of 49'4"
- Picked Kentucky over Tennessee, Virginia Tech, Louisville, N.C. State and Georgia

Community Cats

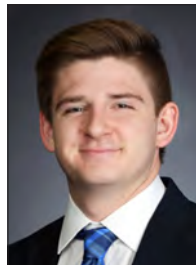
- Volunteered at Catholic Action Center (2020)
- Volunteered to pack food at God's Pantry (2020)
- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Birmingham, Alabama
- Son of Carlos and LaTonya Phillips
- Siblings are C.J., Ben and Shelby
- Comes from a family of athletes as father, Carlos, played linebacker at Kentucky under Jerry Claiborne; mom, LaTonya, was a standout athlete at Danville High School; brother, C.J., played football at Morehead State in 2015
- Originally from Louisville, Kentucky
- Major is pre-integrated strategic communication

Andru Says

- His nickname is "Dru"
- He chose Kentucky because it's felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "explosive"
- When he played football as a kid, he pretended to be Tyrann Mathieu
- The thing he looks forward to the most this season is making plays



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CHARLEY "CHANCE" POORE
KICKER

6-2 • 221 • Junior-2L
Anderson, S.C. (Westside High School)

2021 - Junior

- Handled kickoffs for the Wildcats
- Has a streak of three straight made FGs
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Sophomore

- Named Special Teams Player of the Week after his performance vs. Vanderbilt ... Enjoyed a perfect day, making a 28-yard field goal on the final play of the first half, along with all five extra points
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - r-Freshman

- Hit 5-of-9 field goals with a career long of 46 vs. Toledo
- Hit 24-of-26 extra points
- Totaled 39 points
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games, his first collegiate game was at Missouri
- Hit 2-of-4 field goal attempts

High School

- Rated as the No. 1 punter/kicker in the 2018 class by Prokicker.com
- Named South Carolina 5A Specialist of the Year after hitting 8 of 11 field goals and 26 of 27 PATs as a senior
- Prokicker.com's Rick Sang said "A very talented athlete who dominates his position and has shown great work ethic. He is already capable of launching NFL caliber kickoffs and punts"
- As a junior, converted 16 of 20 field goals with a long of 48, made all 44 extra-point attempts and had 63 percent of his kickoffs go for touchbacks
- Earned the top prospect award for 2017 at the Ray Guy Prokicker.com Kicking Camp
- Selected to play in the prestigious Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game, pitting the top seniors from North and South Carolina against one another
- Member of two regional title teams coached by Scott Earley
- Also a lettered in soccer and tennis
- Picked Kentucky early and never really considered other offers

Community Cats

- Volunteer speaker at Cardinal Valley Rehabilitation Hospital (2020)

Personal

- Born in Anderson, South Carolina
- Son of Lewis and Jodi Poore
- Siblings are Kara Poore and Kinsley Bailey
- Major is consumer economics and family financial counseling

Chance Says

- Nickname is "Chance"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a mortgage broker
- The person who has most influenced him in life is his dad because he pushed him to be the man he is today
- The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are LeBron James, Alex Caruso and Adam Sandler
- His sports hero is Chandler Catanzaro

POORE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG	Points	Long FG
2018	2-4	9	34
2019	5-9	39	46
2020	1-1	8	28
Totals	8-14	56	46

POORE'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2018	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-1	2-4	34
2019	0-0	1-1	1-2	4-6	0-0	6-10	46
Totals	0-0	1-1	3-5	4-6	0-1	8-14	46





POORE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 8, 3x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020
 Points by kicking: 8, 3x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020
 Field goals made: 1, 8x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020
 Field goal attempts: 2, 3x, last at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019
 Longest field goal: 46, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 Consecutive FGs made: 3, Nov. 9 vs. Tennessee - Present



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ELIJAH REED

DEFENSIVE BACK

**6-3 • 185 • Freshman-HS
 Louisville, Ky. (Pleasure Ridge Park)**

2022 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2022

High School

- Has an intriguing story on his development into a Division I college prospect ... Originally a senior wide receiver during the 2020 season, the shortened Covid season limited his opportunities and he decided to return in 2021 for a "super senior" year
- Moved to cornerback in '21, and his length and speed put him into D-I prospect territory at the new position
- Consensus three-star prospect by ESPN, 247sports.com, and Rivals.com
- One of the top-10 prospects in Kentucky by all three services
- The No. 75 cornerback nationally by ESPN and No. 81 nationally as rated by 247sports
- Played at Pleasure Ridge Park High School in Class AAAAAA, the largest classification in Kentucky
- Chosen honorable mention for the Lexington Herald-Leader "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Has a friendship with current UK cornerback Carrington Valentine, a factor which played in role in his selection of the Wildcats
- In addition to Kentucky, recruiting finalists were Utah and Purdue, with consideration to West Virginia, Louisville, and Illinois

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Brittney Webb and Demetrice Reed
- Has one sister, Kiley
- Major is pre-communication

Elijah Says

- His nickname is "Eli"
- He chose Kentucky because it was close to home, it felt right and the coaching staff develops its players
- One thing people might not know about him is that his favorite food is Hamburger Helper
- One word to describe him on the field is "passionate"
- His hidden talent is playing ping pong



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TAYVION ROBINSON

WIDE RECEIVER

**5-11 • 190 • Senior-Tr
 Virginia Beach, Va. (Virginia Tech/Cox)**

2022 - Senior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Virginia Tech
- Has played and started in 36 career games
- Has 113 career receptions for 1,555 yards and nine touchdowns (eight receiving, one punt return TD) ... Also has 47 punt returns for 534 yards
- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2022

2021 - Junior (Virginia Tech)

- Started in all 12 games
- Led the Hokies in receptions (44) and receiving touchdowns (5) and was second on the team in receiving yards (559)
- Also the Hokies' primary punt returner, averaging 13.67 yards and returning one punt for a 60-yard touchdown
- Ended the regular season ranking third in the FBS with 328 punt return yards
- His 13.7-yard punt return average ranked fifth in the nation
- Named ACC Co-Specialist of the Week (9/27) after racking up 140 all-purpose yards, including a 60-yard return for a touchdown vs. Richmond
- Earned ESPN All-ACC Midseason Team honors

2020 - Sophomore (Virginia Tech)

- Started in all 11 games
- Team's leading receiver with 38 catches for 592 yards ... Ranked second on the squad with three TD catches
- Also returned 10 punts for a total of 21 yards and rushed the ball seven times for 48 yards
- Recorded a season-high five passes for 42 yards vs. Miami
- Tied a season-high with five receptions for a career-best 98 yards, including a 60-yard TD vs. Virginia

2019 - Freshman (Virginia Tech)

- Played in all 11 games with seven starts as a true freshman
- Tied for second on the squad with 31 receptions, good for 404 yards with a long catch of 71 yards with one TD
- Named to the PFF College All-Freshman Team as a punt returner, was the highest-graded true freshman punt returner (83.0) in the nation and the eighth-highest overall among players with at least 10 punt returns
- Led Tech with 13 punt returns for 185 yards (14.2 avg.) with a long of 35 yards
- Also rushed the ball 11 times for 139 yards

- Started in the Belk Bowl vs. Kentucky, posting two catches for 18 yards, an 11-yard punt return and a five-yard run

High School

- A four-star prospect coming out of Frank W. Cox High School
- Rated the No. 6 player in Virginia in the Class of 2019 by Rivals
- Rated No. 12 and No. 16 by 247Sports and ESPN, respectively
- Ranked the No. 17 athlete by Rivals, No. 37 by 247Sports and No. 54 by ESPN
- Played quarterback, running back and receiver on offense
- Four-year starter for head coach Bill Stachelski
- Accounted for 1,635 yards – 539 passing, 1,096 rushing – and 21 touchdowns as a senior
- Defensively, returned three interceptions for touchdowns and returned a punt for a score as a defensive pack
- Two-time conference champion
- Also a four-year starter at point guard for the basketball team

Personal

- Name is pronounced "TAY-vee-on"
- Born in Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Son of Naiya and Chris Pernell
- Has one brother, Darrien
- Major is pre-communication

Tayvion Says

- His nickname is "Tay" and "Sweet Feet"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- One thing people might not know about him is he that he's very funny
- One word to describe him on the field is "dynamic"
- Listening to Alicia Keys helps calms his nerves before a game

ROBINSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	PR	Yds.	Long	TD
2019	WR	13-13	31	404	13.0	1	71	13	185	35	0
2020	WR	11-11	38	592	15.6	3	60	10	21	19	0
2021	WR	12-12	44	559	12.7	4	61	24	328	60	1
Totals		36-36	113	1555	13.8	8	71	47	534	60	1

ROBINSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg.
vs. UNC	1	2	1	2	2	25	0	16	12.5
vs. MTSU	4	41	-	26	-	-	0	-	-
at West Virginia	3	47	-	25	1	5	0	5	5.0
vs. Richmond	6	76	-	20	1	-2	0	-	-2.0
vs. Notre Dame	5	53	-	23	-	-	0	-	-
vs. Pitt	5	20	1	8	1	2	0	2	2.0
vs. Syracuse	3	57	-	30	1	1	0	1	1.0
at Ga. Tech	4	27	1	11	1	5	0	5	5.0
at Boston Coll.	4	44	-	22	2	6	0	7	3.0
vs. Duke	4	78	-	41	1	3	0	3	3.0
at Miami (FL)	2	25	-	21	2	4	0	5	2.0
at Virginia	3	89	1	61	1	-2	0	-	-2.0
vs. Maryland								DNP	
Totals		601	4	61	3	227	0	11	3.6





ROBINSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Table with columns: Opponent, PR, Yds., Avg., Long, TD. Rows include vs. UNC, vs. MTSU, at West Virginia, vs. Richmond, vs. Notre Dame, vs. Pitt, vs. Syracuse, at Georgia Tech, at Boston College, vs. Duke, at Miami (FL), and Totals.

ROBINSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long, Att, Yds, TD, Long, Avg. Rows include vs. NC State, at Duke, at UNC, vs. BC, at Wake Forest, at Louisville, vs. Liberty, vs. Miami (FL), at Pitt, vs. Clemson, vs. Virginia, and Totals.

ROBINSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Table with columns: Opponent, PR, Yds., Avg., Long, TD. Rows include vs. NC State, at Duke, at UNC, at Wake Forest, at Louisville, vs. Liberty, and Totals.

ROBINSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long, Att, Yds, TD, Long, Avg. Rows include at BC, Old Dominion, Furman, Duke, @Miami (Fla), Rhode Island, North Carolina, @Notre Dame, Wake Forest, @Georgia Tech, Pittsburgh, @Virginia, vs. Kentucky, and Totals.

ROBINSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Table with columns: Opponent, PR, Yds., Avg., Long, TD. Rows include vs. Wake Forest, at Georgia Tech, vs. Pittsburgh, at Virginia, vs. Kentucky, and Totals.

ROBINSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 6, twice, last vs Richmond, Sept 25, 2021
Receiving yards: 98, vs Virginia, Dec 12, 2020 (5 receptions)
Receiving touchdowns: 1, 8x, last vs Virginia, Nov 27, 2021
Long reception: 71, vs Pitt, Nov 23, 2019
Rush attempts: 2, 5x, last vs Miami (Fla), Nov 20, 2021
Rush yards: 49, at Georgia Tech, Nov 16, 2019
Rush touchdowns: n/a
Punt returns: 4, twice, last vs NC State, Sept 26, 2020
Punt return yards: 73, vs Duke, Nov 13, 2021
Long return: 66, vs. Richmond, Sept 25, 2021
Punt return touchdowns: 1, vs Richmond, Sept 25, 2021 (66 yards)



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CHRIS RODRIGUEZ JR.

RUNNING BACK

5-11 • 227 • Senior-3L
McDonough, Ga. (Ola)

2021 - Junior (Team Captain)

- First-Team All-SEC (AP, USA Today Network)
• Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Phil Steele)
• Third-Team All-SEC (PFF)
• SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week (Week 2)
• CFPA Honorable Mention (Week 2)
• On3's SEC Player of the Week (Week 2)
• College Sports Madness Offensive SEC Player of the Week (Week 2)
• Maxwell Award Watch List
• Doak Walker Award Watch List
• Ranked 12th nationally and second in the SEC in rushing yards per game (106.1)
• Ranked 18th nationally and second in the SEC in rushing yards (1,379)
• Ranked 18th nationally and second in the SEC in rushing yards per carry (6.13)
• Ranked seventh in the SEC in all-purpose yards per game (110.77)
• Became the 10th player in school history to have 2,000 or more career rushing yards
• Has 2,740 career rushing yards, sixth on UK's career rushing list
• Has 26 career rushing touchdowns, tied with Sonny Collins and Moe Williams for second on the UK career list ... Just the 10th player in school history with at least 20 rushing touchdowns
• Has 15 100-yard games in his career, third in school history
• Played in all 13 games with 12 starts in 2021
• Totaled 1,379 rushing yards in 2021, fifth on the UK single-season list

- Also had 13 receptions for 61 yards and three scores
• Became just the 10th player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season and the 14th total time a Wildcat has accomplished that feat
• Had nine 100-yard rushing games, a new school record
• Had a streak of five consecutive games with a rushing TD, the second-longest streak in school history
• Rushed 20 times for 107 yards in the win over Iowa in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl, including the game-winning touchdown on a six-yard run with 1:48 remaining ... Scored both of UK's touchdowns, the first coming on a five-yard pass reception on UK's first possession of the game ... Marked his fifth consecutive 100-yard game, third-longest streak in school history
• Rushed 16 times for 121 yards and one touchdown in the win at Louisville
• Rushed 16 times for 114 yards and one touchdown in the win over Vanderbilt, averaging 7.1 yards per carry ... He played less than three quarters of the game
• Caught a career-high four passes at No. 1 Georgia
• Rushed 16 times for 147 yards and UK's final touchdown in the win over LSU ... Averaged 9.2 yards per carry ... Also caught a three-yard touchdown pass on UK's first offensive possession, his second receiving TD of the season ... Marked the most rushing yards for a Wildcat vs. LSU since Al Baker (159) in 1990
• Rushed 19 times for 99 yards and one touchdown in the win over No. 10/9 Florida, the most rushing yards for a Wildcat vs. Florida in Lexington since Moe Williams in 1993 (109 yards)
• First player since Benny Snell Jr. in 2018 to rush for 100 yards in each of the first two games
• Rushed 27 times for 206 yards vs. Missouri - both career highs ... Had three rushing TDs and also caught a five-yard touchdown pass on the first possession, his first collegiate receiving TD

2020 - Sophomore

- First-Team All-SEC (Pro Football Focus)
• Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
• Played in nine of 11 games
• Team's leading rusher with 785 yards on 119 carries along with a team-high 11 touchdowns
• Averaged an SEC-high 6.6 yards per carry (17th nationally)
• Ranked fifth in the SEC in rushing (87.2 ypg)
• Had four 100-yard games with a career-best 149 yards vs. Vanderbilt
• Carried the ball 17 times for 84 yards, including both of UK's touchdowns, in the win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
• Rushed 14 times for 139 yards and a career-high three touchdowns in the win over South Carolina ... His 79-yard touchdown run clinched the game in the fourth quarter and marked his career long run and the fifth-longest run in school history against an SEC opponent
• Became just the second player in school history, also Mark Higgs, to have two runs of at least 74 yards in the same season (had a 74-yard run vs. Vanderbilt)
• Also had a career-high 151 all-purpose yards vs. South Carolina





- Rushed 13 times for a career-high 149 yards and a career-high-tying two touchdowns vs. Vanderbilt
- Averaged 11.5 yards per attempt, best for a UK rusher against an SEC opponent (min. 10 carries) since Randall Cobb averaged 17 yards (10 for 170) vs. Vanderbilt in 2010
- Rushed a career-high 20 times for 108 yards vs. No. 5 Georgia
- Led the Wildcats on the ground in the win over Tennessee with 13 carries for 73 yards, including a two-yard touchdown run that closed the scoring

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games
- Totaled 71 carries for 533 yards and six scores, ranking fourth on the team in all categories
- Averaged 7.5 yards per carry (second on the team behind Lynn Bowden's school record 7.9 ypc)
- His 41.0 yards per game average ranked ninth among SEC freshmen
- Ranked tied for eighth with teammate Kavosiey Smoke in scoring (TDs) among SEC freshmen (2.8)
- Had two 100-yard rushing games
- Rushed six times for 18 yards in the Belk Bowl win over Virginia Tech ... Had a two-yard TD run late in the second quarter, his sixth TD of the year
- Rushed nine times for 125 yards, including a career-long 64-yard touchdown in UK's 45-13 win over Louisville
- Rushed 15 times for a career-high 129 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Vanderbilt

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games
- Appeared in his first collegiate game vs. Murray State and bulldozed two carries for 43 yards

High School

- A three-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
- Played on both sides of the ball as a running back and strong safety
- Ran for 1,669 yards on 233 carries with 25 touchdowns as a senior
- Averaged 7.2 yards per carry
- Named Henry County Offensive Player of the Week in November after running for 236 yards and five touchdowns in a win over Union Grove
- Rushed for 1,401 yards and 15 touchdowns with eight separate games of 100-plus yards rushing as a sophomore
- Increased his numbers to 1,660 yards rushing and 26 touchdowns as a junior
- Earned All-State, All-Region and All-County honors
- Named the Ola 2015 Player of the Year by MaxPreps
- Coached by Jared Zito
- Also lettered in basketball and track
- Chose UK over offers from Ole Miss and Mississippi State

Personal

- Born in Riverdale, Georgia
- Son of Stephanie Thornton and Chris Rodriguez
- Siblings are Chyna Thornton and Gabbi Rodriguez
- Major is community and leadership development

Chris Says

- His nickname is "C-Rod"
- Most people don't know he likes country music

- The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Chance the Rapper, Drake, and Odell Beckham Jr.
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Marshawn Lynch
- Michael B. Jordan would play him a movie about his life

RODRIGUEZ'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2018	3-0	2	43	21.5	0	27	0	0	0	0	0
2019	13-0	71	533	7.5	6	64	1	2	2.0	0	6
2020	9-0	119	785	6.6	11	79	1	12	12.0	0	12
2021	13-12	225	1379	6.1	9	41	13	75	4.7	3	12
Totals	38-12	417	2740	6.6	25	79	15	75	0.4	3	12

RODRIGUEZ'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM*	19	125	1	31	2	10	0	5
vs. Missouri*	27	207	2	31	1	5	1	5
vs. UTC*	13	46	0	9	0	0	0	0
at USC*	26	144	0	13	2	5	0	4
vs. Florida*	19	99	1	16	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	16	147	1	22	1	3	1	3
at Georgia*	7	7	0	4	4	10	0	11
at Miss. State*	8	34	0	15	2	23	0	12
vs. Tennessee	22	109	0	18	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	16	114	1	30	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST*	16	119	1	29	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	16	121	1	41	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	20	107	1	13	1	5	1	5
Totals	225	1,379	9	41	13	75	3	12

RODRIGUEZ'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	9	13	0	5	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	17	133	2	22	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	7	38	1	12	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	13	73	1	25	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	9	48	0	17	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	20	108	0	23	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	13	149	2	74	0	0	0	0
at Alabama					DNP			
at Florida					DNP			
vs. South Carolina	14	139	3	79	1	12	0	12
vs. NC State	17	84	2	26	0	0	0	0
Totals	119	785	11	79	1	12	0	12

RODRIGUEZ'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	5	34	0	21	1	2	0	6
vs. EMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	6	65	1	44	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	6	19	0	6	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	6	13	0	4	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	12	81	0	23	0	0	0	0

at Vanderbilt	15	129	2	27	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	6	49	1	26	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	9	125	1	64	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech	6	18	1	6	0	0	0	0
Totals	71	533	6	64	1	2	0	6

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Murray State	2	43	0	27	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	43	0	27	0	0	0	0

RODRIGUEZ'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 27, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
Rush yards: 206, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021 (27 carries)
Long rush: 79, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020
Rushing TDs: 3, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020
Total TDs: 3, twice, last vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
Receptions: 4, at Georgia, Oct 16, 2021
Receiving yards: 23, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Long reception: 12, twice, last at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Receiving TDs: 1, 3x, last vs Iowa, Jan 1, 2022
Kickoff returns: 1, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
Kickoff return yards: 20, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
Long kickoff return: 20, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
All-purpose yards: 211, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021



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PAUL
RODRIGUEZ
 OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-5 • 326 • Freshman-RS
 Mason, Ohio (William Mason)

2021- Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star recruit, who is considered a top-60 offensive tackle nationally by 247sports and Rivals
- Touts a 100.25-inch standing reach and an 81-inch wingspan
- Three-year letterwinner and starter for head coach Brian Castner at William Mason
- Helped lead the Comets to a 5-3 overall record, including a 4-2 mark in the Greater Miami Conference (GMC) in 2020
- Also played on the d-line as a defensive tackle
- Named first-team All-Conference by the GMC
- Earned a spot on the Enquirer's Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky 2020 Fall Sports All-Stars First Team
- Named a preseason All-America candidate by *Sports Illustrated*
- Earned 2020 Preseason All-TriState Football First-Team Offense recognition
- Chose Kentucky over Duke, Iowa State, Purdue, and Maryland

Personal

- Born in Lebanon, Missouri
- Son of Wendy Rodriguez and the late Abel Rodriguez





- Siblings are Nick, Victoria, Abel Jr. and Maria
- Mother, Wendy, played softball and basketball at Davis & Elkins College from 1985-89
- Majoring in pre-integrated strategic communication

Paul Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and he would have the opportunity to play in the SEC
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he lost his dad when he was in the eighth grade
- Three words to describe him are loving, hardworking, and friendly
- In one sentence he would describe Coach Stoops as "one of the nicest people I've ever met and real with me and my family"
- The Rock would play him in a movie about his life



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JUSTIN ROGERS

NOSE GUARD

6-3 • 330 • Junior-2L
Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)

2021 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 13 games this season with four starting assignments
- Totaled 16 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks
- Made a career-high four tackles, including a nine-yard quarterback sack and a one-yard tackle for loss in the win over Vanderbilt
- Totaled three tackles in the win over Florida and also had three at Georgia and vs. Mississippi State

2020 - Freshman

- Saw action in seven games and totaled nine tackles and a TFL
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Mississippi State and charted two tackles in his debut
- Recorded a career-high three tackles at Alabama
- Got his first career TFL in the win over South Carolina

High School

- Elite five-star prospect and the No. 10 overall prospect by Rivals
- Ranked the No. 1 player in the state of Michigan by 247Sports Composite
- Considered the second-best defensive tackle in the 2020 class by Rivals
- Four-year starter who dominated both sides of the ball — offensive tackle and defensive end - for head coach Greg Carter
- As a senior, did not give up a sack offensively, while defensively he charted six sacks, forced three fumbles and recovered two fumbles
- Named to the Detroit News Football Dream Team and the All-North Football Team in 2019
- Totaled 22 TFL, seven sacks and four forced fumbles to help Oak Park win the OAA White Division championship as a junior

- One of seven boys in his family
- Played high school football with Marquan McCall
- His first college offer came from Kentucky when he was in the eighth grade
- Picked Kentucky over Georgia, LSU Michigan, Tennessee

Personal

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Joya Townsel
- Siblings are Jeremiah Townsel and Raychard White
- Major is undecided

Justin Says

- He chose Kentucky because he felt an instant connection
- The person he most admires is his mom because of her strength and how she deals with five sons
- Besides being good at football, he's also a good cook
- Three words to describe him are team player, reliable, and trustworthy
- In one sentence he would describe Coach Stoops as "an amazing person who has a heart of gold for his players"

ROGERS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF	FR	QBH
2020	7-0	9	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0	0
2021	13-4	16	2.5-10	1.5-9	0	0	0	0
Totals	20-4	25	3.5-12	2.5-11	0	0	0	0

ROGERS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	4	2.0-10	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0.5-0	0.5-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	2.5-10	1.5-9	0	0	0	0	0

ROGERS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Mississippi St.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	1	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	0

ROGERS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (1 yards)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (9 yards)



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MATT RUFFOLO

KICKER

5-11 • 210 • %Senior-3L
Centerville, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)

2022 - %Senior

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Three-year letter winner
- Career totals include 26-of-32 field goals and 94-of-99 extra points for 172 total points

2021 - Senior

- Lou Groza Award Watch List (nation's top place kicker)
- Burlsworth Trophy nominee (award presented annually to the most outstanding player who began his career as a walk-on)
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team
- Hit 10-of-12 field goals this season and 54-of-55 extra points for 84 points
- His 54 extra points are a single-season school record, previously held by Lones Seiber (51 in 2007)
- Has a streak of five consecutive field goals, dating back to Nov. 13 at Vanderbilt (2-2 vs. Vandy, 1-1 at Louisville, 2-2 Iowa)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Senior

- Hit 22-of-23 extra points and 12-of-14 field goal attempts, totaling 58 points, UK's second-leading scorer
- Set a UK bowl record with three field goals, from 25, 26 and 20 yards, in the win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
- Made all of his kicks in the win over South Carolina, including field goals of 22 and 41 yards, along with all five extra points
- Connected a 50-yard field goal in the second quarter at Missouri, tying his career long set last season vs. Arkansas
- Scored 10 points in Kentucky's 34-7 win at No. 18/17-ranked Tennessee ... Made a then-career-high 2-of-2 field goals, from 30 and 27 yards ... Also made all four extra points
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Junior

- Hit 4-of-5 field goals and 18-of-20 PATs
- Totaled 30 points
- Nailed a career-long 50-yard field goal in Kentucky's 24-20 win over Arkansas



- His field goal came on the first drive of the second half, keeping UK's momentum going after trailing 13-0 early in the game ... Also made all three extra points
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

High School

- Two-year starter and letter winner at kicker for Archbishop Alter
- Coached by Ed Domsitz
- Did not miss an extra point for two straight seasons (2016 and 2015)
- Ranks second all-time in Ohio for consecutive PATs made with 103
- Hit 4 of 5 field goals, 79 of 79 PATs, 73 of 85 kicks were touchbacks and averaged 40.0 yards per punt as a senior
- Helped the Knights finish as conference champs and state runner-up with a 13-1 record in 2016
- Named to the All-Greater Catholic League First Team and was named to the Miami Valley Football Coaches Association (MVFCA) All-Star Team
- Honorable mention Southwest Ohio
- Member of the National Honors Society, graduating with honors
- Member of the Student Council, Key Club, University Club and German Club
- Chose UK over Dayton, Ball State and Toledo

Personal

- Born in Dayton, Ohio
- Son of John and Susie Ruffolo
- Sister, Kara, played soccer at Loyola, while brother, Michael, was a kicker at Dayton
- Graduated in May of 2021 with a degree in finance .. Currently working on his MBA at UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics

Matt Says

- His nickname is "Big Foot"
- Other than playing for the NFL, his dream job is to be a CFO of a company
- The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Peyton Manning, Donald Trump and Pat McAfee
- If he could create a holiday he would call it "National Spicy Italian Meatball Day" and everyone would eat meatballs

RUFFOLO'S CAREER STATISTICS				
Year	FG	Long FG	PAT	Points
2019	4-5	50	18-20	30
2020	12-14	50	22-23	58
2021	10-12	45	54-55	84
Totals	26-32	50	94-99	172

RUFFOLO'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE							
Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2019	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-3	1-1	4-5	50
2020	0-0	6-6	4-4	1-3	1-1	12-14	50
2021	0-0	5-5	1-3	4-4	0-1	8-11	45
Totals	0-0	12-12	5-7	7-10	2-3	26-32	50

RUFFOLO'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS	
Points scored:	11, twice, last vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
Points by kicking:	11, twice, last vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
Field goals made:	3, twice, last at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021
Field goal attempts:	3, twice, last at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021
Longest field goal:	50, twice, last at Missouri, Oct 24, 2020
Consecutive FGs made:	7 - Florida, Nov 28, 2020 - Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021



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TRE'VONN RYBKA

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 277 • Sophomore-1L
Dickson, Tenn. (Dickson County)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Played in 12 games with one start
- Totaled 15 tackles, a half sack and two quarterback hurries
- Earned his first career start in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl vs. Iowa and totaled a career-best four tackles and his first career half sack
- Had three tackles in the win over LSU

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Mississippi State

High School

- Highly recruited defensive lineman who drew national attention
- Consensus top-50 defensive tackle recruit, as high as No. 28 by Rivals.com
- Four-star recruit by Rivals, which listed him the No. 10 recruit in Tennessee
- 247sports has him as the No. 40 defensive tackle in the US, ESPN has him at No. 44
- Totaled 170 tackles, including 25 for loss, during his career at Dickson County HS
- Named to the 2019 All-Dickson County football team by *The Dickson Post* and was on the Region 6-6A All-Region team
- Played in the Tennessee East-West All-Star game and tied for the team lead with eight total tackles, including five solo tackles, and a fumble recovery
- Also participated in track and field in the shot put
- Four-year starter for head coach Randy Murphree
- Decided on Kentucky over Oregon

Personal

- First name pronounced "TREY-vee-on"
- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of Ricky and Elaine Newsom

- Siblings are Maya Rybka, Toni Dunn, Malachi Rybka, Nehemiah Joiner, Nazare Battiste
- A cousin, Demonta Daniel, played football at Memphis and Tennessee Martin
- Major is undecided

Tre'Vonn Says

- His nickname is "Chunky"
- He chose Kentucky because he loved the atmosphere and the vibe of the coaching staff
- Other than playing for the NFL, his dream job is to be a collegiate football coach
- One thing most people may not know about him is that he was adopted by his grandparents
- Besides football he's also good at tennis, fishing and longboarding

RYBKA'S CAREER STATISTICS										
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU	
2020	DT	1-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
2021	DT	12-1	14	0.5-1	0-0	0/0	2	0	0	
Totals		13-1	14	0.5-1	0-0	0/0	2	0	0	

RYBKA'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH		
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
vs. UTC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
vs. LSU	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Tennessee										DNP
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. NMST	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Iowa	4	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	14	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0	2	

RYBKA'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH		
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

RYBKA'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS	
Tackles:	4, vs Iowa, Jan 1, 2022
Sacks:	0.5, vs Iowa, Jan. 1, 2022 (1 yard)
Quarterback hurry:	1, twice, last vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021





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EARNEST SANDERS IV

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 230 • Sophomore-SQ
Beecher, Mich. (Beecher)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action at Auburn and also saw action vs. Vanderbilt
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Explosive, all-round athlete who excelled in football, basketball and track
- One of the top 20 recruits in Michigan as evaluated by ESPN and 247sports
- Also one of the nation's top-100 wide receivers by the same two services
- First-team all-state as a senior by The Associated Press and Detroit News after catching 19 passes for 522 yards and seven touchdowns
- Also first-team all-state as a junior when he caught 42 passes for 1,047 yards and 15 touchdowns, rushed for six touchdowns, returned two kickoffs and one punt for TDs
- A four-year starter who helped lead Beecher HS to state playoff berths each of his last two seasons
- Coached by Courtney Hawkins
- Also a two-time all-state basketball player as a junior and senior
- Averaged a double-double in 2019 with 15.5 points and 10.2 rebounds per game ... Added 3.3 assists and 3.3 steals per game
- Averaged 17.5 points and 11 rebounds per game for a team that advanced to the final eight of the state tourney
- Candidate for Michigan Mr. Basketball
- Competed in the 200-meter dash, high jump and long jump for the track team, earning All-State honors
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan State

Personal

- Born in Flint, Michigan
- Son of Danielle Kelly and Ernest Sanders III
- His seven siblings are JaQualyn Kelly, Malik Wilbanks, Jacoby Sanders, Emiyah Sanders, Jamari Sanders, Emelia Sanders and JaCaylah Sanders
- Father, Earnest, played football as a strong safety at Michigan (1993-95)
- Major is pre-communication

Ernest Says

- His nickname is "E"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and UK was a place he could better himself as a person and as a student-athlete

- Three words to describe him are fun, cool, and loving
- One thing most people may not know about him is that he can't swim
- After football his dream is to be his own boss and run his own business



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KAHLIL SAUNDERS

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 287 • Freshman-RS
Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)

2021 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in four games (ULM, Florida, NMST and Louisville)
- Totaled two tackles, two tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry
- Got a TFL vs. New Mexico State and Louisville
- Charted his first QBH vs. New Mexico State

High School

- A three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- Considered a top 50 strong-side defensive end by 247sports
- A two-way player at Grissom High School also playing on the offensive line
- A three-year starter for head coach Chip English
- Totaled 80 tackles, including 14.0 tackles for loss, 8.0 sacks and 17 quarterback hurries as a senior at Grissom
- Helped lead Grissom to the AHSAA High School Football Class 7A playoffs for the first time since 2004
- Named to the 2020 Alabama Sports Writers Association All-State football Class 7A Second Team
- Earned 7A Region 4 first-team honors ... Also an all-city first-team member
- Named a preseason All-America candidate by Sports Illustrated
- Chose Kentucky over Indiana, Virginia, and Va. Tech

Personal

- Born in Huntsville, Alabama
- Son of Toshiba Burton
- Major is undecided

Kahlil Says

- He chose Kentucky because it would give him the best opportunity to go to the NFL
- After football his dream is to be an exotic animal veterinarian
- Three words to describe him are chill, goofy, and competitive
- The person he admires the most is his mom because she's a strong, independent woman
- One thing most people may not know about him is that he draw

SAUNDERS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF	FR	QBH
2021	4-0	2	2.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	1
Totals	4-0	2	2.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	1

SAUNDERS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	TKIs.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Louisville	1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	2.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	1

SAUNDERS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (1 yard)
 Quarterback hurry: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021



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JACKSON SHULZ

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 191 • Freshman-HS
Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)

2022 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2022

High School

- Accepted a preferred walk-on position
- Four-year letter winner at safety and nickel for head coach Bob Beatty at Trinity
- Helped the Shamrock win the Class 6A State Championship title in 2020
- Earned Most Improved Player of the Year as a junior
- In the 2020 title game against Male, led the team in tackles with five, including 1.0 tackle for loss
- Named Scout Team Player of the Year as a sophomore
- Excellent student who earned a spot on the school's Principal's List
- Chose Kentucky over Miami (Ohio) and Purdue

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Kelly Schulz and the late Christopher Schulz
- Siblings are Ally and Ben
- Major is pre-management

Jackson Says

- His nickname is "J. Schulz"
- He chose Kentucky because his mom and dad also went to UK
- His dream job is to be a business owner
- The person he most admires is his mom because of all she has gone through in the loss of his dad and how she handled it



- Three words to describe him are “funny, chill, and hyper”



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KAIYA
SHERON

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 202 • Freshman-RS
Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)

2021 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021
- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-star prospect who ranked as one of the top-10 players in the commonwealth as evaluated by 247, Rivals.com and ESPN
- Ranked as the nation's No. 21 pro-style quarterback by 247sports.com
- A four-year letterwinner and three-year starter for head coach Robbie Lucas at Somerset
- Guided team to a 9-3 record as a senior and the second round of the state playoffs
- Completed 111 passes for 2,016 yards and threw 15 touchdown passes ... Also rushed for 465 yards and scored 10 rushing touchdowns
- Two-time Class AA Player of the Year as chosen by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association (2019 and 2020)
- First-team all-state by Kentucky Sports Radio, named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* “Class of the Commonwealth” list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Named 2020 *Commonwealth Journal* Offensive Player of the Year
- Nominated for the *Lexington Herald-Leader's* 2020 Kentucky Sports Figure of the Year
- AP All-State honorable mention
- As a junior, led Somerset (Ky.) High School to a 14-1 record and the 2019 state championship in Class AA
- Most Valuable Player of the state title game as he guided the Briar Jumpers on a five-play, 86-yard TD drive in the game's final 28 seconds
- Overall, threw for 3,218 yards and 28 touchdowns while rushing for 959 yards and nine TDs
- Named second-team all-state by The Associated Press and honorable mention by the *Louisville Courier-Journal*
- 2019 *Commonwealth Journal* Football Player of the Year
- Strong arm paired with good mobility
- Also played basketball, earning three letters
- Member of the student council
- An early commitment to Kentucky, he selected the Wildcats over Arizona State and Cincinnati

Personal

- Name is pronounced “Ki-yah Sharon”
- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Melissa and Kevin Sheron
- Has one sister, Kallie Sheron

- Major is communication

Kaiya Says

- His nickname is "K.B."
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he throws with his right hand but kicks with his left foot
- Besides playing football, he's also good at ping pong
- The best advice he's ever received is "nothing good happens after midnight"



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KAVOSIEY
SMOKE

RUNNING BACK

5-9 • 204 • Senior-3L
Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka)

2021 - Junior

- Has seen action in 34 career games with one start
- Has 1,306 career rushing yards, 30th on UK's career rushing list
- Played in 12 games in 2021, earning his first career start at Mississippi State
- Totaled 416 yards rushing on 81 carries with four touchdowns ... Also had one reception for 17 yards
- Also had two kick returns (one vs. ULM and UTC) for a total of 31 yards ... Had a tackle vs. Missouri and UTC
- Rushed 12 times for a career-high 104 yards, averaging 8.7 per attempt in the win over LSU
- Had 11 carries for 53 yards a score vs. Tennessee
- In the win over South Carolina, posted nine rushes for 50 yards with one score
- Also had rushing touchdowns in the wins over New Mexico State and Louisville
- Switched jersey numbers from 20 to 0 in fall camp

2020 - Sophomore

- Played in seven of 11 games
- Had 47 carries for 229 yards and one score ... Also had five receptions for 25 yards
- Totaled 45 yards on nine attempts in the win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
- Led the Wildcats with seven carries for 62 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown run on UK's first possession at Auburn
- Had five carries for 29 yards vs. Ole Miss before leaving the game with injury

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games
- UK's third-leading rusher with 616 yards on 101 attempts and six scores
- Averaged 6.1 yards per attempt
- Had two receptions for 26 yards
- Ranked in the top 10 among SEC freshman leaders in the following categories: fifth in rushing (47.47),

ninth in all-purpose yards (50.7) and 10th in total offense (47.4) and scoring (2.8)

- Rushed twice for 75 yards in UK's 45-13 win over Louisville
- Ran 15 times for a career-high 95 yards in the win over Vanderbilt

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in two games vs. Louisville and Penn State and totaled four carries for 45 yards and a score
- Got his first collegiate carries at Louisville, rushing four times for 45 yards, including a 37-yard scoring dash

High School

- A three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services ... Ranked the 29th-best running back in the nation by Rivals
- Four-year starter for the Indians
- Selected to play in the 31st annual Alabama-Mississippi Football All-Star Classic
- Helped Wetumpka advance to the 6A Alabama state championship game for the first time in the school's 115-year history
- Finished his senior season with 1,508 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns
- Earned Class 6A second-team All-State honors by the Alabama Sports Writers Association
- Chose UK over offers from South Carolina, Auburn, North Carolina, Georgia Tech, Missouri, Florida and Virginia Tech
- Also a four-year starter as a small forward/power forward on the basketball team
- Coached by Tim Perry

Personal

- Name is pronounced “kah-VAH-see-ay”
- Born in Montgomery, Alabama
- Son of Helen Smoke
- Siblings are Iesha, Miranda, Nadia and Tay
- Major is community and leadership development

Kavosiey Says

- His nickname is "Smoke"
- Most people don't know he's part Native American
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because it felt like home
- After his football career, he would like to be a coach
- His sports hero is Bo Jackson

SMOKE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2018	2-0	4	45	11.2	1	37	0	0	0	0	0
2019	13-0	101	616	6.1	6	70	2	26	13.0	0	28
2020	7-0	47	229	4.9	1	35	5	25	5.0	0	9
2021	12-1	81	416	5.1	4	32	1	17	17.0	0	3
Totals	34-1	233	1306	5.6	12	70	8	68	8.5	0	28





SMOKE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows include games vs. ULM, Missouri, UTC, USC, Florida, LSU, Georgia, Miss. State*, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, NMST, Louisville, Iowa, and Totals.

SMOKE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows include games at Auburn, Ole Miss, Miss. St., Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Vandy, Alabama, Florida, USC, NC State, and Totals.

SMOKE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows include games vs. Toledo, EMU, Florida, Miss. State, USC, Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, UT Martin, Louisville, Va. Tech, and Totals.

SMOKE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows include games at Louisville, Penn State, and Totals.

SMOKE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 16, twice, last vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
Rush yards: 104, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021 (16 carries)
Long rush: 70, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
Rushing TDs: 1, 12x, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
Receptions: 2, at Auburn, Sept 26, 2020
Receiving yards: 28, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Long reception: 28, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
All-purpose yards: 123, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Tackles: 1, twice, last vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021
Kick returns: 1, twice, last vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021
Kick return yards: 19, vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021



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DEANDRE SQUARE

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 221 • %Senior-4L
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)

2022 - %Super Senior

- Elected to return for a fifth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
Has played in 49 career games with 35 straight starting assignments
Career totals include 244 tackles, 19.5 tackles for loss, 13 quarterback hurries, four pass breakups, three forced fumbles, two interceptions and one fumble recovery
Two-time team captain

2021 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
Elected two-time team captain
Started in all 13 games
Third on the team in total tackles (80), tackles for loss (9.5) and 3.0 sacks in 2021
Also charted three quarterback hurries, one pass breakup and a forced fumble in 13 starts
With two tackles in the first half against Iowa in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl, he sustained an ankle injury and did not return in the second half until midway through the fourth quarter ... Finished with six stops, plus the game-clinching interception with 1:48 remaining – his first pickoff of the season and second of his career
Made 12 tackles, including one for loss, at Mississippi State, his second double-figure tackle game of the season (13 vs. Florida)
Had eight tackles, including a quarterback sack in the win over LSU ... His sack in the first quarter caused a fumble, recovered by Josaih Hayes, setting up a TD drive
Had a career-high 13 tackles in the win over No. 10/9 Florida, the second double-figure tackle game of his career (also vs. Toledo in 2019)
Led the Cats with eight tackles in Kentucky's 16-10 win at South Carolina ... In the second quarter, with USC at the Kentucky 47-yard line, he made consecutive stops for no gain on 3rd-and-1 and 4th-and-1 to turn the ball over on downs ... In the fourth

quarter, he made a third-down tackle that set up another fourth-down stop by the UK defense
Had six tackles, including a career-high 3.5 TFL (-7 yards) in the opener vs. ULM ... Included in the TFL was a one-yard sack

2020 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Started in 10 of 11 games played
Third on the team in total tackles with 60, second with four QBH
Also had 2.5 TFL, a pass breakup and a fumble recovery
Had a season-high nine tackles vs. Mississippi State
Had six tackles and shared a one-yard tackle for loss at Florida ... His fumble recovery in the second quarter on the UF 38 set up a UK touchdown drive ... It was the first recovery of his career
Elected one of 10 team captains

2019 - Sophomore

- Started in 12 games
Second on the team in tackles with 69
Also had 4.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks, three QBHs, a PBU, an interception and a forced fumble
Had a career-best 11 tackles and had his first career interception in his first career start vs. Toledo in the season opener
First UK player with at least 10 tackles, a half sack, 1 TFL and an interception since Josh Forrest vs. Louisiana on Sept. 5, 2015

2018 - Freshman

- Played in all 13 games with one start vs. Penn State
Earned Freshman All-SEC honors by the league coaches after totaling 35 tackles, 3.5 TFL, three QBHs, one PBU and one forced fumble
In his first collegiate start vs. Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl, tied his career-high of six tackles, including a six-yard quarterback sack
Charted three tackles in his collegiate debut

High School

- A hard-hitting linebacker at powerhouse Cass Tech
Rated a four-star player and No. 20 outside linebacker nationally
Played both sides for head coach Thomas Wilcher
Had 94 tackles, two interceptions and forced four fumbles to help Cass Tech advance to the Division 1 state semifinals as a senior
Named first-team All-State by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and the AP
Played in the Offensive-Defense All-American Bowl in New Orleans, charting eight tackles
Helped his team capture the Division I state title with a perfect 14-0 record in 2016, the first undefeated season in program history
Won the 2014 and 2016 conference championship
Chose Kentucky after considering LSU, Michigan State, Purdue, Wisconsin and Cincinnati

Personal

- Born in Detroit, Michigan
Son of Florence Square and Tyrone and Miranda Square
Siblings are Brian Linley, Andrea Square, Pamela Square and Tyler Square
Majoring in health promotion





DeAndre Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach or athletic trainer
- He chose UK because it was the best place for him to play and he loved the atmosphere and the fans
- The person he admires most is his mom because she works so hard
- Three words to describe him are quiet, shy, and funny

SQUARE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2018	LB	13-0	35	1.0-6	3.5-10	1/0	3	0	1
2019	LB	12-12	69	1.5-13	4.0-23	1/0	3	1-3	1
2020	LB	11-10	60	0-0	2.5-4	0/1	4	0	1
2021	LB	13-13	80	3.0-14	9.5-30	1/0	3	1-0	1
Totals		49-35	244	5.5-33	19.5-67	3/1	13	2-3	4

SQUARE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM*	6	3.5-7	1.0-1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
vs. UTC*	5	2.0-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
at USC*	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	8	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	1	0	0	0
at Georgia*	4	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	12	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST*	4	0.5-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	6	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0	0
Totals	80	9.5-30	3.0-14	1	1	0	1-0	3

SQUARE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Auburn*	5	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Ole Miss*	7	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	9	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
at Tennessee*	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Georgia*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	6	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	60	2.5-4	0-0	1	0	1	0	4

SQUARE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo*	11	1.5-6	1.5-4	0	0	0	1-3	0
vs. EMU*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Florida*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Miss. State*	9	1.5-10	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
vs. Arkansas*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	9	1.0-7	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

vs. Missouri*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin		DNP	(Injury)					
vs. Louisville*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	69	4.0-23	1.5-13	1	1	0	1-3	3

SQUARE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	0.5-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at TAMU	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	5	1.0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	9	0
vs. Penn State*	6	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	3.5-10	1.0-6	1	1	0	0	3

SQUARE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 13, vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021 (5-8)
Tackles for loss: 3.5, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (17 yards)
Sacks: 1.5, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (1 yard)
Pass breakups: 1, 4x, last vs Mississippi State, Oct 10, 2020
Quarterback hurry: 2, twice, last vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021
Forced fumbles: 1, 3x, last vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
Fumble recovery: 1, at Florida, Nov 28, 2020
Interceptions: 1, twice, last vs Iowa, Jan 1, 2022



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ANDRE STEWART

DEFENSIVE BACK

**5-11 • 174 • Freshman-HS
Atlanta, Ga. (North Cobb)**

2022-Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2022

High School

- Rated a three-star by Rivals, on3 and 247sports
- Ranked the No. 59 cornerback in the nation and No. 57 player in the state of Georgia by rivals
- Ranked the No. 52 cornerback by 247sports ... Attended Marietta High School as a freshman and sophomore, helping the Blue Devils win the 2019 Class 7A state championship
- Transferred to Brookwood in 2020 before landing at North Cobb for his senior season

- Did not allow any touchdowns or big plays in the passing game while helping Brookwood go 8-3 and advance to the playoffs
- As a senior at North Cobb, totaled 25 tackles, nine pass breakups, three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and an interception, helping the Warriors win the 2021 7A Region 3 Championship and finish with a 10-2 overall record
- Named to the 2021 All-Region 3-7A First Team
- Played for head coach Shane Queen at North Cobb
- Signed with Kentucky over offers from Auburn, Florida, LSU, Arkansas, Miami, Ole Miss, Michigan State, Louisville, Oregon, Tennessee and others

Personal

- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of Maolo and Tanisha Stewart
- Two siblings, Rashad and Alyssa
- Dad, Maolo, played football at Temple, while his brother, Rashad, played football at Georgia State and Louisville

Andre Says

- Nickname is "Dre"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and because Coach Stewart, Coach White and Coach Collins showed a lot of love
- One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is a good cook
- The person he most admires is his dad because of his tenacity and hard work to walk again after a bad car accident caused him to be paralyzed from the waist down



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CLEVAN THOMAS JR.

WIDE RECEIVER

**5-11 • 190 • %Senior-2L
Miami, Fla. (Charles W. Flanagan)**

2022 - %Super Senior

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Has seen action in 29 career games with eight starting nods
- Has 16 career catches for 169 yards and one score

2021 - Senior

- Did not see action due to a torn ACL suffered in spring practice
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Junior

- Saw action in four games with one start in the season opener at Auburn
- Caught one pass for three yards vs. Ole Miss
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll





2019 - r-Sophomore

- Saw action in all 13 games, starting in seven straight
Had 11 catches (tied for fourth on the team) for 99 yards (fifth on the team) and a score
Had at least one catch in nine of the last 10 games
Caught two passes for 45 yards in the win over Vanderbilt, including a 40-yarder that tied the longest reception of his career
Made his first collegiate start vs. Arkansas and caught two passes for 10 yards and his first collegiate touchdown
SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season
Saw action in three games early
Caught two passes for a career-high 51 yards vs. Murray State
Dean's List (Spring 2019)
SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 - Freshman

- Saw action in nine games
One of seven true freshmen to see action in the opening game vs. Southern Miss and had his first career catch for four yards
Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2017

High School

- Three-star recruit who ranked as one of the nation's top 100 receivers by every major scouting service
Contributed at several positions for the District 12-8A champions and regional semifinalist Falcons, playing defensive back, wide receiver and tight end
Named to the Broward Football 8A-6A Offense First Team as a receiver
Caught nine TD passes as a junior in helping lead the Falcons win the 2015 Class 8A state championship
A three-year letter winner and starter for coach Stanford Samuels Jr.
Chose UK over Michigan, Louisville and Syracuse

Community Cats

- Participated in the Read Across America event at Fayette Mall (2017)

Personal

- Born in Miami, Florida
Son of Yera and Clevan Thomas
Father, Clevan Thomas, was a defensive back at Florida State from 1997-2000; Inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2012
Has two sisters, Infinity and Destiny
Graduated in May of 2020 with a degree in community and leadership development ... Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a master's degree in sport leadership

Clevan Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be in the FBI
One word to describe him on the field is "physical"
If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #GodFirst
His sports hero is his dad, who he grew up watching and learning from
Most people don't know he can draw

THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, Long, Att., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and Totals.

THOMAS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long, Att., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for Auburn, Ole Miss, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, and Totals.

THOMAS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long, Att., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for Toledo, EMU, Florida, Miss. State, South Carolina, Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, UT Martin, Louisville, Virginia Tech, and Totals.

THOMAS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for Central Mich., Florida, Murray State, and Totals.

THOMAS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for Southern Miss, EKU, South Carolina, Florida, E. Michigan, Missouri, Miss. State, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, and Totals.

THOMAS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, twice, last vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
Receiving yards: 51, vs. Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (2 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
Long reception: 40, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Rush attempts: 2, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
Rush yards: 4, vs Virginia Tech, Dec 31, 2019
Long rush: 4, vs Virginia Tech, Dec 31, 2019



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MARTEZ THROWER

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 217 • Sophomore-1L
Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)

2021 - Freshman

- Saw action in eight games and totaled six tackles and a quarterback hurry
Totaled a career-high three tackles at Mississippi State
Charted his first career tackle and a quarterback hurry in his collegiate debut vs. ULM
Also had a tackle vs. Missouri and Iowa

High School

- Three-star prospect by the major scouting services
Rated the No. 38 outside linebacker nationally and No. 54 overall prospect in Georgia by the 247Sports Composite
Totaled 120 tackles, including 92 solo, 9.5 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles and one fumble recovery for a touchdown as a senior
Named first-team All-State by the AJC
Earned a spot on the Class A South defensive team by the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association
Named to the 2020 Class 1A Public All-State First Team by the GHSA Daily
"Martez is an explosive hitter. He brings the hammer. He broke three facemasks in one game. Long story short, the guy will hit you. He will light you up," Wilcox County coach Rob Stowe said
Named the 2020 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Preseason Player of the Year for Class A
Named a preseason All-America candidate by Sports Illustrated
Picked Kentucky over Arkansas and Nebraska

Personal

- Born in Hawkinsville, Georgia
Son of Norma Brown
Siblings are Deauntay Legrier, Britner Legrier and Shaina Legrier
Major is kinesiology

Martez Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
One thing most people don't know about him is that he likes to fish and hunt
The person he admires most is his brother because he leads him the right way



• His passion in life is to be the best person he can be

THROWER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2021	ILB	8-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
Totals		8-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0

THROWER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1

THROWER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (0-3)
 Quarterback hurry: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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VITO
TISDALE
 NICKELBACK

6-1 • 185 • Junior-2L
 Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)

2021 - Sophomore

- Played in nine games with two starting assignments, his first career start came vs. Vanderbilt ... Also started vs. Iowa
- Totaled 21 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry
- Led the Wildcats in tackles with six vs. Tennessee
- Had his first career sack and first career pass breakup at Mississippi State ... Also finished with a five tackles
- Had three tackles in the win over Iowa in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl

2020 - Freshman

- Had 20 tackles, and 0.5 TFL in 10 games played
- Totaled a career-high six tackles in the win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl

High School

- Ranked the No. 3 Kentucky prospect and a top-20 safety in the class of 2020 by 247sports
- Announced his decision during the U.S. Army All-American game in San Antonio, Texas
- Named a U.S. Army All-American and first-team All-State member after totaling 88 total tackles (26 solo), four interceptions and two fumble recoveries during his senior season

- Named honorable mention for the 2019 Class of the Commonwealth by the Lexington Herald-Leader
- Four-year starter for head coach Mark Spader at Bowling Green High School
- Also returned kicks
- His defensive prowess helped lead the Purples to a 9-4 record and a semifinal appearance in the Class 5A playoffs in 2019
- Also participated in track at BGHS
- Chose UK over Alabama, Georgia and Texas A&M

Personal

- Born in Bowling Green, Kentucky
- Son of Vito Tisdale and Erica Cherry
- Siblings are Napoleon, Sydney, Blue, and Meadow
- Major is community and leadership development

Vito Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's home
- Three words to describe him are chill, calm, and sweet
- One word to describe him on the field is "dangerous"
- If he could eat one thing for the rest of his life he would eat tacos
- His sports hero is Sean Taylor

V. TISDALE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2020	S	10-0	20	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
2021	S	9-2	21	1.0-7	1.5-8	0/0	1	0	1
Totals		19-2	41	1.0-7	2.0-9	0/0	1	0	1

V. TISDALE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	6	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Iowa*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	1.5-8	1.0-7	1	0	0	0	1

V. TISDALE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Auburn			DNP					
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

V. TISDALE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021 (3-3)
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (7 yards)
 Sacks: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (7 yards)
 Pass breakup: 1, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (7 yards)
 Quarterback hurry: 1, at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021



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KEATON
UPSHAW

TIGHT END

6-6 • 246 • Senior-2L
 Lima, Ohio (Lima Senior)

2021 - Junior

- Suffered a season-ending injury during fall camp
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 11 games, with four starting assignments
- Totaled 16 catches for 193 yards and three scores
- Caught a career-high tying three passes for 28 yards, including a four-yard touchdown in the second quarter at Florida
- Also caught three passes for 44 yards at Alabama, both were career highs
- Had a 21-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter vs. Vanderbilt
- Had a 12-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter vs. Mississippi State

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games with two starts (South Carolina and Tennessee)
- Made his first collegiate start at South Carolina and totaled seven catches for 78 yards and a score
- Got his first collegiate touchdown with a 13-yard catch in the third quarter vs. Florida
- Charted his first collegiate pass receptions vs. Toledo with two catches for 19 yards
- Critical blocker for UK's impressive run game which ranked fourth nationally with 278.8 yards per game

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star tight end in most of the major recruiting services
- Rated as the 25th-best tight end in the 2018 class
- A three-year starter who earned first-team All-Northwest Ohio District and second-team All-State honors by Three Rivers Athletic Conference after totaling 786 receiving yards on 46 catches with four touchdowns as a senior
- Third-team Division II Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association (OPSWA) All-Ohio selection
- Caught 48 passes for 758 yards and four touchdowns as a junior, earning him a spot on the All-Northwest Ohio and TRAC first team
- Also named second-team All-Ohio





- Coached by Andre Griffin
- Also an excellent basketball player, lettering three seasons as a power forward
- Lettered one season in track & field, participating in the 4x400, 4x200 and the high jump
- Picked Kentucky over offers from Louisville, West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Auburn

Personal

- Born in Lima, Ohio
- Son of Jessica Kahle
- Siblings are Aaron Godsey, Kearre Upshaw and Teysha Upshaw
- Major is community and leadership development

Keaton Says

- His nickname is "Keat"
- His hidden talent is bowling
- The most influential person in his life is his mother because she pushes him everyday
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a personal trainer
- Three words to describe him are funny, chill and hardworking

UPSHAW'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2019	TE	13-2	7	78	11.1	1	19
2020	TE	11-4	16	198	12.4	3	23
Totals		24-6	23	276	12.0	4	23

UPSHAW'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	5	0	5
vs. Mississippi State	1	12	1	12
at Tennessee	2	22	0	18
at Missouri*	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	10	0	10
vs. Vanderbilt	2	41	1	21
at Alabama*	3	44	0	17
at Florida*	3	28	1	13
vs. South Carolina	1	11	0	11
vs. NC State	2	25	0	23
Totals	16	198	3	23

UPSHAW'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	2	19	0	17
vs. EMU	2	19	0	10
vs. Florida	1	13	1	13
at Miss. State	1	19	0	19
at South Carolina*	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	8	0	8
vs. UT Martin	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	78	1	19

UPSHAW'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 3, twice, last at Florida, Nov 28, 2020
 Receiving yards: 44, at Alabama, Nov 21, 2020 (3 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 1, 4x, last at Florida, Nov 28, 2020
 Long reception: 23, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021



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CARRINGTON VALENTINE

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 193 • Junior-2L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Moeller)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has played in 23 career games with 13 starting assignments
- Started in 12 of 13 games played in 2021
- Dean' List (Fall 2021)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Ranked fourth on the team with 61 tackles ... Also has 1.0 sacks, 1.5 tackles for loss, five pass breakups (tied for third on the team) and a QBH
- Had the second-most tackles on the team in the win at Louisville with seven
- Had eight tackles and a tackle for loss in the win over No. 10/9 Florida
- Made four tackles, including a seven-yard quarterback sack that forced a punt in the road win at South Carolina ... Marked the first sack of his career
- Totaled a career-high 11 tackles vs. UTC

2020 - Freshman

- Saw action in 10 games with one starting assignment vs. NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
- Totaled 10 tackles, a PBU and a forced fumble
- Made a career-best six tackles and caused a fumble in the win over NC State
- Got his first career PBU in the win at Tennessee and his first tackle in the win over Vanderbilt
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- One of nation's top-100 cornerbacks as rated by Rivals.com, 247sports.com and ESPN
- Rated as high as No. 23 in the state of Ohio by Rivals
- A versatile athlete, he began his career as a wide receiver before moving to cornerback as a junior
- Named first-team All-Southwest Ohio as a senior by area coaches
- Made 32 tackles, had five pass breakups and blocked two kicks
- Speed showed on his kickoff returns, averaging 31.7 per runback, including two for touchdowns
- Played at Moeller High School for Coach Todd Naumann, John Rodenberg, and Doug Rosfeld
- Also an outstanding basketball player, winning a state championship in 2019

- Fielded many offers, narrowing his choices to Kentucky, Michigan State and Pittsburgh before tabbing the Wildcats

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Ericka and Jerry Valentine
- Siblings are Shala, Jerry, and Jerrick
- Sister, Shala, played basketball at UMass Lowell and brother, Jerrick, played soccer at Bellermine
- Major is pre-journalism

Carrington Says

- His nickname is "Carri"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to be developed
- One thing most people don't know about him is before coming to UK, he only played the defensive back position for one year
- The person he admires the most is his mom because she pushes him to reach his goals
- Three words to describe him are athlete, respectful, and funny

VALENTINE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2020	DB	10-1	10	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0	1
2021	DB	13-12	61	1.0-7	1.5-8	0/0	1	0	5
Totals		23-13	71	1.0-7	1.5-8	1/0	1	0	6

VALENTINE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC*	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	4	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	8	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	7	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
at Louisville*	7	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	61	1.5-8	1.0-7	5	0	0	0	1

VALENTINE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Missouri			DNP					
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State*	6	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	10	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0





VALETINE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 11, vs UTC, Sept 19, 2021 (7-4)
 Sacks: 1.0, at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021 (7 yards)
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021 (7 yards)
 Pass breakup: 1, 6x, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Quarterback hurries: 1, vs. New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
 Forced fumble: 1, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021



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JACK
VARGA

FULLBACK

5-11 • 218 • Senior-SQ
 Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2021)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Vanderbilt
- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)

High School

- Played three different positions during his prep career, including offensive lineman as a freshman, fullback during his sophomore and junior seasons and defensive lineman as a senior
- Three-year letter winner and two-year starter for head coach Will Wolford and Kevin Wallace
- Helped lead the Tigers to three straight district championship titles
- Averaged 4.0 tackles per game as a senior
- Earned the Grey Horton Award for character as a senior at St. Xavier
- Also a two-year letter winner on the lacrosse team
- Excellent in the classroom, earning a spot on the Principal's List as a senior ... Also won the Optimist Essay Award
- Active in community service for St. Xavier, volunteering to give blood five times
- Chose UK over Centre College

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of John and Tracy Varga
- Comes from a tennis family as dad, John, uncle Andrew Varga, uncles Paul and Andrew Varga, and aunt, Julie Hale, all played tennis at UK
- Double major in finance and marketing

Jack Says

- His nickname is "Meat"
- He chose Kentucky because it is his dream school and has a strong family tradition

- Besides playing football, he's also enjoys golf, video games, horse racing and movies
- If he could create a holiday he would call it "Mandatory Beach Day"
- The person he admires most is his dad because of his work ethic and dedication to excellence in everything he does



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GRAHAM
WALD

KICKER

6-0 • 167 • Junior-SQ
 Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)

2021 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-year starting kicker at Henry Clay High School for head coach Sam Simpson
- Three-time first-team All-City kicker (2017-19)
- Named first-team All-State in 2018 by the *Courier-Journal*
- Earned special teams Player of the Year at Henry Clay and was a second-team kickoff All-American in 2017
- As a junior, led the state with nine made field goals on 11 attempts, with his longest being from 36 yards ... Converted 27 of 30 extra-point attempts
- Also served as the Blue Devils' punter (34.7-yard average) and had 23 touchbacks on 49 kickoffs
- Also a member of the soccer team
- An excellent student with a 4.2 weighted GPA
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Darrin and Anne Wald; Julia and Brian Hunt
- Siblings are Laine and Grace
- Major is finance

Graham Says

- His nickname is "Tilo"
- He chose Kentucky because it's in his hometown, has excellent academic programs, and he loves the football program and coaching staff
- After football his dream job is to be a financial advisor
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he has broken both collarbones
- Three words to describe him are amiable, considerate, and hardworking



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TREVIN
WALLACE

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 224 • Sophomore-1L
 Jesup, Ga. (Wayne County)

2021 - Freshman

- All-SEC Freshman Team
- Saw action in 12 games with one starting assignment at Mississippi State
- Recorded 32 total tackles with 4.0 tackles for loss, two sacks, a forced fumble, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry
- Named SEC Freshman of the Week after charting a career-high 12 tackles, including 2.0 for loss, in his first collegiate start at outside linebacker at Mississippi State
- Scored the game-changing touchdown, off a blocked field goal, in UK's 20-13 win over No. 10/9-ranked Florida ... With UK trailing 10-7 in the third quarter, he caught a blocked field goal, weaved his way through traffic, then sprinted for a 76-yard touchdown ... His first collegiate score put UK in the lead and the Wildcats never trailed again ... Also made two tackles during the game

High School

- A four-star prospect by all of the national recruiting analysts
- Ranked as the nation's 35 overall prospect and No. 2 inside linebacker by 247Sports
- Rated as the state of Georgia's No. 6 overall player
- A two-way difference-maker and four-year letter winner for head coach Ken Cribb at Wayne County High School
- Saw action at receiver, running back, quarterback, and multiple linebacker spots, plus had reps as a kick and punt returner during his prep career
- Totaled 96 tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss, 5.0 sacks, three forced fumbles and an interception on defense as a senior
- Had 78 rushes for 910 yards and seven touchdowns and 10 catches for 79 receiving yards playing on the offensive side of the ball
- Had an incredible performance in his final high school game, rushing 28 times for 382 yards and three touchdowns
- Also played every snap at OLB in the game
- Earned WCHS Varsity Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the playoffs
- Named the Gibson Animal Clinic Defensive Player of the Year in 2020
- Named a *Sports Illustrated* All-American
- Played in only four games as a junior due to injury
- Also a four-year letter winner on the track team for the Yellow Jackets in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, 110m hurdles, high jump, long jump, and shot put
- Broke the WCHS long jump record with a jump of 23' 4.25", a record that stood for 44 years





- Won the state weightlifting championship with a power clean of 335 pounds
- Chose Kentucky over Auburn and Ole Miss

Personal

- Born in Jesup, Georgia
- Son of Adrian and Trevor Wallace
- Siblings are Kolby, Tionne, Tavion, and Titus
- Uncle, Robert Bryant, was a linebacker at Oklahoma from 2009-11
- Major is animal sciences

Trevin Says

- His nickname is "Dooda"
- He chose Kentucky because of its great academic programs
- After football his dream job is to be a veterinarian
- The last time he was starstruck was when he saw his sister when she came home from the military
- Three words to describe him are calm, cool, and collected

WALLACE'S CAREER STATISTICS									
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2021	ILB	12-1	32	2.0-5	4.0-11	1/0	1	0	1
Totals		12-1	32	2.0-5	4.0-11	1/0	1	0	1

WALLACE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME									
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH	
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. UTC	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	1	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	12	2.0-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	5	1.0-4	1.0-4	1	1	1	0	0	0
at Louisville	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa			DNP						
Totals	32	4.0-13	2.0-7	1	1	0	0	0	1

WALLACE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS									
Tackles: 12, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021									
Tackle for loss: 2.0, 12, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021									
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021									
Quarterback hurries: 1, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021									
Pass breakups: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021									
Forced fumbles: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021									
Special teams touchdown: 1, vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021 (picked up blocked field goal)									



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J.J.
WEAVER

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 238 • Junior-2L
Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)

2021 - Sophomore

- Named one of the three award winners for the 2021 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year
- Capital One Orange Bowl Courage Award nominee
- Third-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Has seen action in 24 career games with seven career starts, including five straight
- Has totaled 73 career tackles, including 16.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks in just 24 games played ... Also has two interceptions
- Played in 12 games in 2021 with six starts
- Did not see action vs. Iowa in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl due to Covid protocols
- Totaled 34 tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss (second on the team), a team-high 6.0 sacks, four quarterback hurries, two interceptions, one forced fumble and one pass breakup
- Made at least one TFL in eight of 12 games played
- Had four tackles, including a career-high 2.5 sacks vs. Tennessee
- Made his first career interception in the fourth quarter in the win over No. 10/9 Florida and returned it 20 yards ... Also had two tackles, including a shared tackle for loss, and a quarterback hurry
- Had a crucial eight-yard sack on Missouri's final possession of the game ... Also had a three-yard tackle for loss and caused a fumble in the win
- In his first game since returning from a torn ACL, totaled two tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and a career-high 1.5 sacks in the season opener vs. ULM

2020 - r-Freshman

- All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches)
- Suffered a torn ACL in his right knee at Florida (11/28) and missed the final two games of the season
- In nine games, had 33 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, two quarterback hurries and a pass breakup
- Totaled a career-high tying six tackles in his first collegiate start at Florida
- Earned SEC Freshman of the Week after totaling a career-high six tackles in Kentucky's 34-7 win at No. 18/17-ranked Tennessee ... Made two tackles for loss, totaling -8 yards ... Had a three-yard TFL in the third quarter, helping force a punt that preceded a UK touchdown drive on the ensuing possession
- FWAA Freshman All-America Team Watch List

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games (Missouri, Vanderbilt and Louisville)
- Had six tackles, two PBUs and a quarterback hurry

- Totaled five tackles, along with a tackle for loss and a QBH in the win over Vanderbilt
- Made his collegiate debut vs. Missouri and totaled a tackle and a PBU

High School

- One of the nation's best linebacker prospects, ranking as the 213th best player in the nation according to Rivals
- The site also has Weaver as the 14th best player in the class at his position and the fourth-best prospect in the state of Kentucky
- Rated as a four-star prospect by Rivals and 247sports
- Recorded 70 tackles, 10 sacks, three interceptions and a fumble recovery as a senior
- His strong performance helped Moore win 11 games and advance to the quarterfinals of the state championships
- Also played tight end in high school and caught six passes for 102 yards and three touchdowns in 2018
- Was named to the 2018 *Lexington Herald-Leader* Class of the Commonwealth
- An all-state honoree
- Coached by Carlo Stallings
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville, Miami and Purdue

Personal

- Born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Son of Stacey Sherrell and the late Terrance Weaver
- Brothers are Terrance Weaver and Bruce Sherrell
- Born with six fingers on his right hand
- Majoring in community leadership and development

J.J. Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "motor"
- After football, his dream job is to be a football coach
- One sentence to describe Coach Stoops is "he's a father figure more than a coach"
- The best advice he's ever received is "just be yourself"

WEAVER'S CAREER STATISTICS									
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF/FR	PBU	QBH	INT
2019	OLB	3-0	6	1.0-1	0-0	0/0	2	1	0
2020	OLB	9-1	33	6.5-14	0.5-1	0/0	1	2	0
2021	OLB	12-6	34	9.0-43	6.0-39	1/0	1	4	2-21
Totals		24-7	73	16.5-58	6.5-40	1/0	4	7	2-21





WEAVER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
vs. ULM	2	1.5-14	1.5-14	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	3	2.0-11	1.0-8	1	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC*	4	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at USC	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	1-20	0	1
vs. LSU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	6	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	4	2.5-12	2.5-12	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	3	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. NMST*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1
at Louisville*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-1	0	0
vs. Iowa			DNP					
Totals	34	9.0-43	6.0-39	1	0	2-21	1	4

WEAVER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

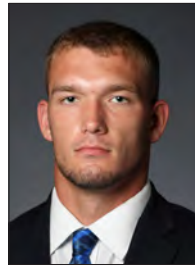
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
at Auburn	1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Ole Miss	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
at Tennessee	6	2.0-8	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Alabama	3	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC			DNP					
vs. NC State			DNP					
Totals	33	6.5-14	0.5-1	0	0	0	1	2

WEAVER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
at Vanderbilt	5	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	1

WEAVER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, twice, last at Florida, Nov 28, 2020 (3-3)
Sacks: 2.5, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (12 yards)
Tackles for loss: 2.5, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (12 yards)
Pass breakups: 1, 4x, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Quarterback hurry: 1, 7x, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Forced fumble: 1, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
Interceptions: 1, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (1 yards)



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DILLON
WHEATLEY

FULLBACK

6-1 • 201 • %Senior-SQ
Richmond, Ky. (Pikeville/Lexington Christian)

2021 - Senior

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. New Mexico State

2020 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Transferred to Kentucky after playing one season at Pikeville College in Pikeville, Kentucky

2018 - Freshman (Pikeville)

- As a running back, played in eight games and had 23 carries for 142 yards and three scores

High School

- A four-year letter winner at Lexington Christian Academy for head coach Ethan Atchley
- Was part of the first team in school history that went undefeated in the regular season (2016) and was part of three straight region finalists
- Had a fantastic prep career statistically, finishing sixth all-time in KHSAA history with 107 career TDs, (101 rushing), 11th in points scored with 614 and 20th in rushing yards with 6,204 ... Also had 161 career tackles as a linebacker
- As a senior in 2017, compiled 1,747 yards rushing with 31 rushing touchdowns, helping LCA go 11-2
- 2017 Lexington Player of the Year and "Class of the Commonwealth" by the *Lexington Herald-Leader*
- Named one of the Commonwealth's top 36 players in 2017 by BluegrassPreps.com
- Earned offensive MVP in the Best of the Bluegrass game vs. Louisville
- Three-time All-State and four-time All-City selection by the *Herald-Leader*
- Also a three-year letter winner as a sprinter on the track team ... Helped LCA win the 2016-17 Class A Track championship
- Finished second in the state in the 100-meters
- Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Dwayne and Tracy Wheatley
- Has two brothers, Dalton and Dustin
- Major is agricultural economics

Dillon Says

- He chose to play football at Kentucky because his dad is a Kentucky alumnus and it was his favorite school growing up
- After football, his dream job is to be in an engineer

- Three words to describe him are humble, driven, and hard-nosed
- Best advice he's ever received is from his high school football coach, Ethan Atchley, "no one cares" aka, "no excuses"
- Hobbies include fishing, hunting, and riding four-wheelers



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JAI
WILLIAMS

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 195 • Sophomore-SQ
Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)

2022 - Sophomore

- Moved from tight end to outside linebacker in the spring

2021 - Freshman

- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Practiced with the team

High School

- Two-year starter for head coach Chuck Spagnoli
- A two-way player who lined up at linebacker and tight end and was a member of all four special teams units
- Lake Forest's 2020 season was postponed to the Spring of 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions
- Voted a senior co-captain
- As a junior, helped Lake Forest finish 7-5 and reach the Class 6A state quarterfinals
- Earned All-North Suburban Conference honors as a junior
- Selected to play in the 2019 Illinois High School All-Star Shrine football game in Bloomington
- Also on the wrestling and rugby teams at LFHS
- Three-time All-State wrestler (2017, 2018, 2019)
- Chose Kentucky over Tennessee and Western Michigan

Personal

- Name is pronounced "ji"
- Born in Lake Forest, Illinois
- Son of Joi Artis and James Williams
- Dad, James, also known as "Big Cat," played 12 seasons (1991-2003), mostly as an offensive tackle, with the Chicago Bears and is known as one of the "100 Greatest Bears of All-Time"
- Has one younger sister, Jia
- Major is architecture

Jai Says

- He chose Kentucky because of its architecture program and top-tier football program
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be an architect
- Besides playing football, he's also good at dodge ball and snowboarding





- If he could have dinner with three famous people, living or dead, he would choose Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley, and Bob Marley
- The best advice he's ever received is "bet on yourself"



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JOEL WILLIAMS

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 205 • Junior-2L
Baton Rouge, La. (Madison Prep Academy)

2021 - Sophomore

- Saw action in seven games and had two tackles (in the wins over Florida and New Mexico State)

2020 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee
- Played in nine games and had three tackles
- Charted his first career tackle in the win over Tennessee

High School

- Four-star recruit by all of the major recruiting services
- Ranked as the No. 26 safety nationally by Rivals
- Ability to play both sides of the ball, as he spent time at wide receiver in high school and totaled 988 receiving yards
- Had five interceptions and helped lead the Chargers to an 13-2 record and an appearance in the 3A playoffs as a senior
- Earned first-team All-State, All-Metro and All-District
- Had 10 TD catches, 35 tackles, 13 pass break-ups and three interceptions as a junior
- Three-year starter for coach Landry Williams
- Ran the 4x100-meter, 4x200-meter and 4x400-meter relays, and competed in the high jump as a junior on the track and field team
- Picked Kentucky over Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Florida, and Georgia

Community Cats

- Volunteered at LexCity Church (2020)

Personal

- Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Son of Tangi and Joseph Williams
- Siblings are Italy Hayes, Avril Holmes, Megan Justine, Ariel Williams, Jeremy Williams, Joseph Williams Jr., and Joshua Williams
- Dad, Joseph, was a tight end at Grambling State from 1983-86 and went on to play with the Pittsburgh Steelers for two seasons
- Major is health promotion

Joel Says

- His nickname is "Joe"
- He chose Kentucky because it is the best school and the people care

- One thing people may not know about him is that he never quits
- When he played football as a kid, he pretended to be Troy Polamalu
- The thing he looks forward to the most this season is taking over

WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF/FR	PBU	QBH	INT
2020	CB	9-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2021	CB	7-0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals		16-0	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

WILLIAMS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

WILLIAMS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

WILLIAMS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, at Alabama, Nov 21, 2020



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QUINTIN WILSON

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-1 • 300 • Senior-3L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)

2021 - Junior

- Saw action in 10 of 13 games
- Named to CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Sophomore

- Played in five games
- Saw his first action of the season vs. Vanderbilt and also saw action at Alabama, at Florida, vs. South Carolina and vs. NC State
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Named to CoSIDA Academic All-District Team

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in five games
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Fall 2018)
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Played in one game vs. Louisville

High School

- Considered one of the top OL prospects in Ohio
- Rated as the nation's No. 5 center by Rivals and No. 9 center by 247sports in the Class of 2018
- A three-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
- Played three seasons at Walnut Hills High School before transferring to Turpin his senior season
- Earned first-team Division II OPSWA All-Ohio honors in 2017
- Coached by Kent McCullough at Turpin
- Excelled in the classroom, graduating cum laude and as a Ohio All-Academic First Team member
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Virginia, Boston College, Cincinnati, Minnesota and Duke

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Deep Springs Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Terri and Lloyd Johnson and Ken Wilson
- Has one sister, Calais Pitman
- Graduated in December of 2020 with a degree in management ... Completed his bachelor's degree in two and one-half years with the help of advanced placement credits earned in high school ... Currently working on his MBA at UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics



- One of three representatives for UK football on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Quintin Says

- His nickname is "Q"
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because it's a family environment
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be in sports management
- Most people would be surprised to know he didn't start playing football until his freshman year of high school
- One word to describe him on the field is "smart"



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DAVID
WOHLBAUGH JR.

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 295 • Freshman-RS
Stow, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)

2021 - Freshman

- Played in two games ... Saw his first collegiate action vs. ULM and also played at Mississippi State
- Redshirt season
- Mid-year enrollee In January 2021

High School

- Three-start recruit by all of the major recruiting services
- Rated the nation's No. 53 offensive guard by ESPN, the No. 67 tackle by 247sports and the No. 69 tackle by Rivals.com
- The No. 25 player in Ohio by 247, No. 30 by ESPN and No. 31 by Rivals
- First-team all-state as a senior by the Ohio Sportswriters Association
- Helped lead Walsh Jesuit High School to a 5-2 record and the second round of the Division II state playoffs
- His size is enhanced by the ability he has shown to make blocks in space
- Coached by Nick Alexander
- Also lettered two seasons in ice hockey
- Chose Kentucky over Arizona State, Penn State and West Virginia

Personal

- Named is pronounced "WUL-uh-bah"
- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Son of Dave and Virginia Wohlbaugh
- Comes from a football family, as his father, Dave, played at Syracuse and went on to a nine-year NFL career with New England (1995-98), Cleveland (1999-2002) and St. Louis (2003) ... The elder Wohlbaugh was a member of the 1995 All-Rookie Team, played in the 1997 Super Bowl, and started all 128 games of his NFL career ... Dad was a teammate with former Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch with the Cleveland Browns ... Brother, Jack, is currently a center at Duke
- Major is pre-management

David Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like family
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's red-green color blind
- Besides playing football, he's also good at spike ball
- The person he admires most is his dad because he's a great role model
- If he could eat only three foods for the rest of his life he would choose chicken, bacon, and waffles



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JORDAN
WRIGHT

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 234 • %Senior-3L
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)

2022 - %Senior

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Has played in 42 career games with 12 starting assignments
- Has totaled 106 career tackles with 15.5 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks ... Also has 12 pass breakups, four forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and six quarterback hurries

2021 - Senior

- Played in nine of 13 games in 2021, missing four with injury ... Had seven starts
- Totaled 30 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, a sack, a quarterback hurry and six pass breakups
- Ranked 15th in the SEC in passes defended
- Led the Wildcats with a career-high 10 tackles in the win over Iowa in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl, including one for loss, and tipped the pass that led to D'Eryk Jackson's interception
- Went out of the game late in the first half at Mississippi State with injury and did not return until the Louisville game on Nov. 27
- Had a career-high tying two PBUs in the road win over South Carolina
- Had six tackles, with a career-high-tying two tackles for loss (-9), an eight-yard sack and a pass breakup, vs. ULM in the season opener

2020 - Junior

- Started in 11 games in 2020
- Named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for win over Mississippi State
- Totaled 45 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks, four PBUs, two QBHs, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and an interception
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Had five tackles, including a 12-yard sack, and caused a fumble in the win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
- Made four tackles, caused a fumble, recovered two fumbles, had two pass breakups and a quarterback hurry in Kentucky's 41-18 win over South Carolina ... His two turnover plays helped produce

- 10 Kentucky points ... In the first quarter, he snatched the ball away from a Gamecock receiver and returned it four yards, setting up the first touchdown of the game ... Recovered a fumble in the second quarter, setting up a field goal
- Recorded a career-high seven tackles vs. Georgia
- Was a key part of the Kentucky defense that held Mississippi State without an offensive score in UK's 24-2 win ... Game totals featured a pass interception returned for a touchdown; career-high tying six tackles; career-best two tackles for loss (-9 yards), including a quarterback sack; and a pass breakup

2019 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games
- Totaled 27 tackles, 6.0 TFL (tied for third on the team), 3.0 sacks (fourth on the team), team-high tying two fumble recoveries one which resulted in a touchdown, one forced fumble, one PBU and a quarterback hurry
- Put the icing on the cake in the win over Virginia Tech in the Belk Bowl with a 28-yard fumble return for a TD on the game's final play ... Also had three tackles, including one for loss, and a pass breakup
- Totaled a career-best six tackles and a tackle for loss in the season opener vs. Toledo

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in nine games, totaling four tackles
- Charted a career-high three tackles vs. Murray State, along with a pass breakup and QBH
- Also had a QBH in the win over Vanderbilt

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Dual-sport standout in football and basketball
- A three-star football recruit
- Rivals ranked him as the 25th-best defensive end and the 80th-best prospect in Florida, while 247Sports had him as the No. 28 weakside defensive end in the country and the No. 67 player in the state of Florida
- The 46th-best DE in the class of 2017 by ESPN
- Coached by Lorenzo Davis
- Compiled 25 sacks as a senior
- Doubled as a tight end in the red zone, catching six touchdowns, including a critical score against Boynton Beach in the District 15-6A three-team tiebreaker to lead Dillard to the district title
- Earned *Sun Sentinel's* All-Broward first-team defensive honors
- As a shooting guard, was a back-to-back preseason Fab Five selection and was an All-County pick
- Led the Panthers' hoops team to a Class 6A state title as a junior
- Named Mr. Dillard High School
- Chose Kentucky over Miami, Arkansas and Florida

Personal

- Born in Lauderhill, Florida
- Son of Wanda Burns-Wright and Louis Wright
- Has one sister, Kayla
- Comes from an athletic family as older sister, Kayla, played basketball at Nova Southeastern, while cousin, RaiQuan Gray, currently plays basketball at Florida State, and another cousin, Kenneth Ruff, was a defensive lineman at Syracuse



- Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a degree in community and leadership development ... Currently working on a second degree in kinesiology

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "Jay Dub"
- He chose Kentucky because it was a perfect fit for himself and his family, and it felt like home
- His sports heroes are his parents because they push him to be the best he can be
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports trainer
- One word to describe him on the field is "beast"

J. WRIGHT'S CAREER STATISTICS								
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	QBH
2018	OLB	9-0	4	0-0	0-0	1	0/0	2
2019	OLB	13-0	27	6.0-33	3.0-25	1	1/2	1
2020	OLB	11-5	45	5.5-39	3.5-30	4	3/2	2
2021	OLB	9-7	30	4.0-9	1.0-8	6	0/0	1
Totals		42-12	106	15.5-82	7.5-63	12	4/4	6

J. WRIGHT'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME								
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH	
vs. ULM*	6	1.0-8	2.5-9	0/0	1	0	0	
vs. Missouri*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	
vs. UTC			DNP					
at USC*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0	
vs. Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. LSU*	6	0-0	1.0-0	0/0	1	0	1	
at Georgia*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
at Miss. State*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Tennessee			DNP					
at Vanderbilt			DNP					
vs. NMST			DNP					
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Iowa*	10	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	1	0	0	
Totals	30	1.0-8	4.0-10	0/0	6	0	1	

J. WRIGHT'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME								
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH	
at Auburn	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1	
vs. Ole Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Miss. St.	6	1.0-4	2.0-9	0/0	1	1-8	0	
at UT*	3	1.0-9	1.0-9	0/0	0	0	0	
at Missouri*	4	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Georgia*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Vandy*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
at Alabama*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	
at Florida	4	0.5-5	0.5-5	1/0	0	0	0	
vs. USC	4	0-0	0-0	1/2	2	0	1	
vs. NC State	5	1.0-12	1.0-12	1/0	0	0	0	
Totals	45	3.5-30	5.5-39	3/2	4	1-8	2	

J. WRIGHT'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME								
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH	
vs. Toledo	6	0-0	1.0-3	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. EMU	2	1.0-13	1.0-13	0/0	0	0	1	
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Arkansas	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Missouri	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	1/1	0	0	0	
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. UT Martin	3	1.0-4	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Louisville	5	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Va. Tech	3	0-0	1.0-4	0/1*	1	0	0	
Totals	27	3.0-25	6.0-33	1/2	1	0	1	

J. WRIGHT'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME								
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FR/FC	PBU	Int.	QBH	
vs. Murray State	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	1	
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1	
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
vs. Penn State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	
Totals	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	2	

J. WRIGHT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS								
Tackles:	10, vs Iowa, Jan 1, 2022							
Sacks:	1.5, vs. ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (13 yards)							
Tackles for loss:	2.5, ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (17 yards)							
Pass breakups:	2, twice, last at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021							
Quarterback hurry:	1, 6x, last vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021							
Forced fumbles:	1, 5x, last vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021							
Fumble recovery:	2, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020							
Fumble return for a touchdown:	1, vs Virginia Tech, Dec 31, 2019							
Interceptions:	1, vs Mississippi State, Oct 10, 2020							
Interception return for TD:	1, vs Mississippi State, Oct 10, 2020							



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LA'VELL WRIGHT

RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 203 • Freshman-RS
Louisville, Ky. (North Hardin)

- 2021 - Freshman**
- Redshirt season
 - Played in four games (ULM, New Mexico State, Louisville and Iowa)
 - Totaled nine carries for 118 yards and one score ... Also had a tackle

- Got his first collegiate carries in the win over New Mexico State, carrying six times for 75 yards, including a 52-yard jaunt
- Rushed three times for 43 yards in the win over Louisville, including a 41-yard jaunt for his first collegiate touchdown
- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021

High School

- A three-star prospect who ranked as the No. 12 all-purpose back nationally by Rivals.com and the No. 6 player in Kentucky
- Rated the No. 7 player in Kentucky and No. 51 running back nationally in the 247Sports Composite
- A four-year starter who rushed for 4,396 yards and 56 touchdowns at North Hardin for head coach Brent Thompson
- Also proved to be a quality pass catcher with 1,260 receiving yards and six receiving TDs during his career
- As a senior, rushed for 884 yards on 127 carries (6.96 yards per carry) with 11 touchdowns in seven games
- Named Class 6A Player of the Year by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association
- Was a second-team All-State selection by the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and the AP in 2019 and 2020
- Chosen for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" listing of the top seniors in Kentucky
- In 2019, rushed for 1,819 yards and 25 touchdowns while averaging 7.0 yards per carry
- In 2018, rushed for 1,316 yards and 17 scores
- High school teammates of current UK defensive lineman Octavious Oxendine and fellow signee Jordan Lovett
- Opted to stay home and play for the Wildcats over Maryland, Northwestern, and West Virginia

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Latarsha Wright and Theodore Wright
- Major is pre-communication

La'Vell Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he has a pet lizard, Dash
- Besides playing football, he's also good at drawing
- Three words to describe him are quiet, funny, and chill
- If he could eat only three foods for the rest of his life he would choose salmon croquettes, Fruity Pebbles, and gumbo

WRIGHT'S CAREER STATISTICS												
Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	
2021	4-0	9	118	13.1	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	4-0	9	118	13.1	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	





WRIGHT'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	6	75	0	52	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	3	43	1	41	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	118	1	52	0	0	0	0

WRIGHT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 6, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Rush yards: 75, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021 (6 carries)
Long rush: 52, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Rushing touchdowns: 1, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
Tackles: 1, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021



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JOHN
YOUNG

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 315 • Sophomore-1L
Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games on special teams

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- Four-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals
- Rated the No. 14 OT in the nation by Rivals
- Ranked the No. 4 player in Kentucky
- Coached by Stefan Lefors
- Helped lead Christian Academy to a 7-5 record in 2019 and an appearance in the Class 3-A District Four final
- A consensus first-team All-State member
- Named 2019 Class of the Commonwealth HM by the *Lexington Herald-Leader*
- Earned second-team All-State by the Associated Press after the 2018 season
- Picked Kentucky over Auburn, Georgia, Florida State, Louisville and others
- Also a four-year letter winner in track and field, earning All-State honors in the shot put

Community Cats

- Volunteered at LexCity Church (2020)
- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2020)
- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Jill and Lawrence Young
- Has one sister, Sarah
- Major is pre-management

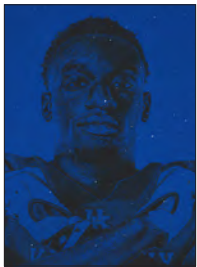
John Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was his favorite school growing up
- His dream job is to own a sandwich shop
- His hidden talent is sewing
- When he played football as a kid, he pretended to be Marshawn Lynch
- The best advice he's ever received is "pride comes before the fall"



2022 NEWCOMERS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown (Previous College/High School)
Alex Afari	DB	6-2	200	Fr-HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West HS)
Kobi Albert	ATH	5-11	175	Fr-HS	Fairfield, Ala. (Fairfield Prep HS)
Jordan Anthony	WR	5-10	155	Fr-HS	Tylertown, Miss. (Tylertown HS)
*Grant Bingham	OL	6-5	321	Fr-HS	Paintsville, Ky. (Johnson Central HS)
Barion Brown	WR	6-0	175	Fr-HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn HS)
*Tomiwa Durojaiye	DL	6-4	250	Fr-HS	Middletown, Del. (Middletown HS)
Tyreese Fearbry	OLB	6-4	230	Fr-HS	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Perry Traditional Academy)
*Kiyaunta Goodwin	OL	6-8	355	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Charlestown (Ind.) HS)
*Darrion Henry-Young	DL	6-4	255	So-Tr	Cincinnati, Ohio (Ohio State/Princeton HS)
*Deuce Hogan	QB	6-4	208	So-Tr	Southlake, Texas (Iowa/Grapevine Faith Christian)
Nikolas Hall	OL	6-6	320	Fr-HS	Austin, Texas (Akins HS)
Quentel Jones	DL	6-2	320	Fr-HS	Fort Valley, Ga. (Peach County HS)
Josh Kattus	TE	6-4	250	Fr-HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller HS)
*Dane Key	WR	6-3	190	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass HS)
*Cole Lanter	WR	5-11	172	Fr-HS	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County HS)
*Tashawn Manning	OL	6-4	344	Sr-Tr	Apopka, Fla. (Auburn/Wekiva HS)
*Jack Monday	TE	6-1	227	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic HS)
*Elijah Reed	CB	6-3	185	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Pleasure Ridge Park HS)
*Tayvion Robinson	WR	5-11	190	Jr-Tr	Virginia Beach, Va. (Virginia Tech/Cox HS)
*Jackson Schulz	DB	6-2	191	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity HS)
Jackson Smith	K/P	5-11	180	Fr-HS	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County HS)
*Andre Stewart	CB	5-11	174	Fr-HS	Atlanta, Ga. (North Cobb HS)
Destin Wade	QB	6-4	205	Fr-HS	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit HS)
Keaten Wade	LB	6-4	230	Fr-HS	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit HS)
Deone Walker	DT	6-7	355	Fr-HS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech HS)
Brandon White	WR	5-9	160	Fr-HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller HS)

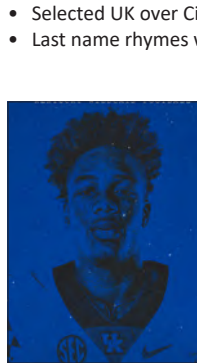


ALEX
AFARI
DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 200 • Freshman-HS
Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West HS)

High School

- Rated a four-star by Rivals, 247Sports and on3.com
- 247sports ranked him as the No. 214 overall player in the nation and No. 9 athlete
- Ranked as the No. 34 cornerback in the nation and No. 12 player in Ohio by Rivals
- on3 has him No. 25 nationally and No. 12 in Ohio
- Named first-team Division I All-Ohio by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association and first-team All-City Division I by the Southwest Ohio Football Coaches Association in 2021 after leading the Firebirds to an 11-2 overall record
- Had 60 tackles and six touchdowns as a senior
- Helped Lakota West win the Greater Miami Conference as a junior with 16 tackles and pair of interceptions, one for a touchdown
- Earned first -team All-Conference, All-Southwest Ohio and All-State honors
- Coached by Tom Bolden
- Participated in the Under Armour All-American camp last summer
- Also plays basketball
- His brother, David, is Lakota West's second all-time leading rusher and currently plays football at Miami (Ohio)

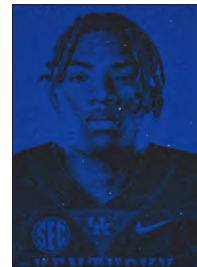


KOBI
ALBERT
ATHLETE

5-11 • 175 • Freshman-HS
Fairfield, Ala. (Fairfield Prep HS)

High School

- Selected UK over Cincinnati, Purdue and Indiana
- Last name rhymes with "safari."
- Considered one of the 20 best athletes in America
- A four-star recruit who ranks as the No. 12 prospect in the state of Alabama according Rivals and is the No. 20 "athlete" in the nation
- 247Sports Composite lists him as the No. 17 athlete in the state and No. 21 nationally in his position
- A two-way player, who lined up at wide receiver and defensive back at Fairfield Prep for head coach Keon Handley
- Totaled 12 touchdowns in 2021, helping Fairfield to a 7-4 record
- Also made 31 tackles and snagged four interceptions
- As a junior, caught 30 passes for 555 yards and eight touchdowns
- Additionally, returned five kickoffs for 147 yards and a TD and made 29 tackles on defense
- Also an excellent basketball player
- Chose UK over Auburn, Maryland and Michigan



JORDAN
ANTHONY
WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 196 • Freshman-HS
Dublin, Ohio (Coffman)

High School

- A four-star recruit by on3.com, one of the top 75 wide receivers nationally and the No. 12 recruit in Mississippi
- A three-star recruit who ranks as the No. 15 prospect in the state of Mississippi according to the 247Sports and is the No. 44 "athlete" in the nation in the class of 2022
- Has plans to compete in both football and track and field at Kentucky
- Helped the Chiefs finish the regular season 10-0 as a senior and advance to the Mississippi High School Athletic Association 3A South Football Playoffs
- Totaled 27 receptions for 525 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior
- Also played safety on defense and serving as the team's primary punt returner
- Averaged 23.4 yards per reception and posted a 40 percent touchdown rate
- Coached by Eddie Waites
- On the track, the speedster ranked No. 2 in the world for U18 100-meters and No. 3 in the world for U18 200-meters



- Named to the 2021 Boys High School All-America Team, the first Mississippi winner since Calvin Smith in 1979, by Track & Field News
- Won the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.21 seconds at The Outdoor Nationals Presented by Nike at the University of Oregon on July 2
- Runner-up in the 200 in 20.57 seconds the same day, just eight-hundredths of a second behind the winner
- Both times were high school records for the state of Mississippi
- Also won the Class 3A 100- and 200-meter dashes at the Mississippi high school state championships on May 6
- Had the fastest 200-meter time of 21.11 seconds regardless of classification
- Named Gatorade Mississippi Track and Field Athlete of the Year in 2021
- Other honors include Adidas Indoor National Champion, Nike Hayward Outdoor National Champion, Adidas Boost Boston Champion and 3A State Champion
- Signed with UK over Ole Miss, Boston College, Houston, Florida State and Memphis



**JAVON
BAKER**

WIDE RECEIVER

**6-2 • 206 • Junior-TR
Atlanta, Ga. (Alabama/McEachern)**

2021 - Sophomore (Alabama)

- Played in 21 games over two seasons at Alabama, totaling nine catches for 116 receiving yards and one score
- Had seven catches for 101 yards and a touchdown in 12 games as a sophomore
- Totaled 21 yards on three catches against Miami and finished with two catches for 59 yards and his first career TD vs. Southern Miss
- Caught two passes for 21 yards vs. New Mexico State
- Part of the Tide's 29th SEC Championship with a win over Georgia, working on special teams and at wideout
- Also saw action in the College Football Playoff National Championship games vs. Cincinnati and Georgia

2020 - Freshman (Alabama)

- During freshman campaign, played in nine contests, totaling two receptions for 15 yards against Arkansas
- Helped the Tide finish undefeated with a record of 13-0 (11-0 in the SEC) and as SEC champions and national champions

High School

- A gridiron standout at McEachern High School
- Rated a four-star prospect by all the major recruiting outlets

- One of the top-ranked receivers in the 2019 class, listed as the No. 20 wideout nationally and the No. 14 player from the state of Georgia by Rivals.com
- As a senior in 2019, caught 58 passes for 629 yards and 11 touchdowns for McEachern which finished 12-1
- Participated in the All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas and also in Nike's "The Opening" Finals in Frisco, Texas
- Earned MVP honors at wide receiver in "The Opening" Regionals in Atlanta
- Named to the Marietta Daily Journal's Dynamite Dozen as one of the top 12 players in the state of Georgia
- Racked up 1,105 yards and eight touchdowns as a junior for head coach Franklin Stephens at MHS



**BARION
BROWN**

WIDE RECEIVER

**6-0 • 175 • Freshman-HS
Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)**

High School

- Name is pronounced "BEAR-ee-ON"
- A five-star prospect who ranks as high as the No. 2 wide receiver nationally and No. 2 prospect in Tennessee by on3.com
- The all-around athlete played several positions for head coach Tony Brunetti at Pearl-Cohn High School, including quarterback, running back, receiver, defensive back and kick returner during his senior season
- Named the Tennessee Titans Class 4A Mr. Football Award
- Finished his senior year with 897 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns on 59 carries
- Also caught 22 passes for 303 yards and three scores
- Defensively, had 24 tackles with two for loss
- Helped lead the Firebirds to an 11-2 overall record with a second-place finish in Class 4A Region 5
- Selected to the All-American Bowl's East roster
- Also stars on the track and field team as a back-to-back state Tennessee state champion in the 100- and 200-meter dash
- Is Pearl-Cohn's record holder in both events
- His 10.49 second time in the 100-meters in spring of 2021 is the third-fastest TSSAA state meet time since 1985, in any class
- Chose Kentucky over Alabama, TCU and Ole Miss



**TYREESE
FEARBRY**

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

**6-4 • 230 • Freshman-HS
Pittsburgh, Pa. (Perry Traditional Academy)**

High School

- Name is pronounced Tyreese "FEAR-bree"
- Rated a four-star by Rivals, 247sports and on3.com
- Rated by 247 as the No. 138 overall player in the nation and No. 12 edge rusher
- Ranked the No. 18 weakside defensive end by Rivals and on3.com had him No. 13 as an edge player and the No. 3 prospect in talent-rich Pennsylvania
- Played both wide receiver and edge rusher for head coach Darnell "Pepsi" Farrow
- Considered one of the top pass-rushing recruits in the state
- Named to one of the Top 10 Defensive Ends by the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League in 2021
- In a shortened five-game season in 2020, totaled 10 catches for 94 yards and a touchdown, while averaging 5.8 tackles and 1.0 sacks per game
- Also participated in basketball, track and volleyball during high school
- Ran a time of 11.63 in the 100-meters and had a season-best long jump of 19 feet, 2 inches as a junior
- Posted a time of 23.99 seconds in the 200-meter dash and finished in third place at the 2021 City League track and field championships
- Picked Kentucky over Auburn, Penn State and Pittsburgh



NIKOLAS HALL

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-6 • 320 • Freshman-HS
Austin, Texas (Akins)

High School

- A four-star recruit and No. 92 nationally by on3.com, which also lists him as the No. 8 offensive tackle nationally and No. 22 in the state of Texas
- Rivals lists him as the No. 65 offensive tackle in 2022 class
- Coached by Joey Saxe
- Becomes the first Akins player to sign with a Division I program
- Named Akins' Lineman of the Year for 2019-2020
- Named second-team All-District as a sophomore and junior
- An all-around athlete who also participated in baseball, track & field (shot put) and golf
- Son of former Wildcat and All-SEC offensive tackle Antonio Hall (2000-03) and Candice Shipp who was a high jumper on UK's track and field team
- Chose Kentucky over Texas A&M, Arizona State, Oklahoma State and Baylor



QUENTEL JONES

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-2 • 320 • Freshman-HS
Fort Valley, Ga. (Peach County)

High School

- Consensus three-star prospect as evaluated by ESPN, 247sports.com, on3.com and Rivals.com
- Rated nationally as the No. 53 defensive tackle by ESPN and the No. 71 prospect in Georgia
- The No. 54 defensive tackle in the nation and No. 80 Georgia prospect by Rivals.com
- The No. 58 defensive tackle nationally by 247sports and the No. 36 Georgia prospect by Rivals.com
- Listed No. 66 defensive tackle in the nation and No. 60 in Georgia by on3.com
- Played at Peach County High School
- Named to the Class AAA South all-state team as a junior, with senior teams yet to be selected
- Honorable-mention all-state as a sophomore
- Helped PCHS to three straight trips to the quarterfinals of the Class AAA playoffs
- Coached by Chad Campbell

- Recruiting finalists also included Miami (Fla.), Mississippi State and Tennessee
- Also had offers from Arkansas, Wisconsin and Oregon, among others



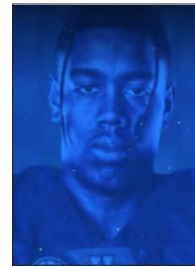
JOSH KATTUS

TIGHT END

6-4 • 250 • Freshman-HS
Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)

High School

- Name is pronounced Josh "KAT-us"
- A three-star recruit who ranks as a top 50 tight end nationally by Rivals
- Ranked as the No. 26 recruit in Ohio by Rivals and No. 30 by 247Sports
- Had 42 catches for 553 yards and one score for head coach Mark Elder at Archbishop Moeller High School in 2021
- Helped the Crusaders win the Division 1 Region and finish in the state semifinals
- Two-time Greater Catholic League (GCL) Tight End of the Year
- Two-time All-GCL First Team member
- Two-time All-City and All-Region First Team
- OHSAA Division 1 First-Team All-State
- Named Max Preps Division 1 First-Team All-State
- Earned Southwest Ohio Football Coaches Association All-City Division 1 First Team
- In eight games in an abbreviated COVID-19 season in 2020, he had 23 catches for 288 yards and four touchdowns
- Dad, Eric Kattus, was a tight end at Michigan and went on to a seven-year career in the NFL, playing six years with the Cincinnati Bengals and one with the New York Jets
- Reunites with former Moeller standouts at UK, tight end Brenden Bates and defensive back Carrington Valentine
- Chose UK over Cincinnati, Michigan, Northwestern, Louisville, Illinois



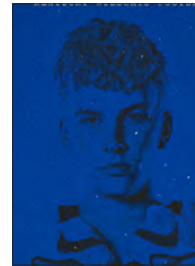
NOAH MATTHEWS

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 250 • Freshman-HS
Bridgeville, Del. (Woodbridge)

High School

- A three-star prospect by all the major recruiting sites
- Two-way player who saw action at defensive end and tight end for head coach Marvin Dooley
- Earned first-team All-State, All-District selection and the 2A Defensive Lineman of the Year by the Delaware Interscholastic Football Coaches Association
- Named one of Delaware's top 44 players and was given a 2021 Delaware Mini Max award by The Maxwell Football Club
- Voted team captain as a senior and totaled 70 tackles, including 43 solo
- Also had 10 sacks and forced eight quarterback hurries
- Led the Blue Raiders to a 12-1 record and a berth in the D1AA Class AA state championship game in 2021
- Chose Kentucky over Illinois



JACKSON SMITH

KICKER/PUNTER

5-11 • 180 • Freshman-HS
Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)

High School

- Ranked the top kicker/punter in the 2022 class by ProKicker.com
- A two-time National Specialist of the Year and two-time All-American by Prokicker.com (2019 and 2020)
- Four-time All-Region selection
- A two-time first-team All-State choice by the Courier-Journal and Associated Press
- Picked to the Lexington Herald-Leader "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top-25 seniors in Kentucky
- Named to the Kentucky Sports Radio 2021 All-State Football Team
- Helped lead Boyle County to an impressive 52-3 overall record in his four-year prep career, including back-to-back 4A state championship titles (2020 and 2021)



- Also helped the Rebels finish as the state runner-up in 2019 and as semifinalists in 2018
- Coached by Chuck Smith from 2018-19 and Justin Haddix in 2020-21
- As a senior, hit 72 of 78 PATs (four blocked), 7 of 9 field goals and had 68 touchbacks
- Punted 13 times for a 42.1 avg with 0 return yards
- Also played linebacker and totaled 36 tackles, six tackles for loss and one interception
- As a junior was on the track & field team, participating in the long jump and the 4X200 relay
- An avid outdoorsman, he also was on the bass fishing team all four years
- Son of former Wildcat punter Andy Smith (1997-99), an All-SEC punter whose 42.7-yard average in 1999 was, at the time, the third-best single-season mark in school history
- Talked to others but never really considered any other school but Kentucky



DESTIN WADE

QUARTERBACK

6-4 • 205 • Freshman-HS
Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit)

High School

- "Mr. Football" as a senior for Division I, Class 6A, the largest classification in Tennessee
- Four-star prospect as rated by Rivals.com, 247sports.com, on3.com and ESPN
- All four services listed him in the top 20 nationally in the "Athlete" category
- Began starting at quarterback during his freshman year, then was the full-time starter for three seasons
- Guided Summit High School to a three-year record of 40-5
- Team was state champion in Class 5A as junior (14-1 record) and state runner-up twice, Class 5A as a sophomore (12-3) and Class 6A as a senior (14-1)
- As a senior, rushed for 2,308 yards and 30 touchdowns while throwing for 1,436 yards and 18 TDs
- Finalist for Class 5A "Mr. Football" as a junior while being named to the all-state team by the Tennessee Sportswriters Association
- Coached by Brian Coleman
- Twin brother Keaten also signed with the Wildcats
- Recruiting finalists also included Tennessee, Penn State, Arizona State, Ole Miss, Virginia, Louisville, Virginia Tech and West Virginia



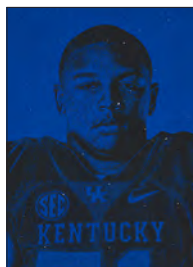
KEATEN WADE

LINEBACKER

6-4 • 230 • Freshman-HS
Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit)

High School

- Consensus four-star linebacker is listed as one of the top 25 linebackers and nation's top 250 prospects by all three major evaluation services
- The No. 18 linebacker and No. 193 nationally by Rivals.com
- The No. 21 linebacker and No. 192 nationally by ESPN
- Played in the All-American Bowl for the East squad in San Antonio, Texas on January 8, 2022
- Helped lead Summit High School to a three-year record of 40-5
- Team was state champion in Division I, Class 5A as junior (14-1 record) and state runner-up twice, Class 5A as a sophomore (12-3) and Class 6A as a senior (14-1)
- Finalist for Class 6A "Mr. Football" as a senior, an honor won by twin brother Destin
- Totaled 84 tackles as a senior, highlighted by eight quarterback sacks, 26 tackles for loss, two interceptions (one returned for a touchdown), five fumbles caused and six fumble recoveries ... Coached by Brian Coleman
- Twin brother Destin also signed with the Wildcats
- Recruiting finalists also included Arizona State, Baylor, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, LSU and Louisville



DEONE WALKER

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-7 • 355 • Freshman-HS
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)

High School

- Rated a four-star prospect and the No. 23 defensive tackle recruit nationally by Rivals
- Four-star and No. 246 nationally among all recruits, No. 28 nationally at defensive tackle and the No. 4 prospect in Michigan as evaluated by on3.com
- A four-star prospect in the 247Sports Composite, ranking as the No. 30 defensive lineman
- Also played offensive tackle as a senior
- Combines massive frame with impressive agility
- Named to the Detroit Free Press All-State Dream Team in 2021

- Had 43 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and six sacks in seven games
- Coached by Thomas Wilcher and Marvin Rushing
- Also played center on the basketball team
- Picked Kentucky over Georgia, Michigan, Missouri and Alabama



BRANDON WHITE

WIDE RECEIVER

5-9 • 160 • Freshman-HS
Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller HS)

High School

- Speedy wide receiver has been timed as fast as 4.3 seconds in the 40-yard dash
- Consensus three-star prospect
- The No. 26 prospect in talent-rich Ohio and one of the nation's top 150 wide receivers as evaluated by ESPN
- Played at perennial power Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati
- Caught four passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns in the season opener of his senior year but missed much of the season because of injury
- Returned before the end of the season and helped Moeller to an 11-4 record, the regional championship, and the semifinals of the state playoffs in Division I, the largest classification in Ohio
- Coached by Mark Elder
- Runs the 100-meter dash for the track and field team
- Second in the Ohio state championships as a junior; ran a personal best 10.46 seconds in the preliminaries
- Picked Kentucky over West Virginia, Akron, Bowling Green and Marshall



KENTUCKY (10-3, 5-3)

9/4	ULM [SECN]	W, 45-10
9/11	MISSOURI* [SECN]	W, 35-28
9/18	CHATTANOOGA [ESPN+]	W, 28-23
9/25	at South Carolina* [ESPN2]	W, 16-10
10/2	#10/9 FLORIDA* [ESPN]	W, 20-13
10/9	LSU* [SECN]	W, 42-21
10/16	at No. 1/1 Georgia* [CBS]	L, 30-13
10/23	Open	
10/30	at Mississippi State* [SECN]	L, 31-17
11/6	TENNESSEE* [ESPN2]	L, 45-42
11/13	at Vanderbilt* [ESPN2]	W, 34-17
11/20	NEW MEXICO ST. [SECN]	W, 56-16
11/27	at Louisville [ESPN2]	W, 52-21

Vrbo Citrus Bowl (Orlando)

1/1/22 vs. #15 Iowa [ABC] W, 20-17

* SEC game; Home games in bold

SEC STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION				
Team	SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.
#1 Georgia	8-0	1.000	14-1	.933
KENTUCKY	5-3	.625	10-3	.769
Tennessee	4-4	.500	7-6	.538
Missouri	3-5	.375	6-7	.462
South Carolina	3-5	.375	7-6	.538
Florida	2-6	.250	6-7	.462
Vanderbilt	0-8	.000	2-10	.167
# - Eastern Division Champion				
! - National Champion				
WESTERN DIVISION				
Team	SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.
% - Alabama	7-1	.875	13-2	.867
Ole Miss	6-2	.750	10-3	.769
Arkansas	4-4	.500	9-4	.692
Mississippi State	4-4	.500	7-6	.538
Texas A&M	4-4	.500	8-4	.667
Auburn	3-5	.375	6-7	.462
LSU	5-5	.375	6-7	.462
% - Western Division Champion				



Wan'Dale Robinson was named the MVP of the 2022 VRBO Citrus Bowl

2021 HIGHLIGHTS



- Kentucky won the Vrbo Citrus Bowl for the second time in the past four seasons, defeating No. 15 Iowa, 20-17, on Jan. 1, 2022 to cap a 10-win season.
- It marked the second 10-win season in the past four campaigns after having only two in school history prior to that (11 in 1950; 10 in 1977).
- UK finished the season ranked No. 15 in the USA Today Coaches Poll and No. 18 in the Associated Press Poll.
- Coach Mark Stoops ended his ninth season in Lexington with a 59-53 overall record. He ranks second in school history in victories behind Paul "Bear" Bryant (60).
- Following the season, Stoops inked a contract extension that will keep him in Lexington through June 2028 with amended financial terms.
- Stoops started his tenure 12-26 but has gone an impressive 47-27 (.635) since that time, moving over .500 for the first time in his term as head coach.
- Kentucky finished 5-3 in the SEC for second place in the SEC Eastern Division. It marks the first time since the league split into divisions in 1992 that UK ends the season in sole possession of second place of the East. UK also has finished in a tie for second in the division on two other occasions, 2016 and 2018.
- All three second-place East finishes have been in the last six seasons under Mark Stoops.
- For the second time since 1977, UK posted a winning record in league play, 5-3 in 2021 and also in 2018.
- The Wildcats have totaled the third-most wins among SEC East schools from 2016-21 (47). Only Georgia (66) and Florida (48) have more.
- UK's win over No. 15 Iowa was the seventh victory over a ranked team in the past four seasons. The program had seven total wins vs. ranked teams in the previous 19 seasons dating to 1999.
- UK has multiple wins vs. ranked teams in three of the past four seasons. The Cats had one season (2007) with multiple wins over ranked foes in the previous 40 years.
- For just the second time in school history, UK has a 2,000-yard passer (Will Levis), 1,000-yard rusher (Chris Rodriguez Jr.) and 1,000-yard receiver (Wan'Dale Robinson) in a season - 2007 was the only other season (Andre' Woodson, Rafael Little, Steve Johnson).
- Kentucky opened the season 6-0. UK's previous 6-0 starts include 1950 (10-0), 1910 (7-0), 1903 (7-0) and 1898 (7-0).
- Kentucky started 4-0 in the SEC for the fourth time in school history (also 1949, 1950, 1977).
- Quarterback Will Levis earned the starting spot early in fall camp after transferring from Penn State and his pass efficiency rating of 148.3 rating points was the highest for a UK starting quarterback since Andre' Woodson in the 2006 season (154.5) and third-highest ever for a single season.
- Levis ranked eighth in the SEC in passing yards per game (217.5), sixth in passing TDs (24) and seventh in the SEC in total offense (246.4 yards per game).



Mark Stoops is the first UK coach to lead the Wildcats to six consecutive bowl games

- RB Chris Rodriguez Jr. finished second in the SEC and 12th nationally with 106.1 rushing yards per game.
- Kentucky has 11 players in school history who have rushed for at least 1,900 career yards. Four of those 11 have come during Stoops' tenure: Benny Snell Jr. (3,873), Chris Rodriguez Jr. (2,740), Stanley "Boom" Williams (2,511) and A.J. Rose (1,971).
- WR Wan'Dale Robinson was second in the SEC and fourth nationally in receptions per game (8.0) and second in the conference, 12th nationally in receiving yards per game (102.6).
- Guided by defensive coordinator Brad White, UK was third in the FBS in fourth down defense (27.8%), 20th in run defense (121.5) and 26th in total defense (340.1).
- Senior defensive end Josh Paschal ranked second in the SEC and 16th nationally with 1.3 tackles for loss per game. He finished with 15.5 total TFL this season. His 37.0 tackles for loss in his career, ranks third in UK history.
- After entering the lineup in the third game of the season, senior Colin Goodfellow emerged as one of the nation's best punters, averaging 45.9 yards per kick, the second-highest average for a season in school history.
- The Wildcats signed their highest-rated recruiting class in school history in 2022.
 - 247Sports: 12
 - 247Sports Composite: 13
 - Rivals: 13
 - ESPN: 15

CATS CONTINUE TO CLIMB SEC LADDER

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KENTUCKY IN BOWL GAMES

- The Wildcats own a 12-9 all-time record in bowl games, including a 4-2 record under head coach Mark Stoops.
- UK appeared in its school-record sixth straight bowl game.
- Kentucky has won four straight bowl games which is tied with Texas for the longest active streak in FBS. The Cats defeated Penn State, Virginia Tech, N.C. State and Iowa.
- This was UK's second appearance in the Citrus Bowl during the six-year bowl run. The Cats ended their 10-win 2018 season in the VRBO Citrus Bowl in Orlando on Jan. 1, 2019, defeating Penn State, 27-24.

"SUPER SENIOR" SALUTE

- Due to COVID-19, every student-athlete was granted an extra year of eligibility and six seniors took advantage of the extra year and are listed as "super seniors." These seniors played their final game as a Wildcat in the Citrus Bowl:

Wide receiver **Josh Ali**

Offensive lineman **Luke Fortner**

Defensive back **Zach Johnson**

Defensive back **Quandre Mosely**

Defensive back **Davonte Robinson**

Tight end **Justin Rigg**

CATS IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

- Kentucky ends the 2021 season ranked No. 15 in the USA Today Coaches poll and No. 18 in the Associated Press poll.

HONORING THE CATS IN 2021

Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald

- CoSIDA Academic All-District First-Team

Josh Ali

- Second-Team All-SEC (PR), Pro Football Focus
- Third-Team All-SEC (WR), Pro Football Focus

Yusuf Coker

- Lott IMPACT Trophy Semifinalist
- Reese's Senior Bowl Invite
- Honorable Mention All-SEC (PFF)

Eli Cox

- Midseason All-America (AP, ESPN)
- SEC co-Offensive Lineman of Week (Oct. 10)

Luke Fortner

- First-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- Second-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele, PFF)
- CoSIDA Academic All-American Second Team
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team
- William V. Campbell Trophy semifinalist
- SEC Offensive Lineman of Week (Sept. 27)
- SEC co-Offensive Lineman of Week (Sept. 7)
- East-West Shrine Game Invite
- Reese's Senior Bowl Invite

Collin Goodfellow

- CoSIDA Academic All-American Second Team
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First-Team

Kenneth Horsey

- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team
- Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- American Heart Association Finn Collier Award
- Honorable Mention All-SEC, Pro Football Focus
- SEC Community Service Team

Jacquez Jones

- Walter Camp National FBS Defensive Player of the Week (Week 5)
- SEC co-Defensive Player of Week (Oct. 3)

Darian Kinnard

- Outland Trophy Semifinalist
- Jacobs Blocking Trophy (SEC)
- Reese's Senior Bowl All-American Team
- Consensus First-Team All-America (AFCA, AP, FWAA, Walter Camp, Phil Steele, CBS Sports, Reese's Senior Bowl)
- Second-Team All-American (The Sporting News, PFF, The Athletic, USA Today)
- First-Team All-SEC (AP, PFF, Coaches, Phil Steele, USA Today Network)
- SEC Offensive Lineman of Week (Nov. 29)
- SEC co-Offensive Lineman of Week (Nov. 15)
- Midseason All-America (CBS Sports, Sporting News, The Athletic)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Invite

Will Levis

- Davey O'Brien QB Class of 2021
- The Manning Award "QB of the Week" (Week 12)
- Manning "Star of the Week" (Week 12)
- CFPA National Performer of Week, Honorable Mention (Week 12)
- Walter Camp National FBS Offensive Player of the Week (Week 6)
- Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 (Week 6)
- The Manning Award "QB of the Week" (Week 1)
- Manning "Star of the Week" (Week 1)



HONORING THE CATS IN 2021

Marquan McCall

- East-West Shrine Game Invite

Octavious Oxendine

- SEC co-Defensive Lineman of Week (Oct. 10)

Josh Paschal

- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year
- Pop Warner College Football Award finalist
- Second-Team All-American (CBS/247Sports, USA Today)
- Fourth-Team All-American (Phil Steele)
- First-Team All-SEC (Associated Press)
- Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches, PFF)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 3)
- SEC co-Special Teams Player of Week (Oct. 3)
- CoSIDA Academic All-American Second Team
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team
- Reese's Senior Bowl Invite

Wan'Dale Robinson

- Second-Team All-America (PFF)
- First-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele, PFF)
- Second-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches)
- Vrbo Citrus Bowl Most Valuable Player
- USA Today All-Bowl Team
- Herald-Leader Sports Figure of the Year
- Paul Hornung Award Watch List
- Biletnikoff Award Watch List

Chris Rodriguez Jr.

- First-Team All-SEC (AP, USA Today Network)
- Second-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele, Coaches)
- Honorable Mention All-SEC (PFF)
- Co-SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 14)
- CFPA HM National Performer of the Week
- On3's SEC Player of the Week (Week2)
- College Sports Madness Offensive SEC Player of the Week (Week 2)
- Maxwell Trophy Watch List
- Doak Walker Award Watch List

Dare Rosenthal

- Third-Team All-SEC, Pro Football Focus

Matt Ruffolo

- CoSIDA Academic All-District First-Team
- Lou Groza Award Watch List
- Burlsworth Trophy Watch List

DeAndre Square

- Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

Trevin Wallace

- Freshman All-SEC (Coaches)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 1)

J.J. Weaver

- Third-team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award nominee
- Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award

Quintin Wilson

- CoSIDA Academic All-District First-Team

- This is just the second time since 1984 the Cats have been ranked in the AP's final poll of the season. In 2018, the Cats finished 11th.
- The Cats have spent nine weeks in the Coaches Poll and eight in the AP Poll this season.
- Kentucky entered the AP Top 25 on Oct. 3, coming in at No. 16, advancing to No. 11 after the win over LSU ... It marked the highest AP ranking for UK since Oct. 28, 2018, when the Cats were No. 11 after a 7-1 start. The Cats also have been as high as No. 11 in the USA Today Coaches Poll, their highest ranking since ending the 2018 season at No. 11.

25 GRADUATES FOR UK IN CITRUS BOWL

- When UK took the field in the Citrus Bowl, 25 Wildcats wore SEC Graduate patches on their uniforms. They were:

- Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald
- Tyrell Ajian
- Josh Ali
- Marquez Bembry
- Zac Berezowitz
- Yusuf Corker
- Cedrick Dort Jr.
- Austin Dotson
- Isaiah Epps
- Luke Fortner (master's in mechanical engineering)
- Colin Goodfellow
- Kenneth Horsey
- Zach Johnson (master's in sport leadership)
- Will Levis
- Tyler Markray
- Quandre Mosely
- Will Nalty
- Josh Paschal
- Justin Rigg
- Davonte Robinson
- Matt Ruffolo
- Clevan Thomas Jr. (master's in sport leadership)
- Naasir Watkins
- Quintin Wilson
- Jordan Wright

OFFENSE REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

- Kentucky's offensive philosophy under offensive coordinator Liam Coen were on full display as the Wildcats morphed from a heavy run attack to a more balanced, aggressive style.
- The shift led to remarkable success in year one with Coen, who came to Lexington

100-YARD RUSHERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	9	15	ULM Missouri South Carolina LSU Tennessee Vanderbilt New Mexico St. Louisville Iowa
Will Levis	1	1	Louisville
Kavosiey Smoke	1	1	LSU

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Wan'Dale Robinson	6	8	ULM Missouri Chattanooga Tennessee New Mexico St. Iowa
Josh Ali	2	2	ULM New Mexico St.

300-YARD PASSERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Will Levis	3	3	ULM Tennessee New Mexico St.

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	2021	Career
Quandre Mosley	2	3
J.J. Weaver	2	2
Tyrell Ajian	1	4
D'Eryk Jackson	1	2
DeAndre Square	1	2
Jacquez Jones	1	1
Jalen Geiger	1	1
Yusuf Corker	0	3
Josh Paschal	0	1
Jordan Wright	0	1

TRACKING SACK LEADERS

Player	2021	Career
J.J. Weaver	6.0	6.5
Josh Paschal	5.5	13.5
DeAndre Square	3.0	5.5
A. Abadi-Fitzgerald	2.5	2.5
Octavious Oxendine	2.0	2.0
Trevin Wallace	2.0	2.0
Justin Rogers	1.5	2.5
Jordan Wright	1.0	7.5
Yusuf Corker	1.0	1.0
Josaih Hayes	1.0	1.0
Davonte Robinson	1.0	1.0
Vito Tisdale	1.0	1.0
Carrington Valentine	1.0	1.0
Jacquez Jones	0.5	3.0
Marquan McCall	0	1.5
Quandre Mosely	0	1.0





after spending time with the NFL's Los Angeles Rams.

- UK averaged 225.7 passing yards and 199.5 rushing yards per game.
- The impressive balance wasn't smoke and mirrors either, as the unit averaged 6.4 yards per play (5,528 in 862 plays) for the season. The number is the second-highest yards per play average for a single-season in school history behind the 6.45 in 1998 with Tim Couch at the helm of Hal Mumme's "Air Raid".
- UK's offense steadily improved throughout the season before exploding in the month of November, averaging 560.8 total yards per game in those four contests. The total was the highest of any Power Five team and second nationally only to Kent State (564.0).
- The offense had the highest 4+ yard rushing percentage of any team in nation, a hat tip to the offensive line (source: SportSource Analytics). The Wildcats ranked fourth in the SEC in rushing yards per attempt with a 5.23 average.
- The 32.3 points per game ranked fourth in school history for a single-season.
- 707 total yards vs. New Mexico State was the second-highest total in school history.
- QB Will Levis (2,827 passing yards), RB Chris Rodriguez Jr. (1,379 rushing yards) and WR Wan'Dale Robinson (1,334 receiving yards) became just the second trio in school history to go 2000/1000/1000 in the same season. Andre' Woodson (3,709 passing), Rafael Little (1,013 rushing) and Stevie Johnson (1,041 receiving) was the other in 2007.
- The explosiveness of the passing game was breathtaking with 37 pass plays of at least 20 yards, eight of which were at least 40 yards. The combined totals from the 2019 and 2020 seasons were 36 pass plays of 20+ yards (four of them 40+ yards).
- Other individual records and accomplishments of note on offense include:

>> RB Chris Rodriguez Jr. set the school record with nine 100-yard rushing games.
 >> WR Wan'Dale Robinson set single-season school records with 104 receptions and 1,334 receiving yards.
 >> Robinson is the only player in school history to have three games in his career with at least 166 receiving yards and joins Randall Cobb as the only two players in

school history with two games in their career of 12 or more catches.
 >> K Matt Ruffolo set the single-season school record for PATs with 54.

KINNARD NAMED CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN

- Kentucky senior offensive tackle Darian Kinnard was named a 2021 Consensus All-American, becoming the first offensive lineman to receive the honor since All-American Sam Ball in 1965. The Wildcats now have 12 consensus All-Americans in school history a total of 14 times.
- It also marks the third time in the last four years a Wildcat has been named a consensus All-American.
- Kinnard joins Bob Gain (1950), Babe Parilli (1950 and 1951), Lou Michaels (1956 and 1957), Sam Ball (1965), Art Still (1977), Tim Couch (1998), James Whalen (1999), Derek Abney (2002), Josh Allen (2018), Lynn Bowden (2019) and Max Duffy (2019) on the prestigious list.
- To be named to the Consensus team, players have to be listed on the first team for more than half the All-America teams used in the compilation. If no player meets this criterion at a position, a player can be selected if named first team on at least two of the All-America teams. Second and third teams are used to break ties. In the case of a true tie, all players are listed. Five organizations are used to compile the consensus team — American Football Coaches Association, Associated Press, Football Writers Association of America, The Sporting News and Walter Camp Foundation.
- Kinnard earned first-team All-America honors from four of the five - FWAA, Walter Camp and the AP. He was a second-team All-American by The Sporting News.

WILL LEVIS-TATING AS THE STARTING QB

- Quarterback Will Levis earned the starting spot early in fall camp after transferring from Penn State.
- His pass efficiency rating of 148.3 rating points was the highest for a UK starting quarterback since Andre' Woodson in the 2006 season (154.5) and third-highest ever for a single season.
- Ranked eighth in the SEC in passing yards per game (217.5) and sixth in passing TDs (24).

KENTUCKY BY THE NUMBERS

	2021	Stoops
Record	10-3	59-53
SEC	5-3	29-45
West	1-1	5-15
East	4-2	24-30
Non-Conference	5-0	30-8
Home	6-1	41-22
Road	3-2	14-28
Neutral site	1-0	4-3
Night	6-2	28-24
Day	4-1	31-29
TV Games	9-3	55-53
ABC	1-0	2-0
CBS	0-1	0-5
ESPN	1-0	4-11
ESPNU	0-0	3-5
ESPN2	3-1	5-3
ESPNNews	0-0	0-1
SEC Network	4-1	42-27
Fox Sports South	0-0	1-1
CBS Sports Network	0-0	1-0
August/September	4-0	24-12
October	2-2	16-16
November	3-1	14-22
December/January	1-0	5-2
Bowl Games	1-0	4-2
Coming off an open date	0-1	5-7
UK scores on 1st possession	7-1	28-15
Opp scores on 1st possession	3-1	16-23
UK scores first	7-1	38-18
Opponent scores first	3-2	21-35
UK leads after 1st quarter	8-1	36-9
Opponent leads after 1stQ	0-1	11-34
Teams are tied after 1stQ	2-1	12-10
UK leads at halftime	9-0	43-7
Opponent leads at halftime	1-3	9-42
Teams are tied at halftime	0-0	7-4
UK leads after 3rd quarter	10-0	50-4
Opponent leads after 3rdQ	0-3	5-46
Teams are tied after 3rdQ	0-0	5-3
Game goes to overtime	0-0	1-3
Scoring less than 20 pts	1-2	5-34
Scoring 20+ points	9-1	49-19
Scoring 30+ points	6-1	34-9
Allowing less than 20 pts	6-0	34-4
Allowing 20+ points	4-2	19-40
Allowing 30+ points	0-3	7-32
UK has more total yards	8-1	46-8
Opp. has more total yds	2-2	13-45
UK has more rushing yards	7-1	48-12
Opp. has more rushing yards	3-2	11-41
UK has more passing yards	5-1	26-15
Opp. has more passing yards	5-2	33-36
Rushing for < 100 yds	0-2	5-19
Rushing for over 100 yards	10-1	51-33
Rushing for 200+ yards	7-1	41-10
Passing for 200+ yards	3-1	21-15
Passing for 300+ yards	2-1	8-5
UK has 100-yard rusher	8-1	41-15
Opp. has 100-yard rusher	2-0	17-32
No turnovers	2-1	15-9
One or two turnovers	4-1	36-33
3 or more turnovers	4-1	8-10
No takeaways	2-2	13-14
3 or more takeaways	1-0	15-4
UK has more penalties	4-1	21-21
Opp. has more penalties	6-2	32-28
Teams have equal penalties	0-0	6-4
UK has more TOP	7-2	40-20
Opp. has more TOP	3-1	18-33
UK defense scores	3-0	14-5
Opponent defense scores	1-1	7-10
UK returns KO/Punt for TD	0-1	3-1
Opp. returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	0-5
Playing on natural grass	1-2	15-32
Playing on artificial surface	9-1	44-20
In blue uniforms	4-1	16-5
In white uniforms	3-1	9-11
In white jerseys/blue pants	0-1	5-18
In blue jerseys/white pants	2-0	17-5
In black uniforms	0-0	1-3
In blue jerseys/grey pants	0-0	2-3
In grey uniforms	1-0	6-3
In grey jerseys/blue pants	0-0	3-5





2021 TEAM CAPTAINS

Eight Wildcats – including six seniors – were voted as team captains for the 2021 football campaign. Senior defensive end Josh Paschal becomes the first player in school history to be elected team captain three straight seasons. Along with Paschal, the team’s permanent season captains include returning captains Josh Ali, Yusuf Corker, DeAndre Square, and first-time captains Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Will Levis and Chris Rodriguez Jr. Game captains will be decided on a week-by-week basis. They are listed below.

vs. ULM..... Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square
vs. Missouri..... Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal, Chris Rodriguez Jr.
vs. Chattanooga..... Josh Ali, Yusuf Corker, Luke Fortner, Josh Paschal
at South Carolina..... Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal
vs. Florida..... Luke Fortner, Josh Paschal, Chris Rodriguez Jr., DeAndre Square
vs. LSU..... Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square
at Georgia..... Yusuf Corker, Luke Fortner, Josh Paschal, Chris Rodriguez Jr.
at Mississippi State..... Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square
vs. Tennessee..... Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal, Chris Rodriguez Jr.
at Vanderbilt..... Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square
vs. New Mexico State..... Josh Ali, Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal
at Louisville..... Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal
vs. Iowa..... Darian Kinnard, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal, Wan’Dale Robinson

- Ranked seventh in the SEC in total offense (246.4 yards per game).
Had 24 touchdown passes, most since Andre’ Woodson had 40 in 2007.
Had 3,203 yards total offense, the seventh player in school history to reach 3,000 yards total offense in a season.
First UK quarterback with three 350-yard passing games in one season since Patrick Towles in 2014.
First Wildcat to have at least 15 passing touchdowns and five rushing TDs in one season since Jared Lorenzen in 2003.
His 66.0 completion percentage is the seventh-highest in a season at UK (min. 100 completions).
Against LSU, named National Offensive Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Football Foundation after accounting for the first five touchdowns (three passing, two rushing) in the win over the Tigers.
Against Tennessee, he accounted for 419 yards total offense and five touchdowns. He completed 31 of 49 passes for a career-high 372 yards and three touchdowns and, despite being sacked three times, rushed 15 times for a net 47 yards and two TDs.
His 419 passing yards vs. New Mexico State marked the 12th-highest single-game total in school history. He is the first 400-yard passer since Andre’ Woodson threw for 430 vs. Tennessee in 2007.
Against Louisville, he had four rushing touchdowns, tying the school record and earning national honors from both College Football Performance and Manning Award. He became the ONLY quarterback in the nation to be named The Manning Award Quarterback of the Week twice. He also

earned the 2021 Howard Schnellenberger MVP Award.
Named the Connecticut Player of the Year by the Walter Camp Football Foundation.

IT’S A WAN’DERFUL LIFE

- The Cats scored big in the offseason when Nebraska transfer Wan’Dale Robinson, a Frankfort, Kentucky native, transferred back to the Commonwealth.
His 104 catches set a new Kentucky single-season record. He surpassed James Whalen’s 90 (1999).
His 1,334 receiving yards set a new Kentucky single-season record. He surpassed Craig Yeast’s 1,311 (1998).
Became the sixth player in SEC history to catch at least 100 passes in a season, including Mississippi State’s Makai Polk this season.
Had six 100-yard games, second-most on the UK single-season list.
Only player in school history to have three games in his career with at least 166 receiving yards and joins Randall Cobb as the only two players in school history with two games in their career of 12 or more catches.
Named First-Team All-SEC by Pro Football Focus and Phil Steele and Second-Team All-SEC by both the coaches and Associated Press.
Ranked fourth nationally and second in the SEC with 8.0 rpg.
Ranked 27th nationally and second in the SEC in receiving yards per game (102.6), and sixth in the SEC in all-purpose yards per game (112.7). He had 13 plays of 30+ yards.

- Had two games with at least 12 receptions, joining Randall Cobb as the only two players in school history to have multiple games in their career with at least 12 receptions.
Over the final five games of the season, he caught 46 passes for 689 yards and two touchdowns and averaged 137.8 receiving yards per game in that stretch.
In the VRBO Citrus Bowl, he caught 10 passes for 170 yards, setting new UK bowl game records for both.
Against Tennessee, he set career highs with 13 receptions for 166 yards. The 13 catches ties for second-most in a game in UK history, most since Lynn Bowden Jr. at Missouri in 2018.
He became the first UK player with at least nine catches in three straight games since Anthony White in 1998.
Robinson showed he was worth all the hype in the opener vs. ULM, hauling in a pair of touchdown receptions as he roasted the coverage on his way to 125 yards on five catches.
With an 111-yard performance in week three, he became the first Wildcat to have three-straight 100-yard receiving games since Derek Abney in 2001 and the first ever to have three-straight 100-yard receiving games to begin a season.
Against New Mexico State he caught eight passes for a career-best 181 yards. The 181 yards is the fourth-highest single-game total in school history and most since Craig Yeast’s school-record 269 vs. Vanderbilt in 1998.

HOT C-ROD

- Junior RB Chris Rodriguez Jr. had 1,379 rushing yards, averaged 6.1 yards per carry and boasted nine 100-yard rushing games in 2021. He returns for his senior season as one of the nation’s top running backs and is on track to become UK’s all-time leading rusher, needing 1,134 yards to pass Benny Snell Jr. (3,873).
Has 2,740 career rushing yards, sixth place in school history and is the 10th player in school history to reach 2,000 career yards.
Has 26 career rushing touchdowns, tied for second-most in school history with Moe Williams and Sonny Collins.
His 29 total touchdowns rank fourth-most in school history.



SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

1. Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald - Digital Design Literacy
2. Sam Anael - Communication
3. Alex Bascom - Finance, Management
4. Richard Bascom - Finance, Management
5. Brenden Bates - Consumer Economics & Family Financial - Counseling
6. Isaiah Beasley - Psychology
7. Zac Berezowitz - Economics
8. Jase Bruner - Economics
9. Yusuf Corker - Undeclared
10. Izayah Cummings - Management
11. Patrick Delahunty - Finance
12. Austin Dotson - Sociology
13. Ben Drake - Communication
14. Michael Drennen - Finance
15. Darren Edmond - Digital Media and Design
16. Braxton Eiserman - Art Studio
17. Luke Fortner - Mechanical Engineering
18. Cody Goatley - Agricultural Economics
19. Colin Goodfellow - Kinesiology
20. Darren Green - Social Work
21. Rickey Hyatt, Jr. - Sociology
22. D'Eryk Jackson - Communication
23. Zach Johnson - Kinesiology and Health Promotion
24. Luke Leeper - Kinesiology
25. Tyler Markray, Sr. - Kinesiology and Health Promotion
26. Jordan Morrow - Communication
27. Will Nalty - Communication
28. Josh Paschal - Family Sciences
29. Clay Perry - Management
30. Chance Poore - Consumer Economics & Family Financial Counseling, Economics
31. Matt Ruffolo - Business Administration
32. Earnest Sanders, IV - Communication
33. Clevan Thomas, Jr. - Kinesiology and Health Promotion
34. Keaton Upshaw - Community and Leadership & Development
35. Carrington Valentine - Journalism
36. Jack Varga - Finance, Marketing
37. Graham Wald - Finance
38. Quintin Wilson - Business Administration

- Ranks third in yards per carry for his career (min. 200) at 6.57.
- Has 15 career 100-yard rushing games, third-most in school history.
- His 1,379 yards in 2021 ranked 12th nationally and fifth on UK's single-season rushing list.
- By surpassing 1,000 rushing yards in 2021, he became the 10th Wildcat to have a 1,000-yard season. It has only been accomplished 14 times in total in the history of UK Football.
- Ranked second in the SEC and is 12th nationally with 106.1 yards per game and seventh in the SEC in all-purpose yards (110.8).
- His nine 100-yard rushing games in 2021 set a new single-season school record.

- Has rushed for 100 yards or more in five consecutive games, the second-longest streak in school history.
- Named First-Team All-SEC by the Associated Press and Second-Team Coaches All-SEC.
- Has had only 13 of his 417 career carries go for negative yardage, a staggering testament to his ability to hit the hole and grind out yards.
- Set new career highs with 27 carries for 207 yards vs. Missouri, breaking the UK record for most rushing yards in an SEC opener. He earned Co-SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

SIMPLY STOOPS-ENDOUS

UK head coach Mark Stoops has proven to be an excellent hire, turning around a struggling program and making him the first UK coach to lead the program to a sixth consecutive bowl appearance. He also has erased a number of the long-standing hurdles and streaks in the program's history. The accomplishments include, but aren't limited to:

- First New Year's Day bowl win since 1951 (2018)
- First 10-win season since 1977 (2018)
- First winning SEC record since 1977 (2018)
- First SEC Coach of the Year since 1983 (2018)
- First ranking in the final AP Poll since 1984 (2018)
- First bowl win since 2008 season (2018)
- First win at Florida since 1979 (2018)
- Ended 31-game losing streak to Florida (2018) and followed up by ending a 35-year home drought against the Gators on Oct. 2, 2021.
- First win at Tennessee since 1984 (2020)
- Stoops is the first UK coach to defeat Florida and Tennessee both home and away since Fran Curci (1976, 1977).
- Eight-game winning streak (2020-21), fifth-longest in school history and longest in 44 years, since a 10-game streak in the 1977 season.
- Stoops currently holds school records for most games coached (112), most home wins (41), total SEC wins (29).
- Stoops was named one of 16 head coaches named to the Dodd Trophy Midseason Watch List by the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Foundation and Peach Bowl, Inc. He also was on the American Heart Association's 2021 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award watch list.
- After two games of the 2016 season, his record was 12-26 but he has gone 47-27

(.635) since. Overall, Stoops is now 59-53 at Kentucky and is nearing Paul "Bear" Bryant's school-record 60 victories.

- Off the field, Stoops is a staunch supporter of the Kentucky Children's Hospital, helping raise more than \$500,000 annually for the kids
- Kentucky's football team has fared well academically under Stoops, as each year UK's football score in the NCAA Academic Progress Rate has been well above the benchmark of 930.
- Stoops is the second-longest tenured coach in the SEC behind Alabama's Nick Saban. He is the 11th-longest tenured coach in the nation (see chart above).

Most Career Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. 60 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-53)
2. **59 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
3. 47 Fran Curci (1973-81)
4. 41 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)
- 41 Blanton Collier (1954-61)
6. 39 Rich Brooks (2003-09)

Most Career SEC Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. **29 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
2. 25 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
3. 22 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-53)

Most Career Home Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. **41 Mark Stoops (2013-present)**
2. 33 Paul Bryant (1946-53)
3. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)

Most Wins by an Active FBS Coach - All at The Same School

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|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. 150 | Dabo Swinney | Clemson |
| 2. 149 | Mike Gundy | Oklahoma St. |
| 3. 144 | Kyle Whittingham | Utah |
| 4. 111 | Troy Calhoun | Air Force |
| 5. 109 | Pat Fitzgerald | Northwestern |
| 6. 104 | Ken Niumatalolo | Navy |
| 7. 100 | Rick Stockstill | Middle Tenn. |
| 8. 93 | David Shaw | Stanford |
| 9. 66 | Kirby Smart | Georgia |
| 10. 59 | Mark Stoops | Kentucky |

"BIG BLUE WALL" NAMED FINALISTS FOR THE JOE MOORE AWARD; KINNARD WINS JACOBS BLOCKING TROPHY

- The Kentucky offensive line was one of four units named as a finalist for the





Joe Moore Award, recognizing the Most Outstanding Offensive Line Unit in college football.

- It's the fourth consecutive season that the Kentucky offensive line, known as the "Big Blue Wall," has been recognized by the award for its work in the trenches.
- Behind Kentucky's talented "Big Blue Wall," running back Chris Rodriguez Jr. ranked second in the Southeastern Conference and 12th nationally at 106.1 rushing yards per game. He totaled 1,379 yards and set a school record with nine 100-yard rushing games in 2021.
- UK linemen were chosen SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week five times this season.
- Kinnard earned the SEC's prestigious Jacobs Blocking Trophy, just the second time a UK player has won the top blocking award since its inception in 1935 (also Warren Bryant in 1976.). Kinnard also was named one of six semifinalists for the Outland Trophy, given to the nation's top interior lineman.

HORSEY NAMED TO ALLSTATE AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

- Offensive guard Kenneth Horsey was one of 22 student-athletes, including one of just 11 football players from the FBS, to be named to the 2021 Allstate American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team®. The team honors football players for their dedication to community service and the positive impact they have made on the lives of others.
- Horsey, who also was the 2020 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year, has an impressive comeback story that has inspired his community service work for heart health.
- In the spring of 2018, before he was to arrive at Kentucky for his freshman season, he was complaining of a pain in his side. His parents rushed him to the emergency room where doctors ultimately found a growth on one of his heart valves. He went through open-heart surgery on April 8, 2018 and was even told by a few doctors that his football career was over. However, Horsey would not be deterred. He came to Kentucky and redshirted the 2018 season with a goal of earning a starting spot on Kentucky's offensive line, affectionately

known as the "Big Blue Wall." In 2019, he saw action in four games and continued to train and prepare his body for the rigors of the Southeastern Conference. Since his surgery in 2018, he has lost 50 pounds and because of his hard work and dedication, has earned the starting left guard spot on the "Big Blue Wall." He started in eight games played in 2020, helping the Wildcats rank fifth in the Southeastern Conference in rushing offense (187.4) and is the current starter at left guard on the 2021 squad.

- Because of his heart condition and how supported he felt through his surgery and recovery, he began volunteering with the Lexington chapter of the American Heart Association in 2020. In September, Horsey was even awarded the Finn Collier Service Award by the AHA in recognition of his work to support its lifesaving mission – to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.
- Horsey coordinated and planned a hands-only CPR training for the UK Football team and staff in the spring of 2021 and helped plan a Hands-Only CPR media availability on June 14 that promoted Hands-Only CPR awareness to the media for CPR Awareness Month.
- Kentucky has the second-most honorees on the national Good Works Team with 17. Horsey is the fifth player under head coach Mark Stoops to be named to the prestigious team, including the third straight - Landon Young, 2019; Luke Fortner, 2020. He's also the third straight offensive lineman named to the team.

WEAVER NAMED MAYO CLINIC COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Sophomore outside linebacker J.J. Weaver was named one of the three winners of the 2021 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award. Weaver joined Michigan's Aidan Hutchinson and Florida State's McKenzie Milton as the winners.
- It marked the second straight season Kentucky had the Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year as offensive guard Kenneth Horsey received the honor in 2020.
- Weaver was having a breakout freshman campaign with 33.5 tackles and 6.5 tackles for a loss through nine games of the 2020 season when he suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee at

Florida last November. Despite missing the final two games, the redshirt freshman still earned All-SEC Freshman Team honors.

- That injury was just one part of a very difficult year for Weaver, who also lost his father to homicide and then in the fall of 2021 lost his beloved high school coach, Rob Reader, to liver cancer. As a result, his challenging off-season included both the rehabilitation of his knee and undergoing counseling to deal with his grief. Both were successful as he returned to the field with a strong knee and a clear mind for the 2021 season.

PASCHAL NAMED JASON WITTEN MAN OF THE YEAR

- Kentucky senior defensive lineman Josh Paschal was named the Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Award. He was selected among three finalists, including Grant Morgan of Arkansas and Patrick Fields of Oklahoma, who all demonstrated a record of leadership by exhibiting exceptional courage, integrity and sportsmanship both on and off the field.
- Paschal had a remarkable and inspiring career at Kentucky. The five-year letter winner played in 52 career games with 37 starts and totaled 139 career tackles, 37 tackles for loss, 13.5 sacks, 12 quarterback hurries, three forced fumbles and three blocked kicks. His 37 tackles for loss in his career, ranks tied for third in UK history.
- He became the only three-time full-season team captain in Kentucky football history and was revered by his teammates for his leadership. Since learning he had cancer in the summer of 2018, Paschal has made a significant impact on those of us in the Kentucky Football program and thousands of others.

WILDCATS RACK UP NATIONAL AWARDS

- The 2021 season marked the fifth straight year that at least one Kentucky football player received a national honor that is primarily for leadership, perseverance, community service and/or academics, in addition to performance on the field.

- 2017: Danny Wuerffel Trophy – Courtney Love National Good Works Team – Courtney Love
- 2018: Pop Warner Award – C.J. Conrad Academic All-America – Blake Best, Miles Butler
- 2019: National Good Works Team – Landon Young





Uplifting Athletes Rare Disease Champion Team – Josh Paschal
 Academic All-America – Blake Best
 2020: Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year – Kenneth Horsey
 National Good Works Team – Luke Fortner
 2021: Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year – Josh Paschal
 National Good Works Team – Kenneth Horsey
 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year – J.J. Weaver
 Academic All-America – Luke Fortner, Colin Goodfellow, Josh Paschal

THREE CATS NAMED COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

- Three players - Colin Goodfellow, Luke Fortner and Josh Paschal - were voted to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team, which recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on and off the field.
- Kentucky's three honorees tied with Boise State and Michigan for the second-most nationally with only Cincinnati (four) having more. This marks the third time in the past four seasons Kentucky has had at least one student-athlete named Academic All-American and five times in coach Mark Stoops' nine years at the helm.



2021 KENTUCKY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

RECORD	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	10-3-0	6-1-0	3-2-0	1-0-0
CONFERENCE	5-3-0	3-1-0	2-2-0	0-0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTENDANCE
Sept 4, 2021	ULM	W	45-10	47693
* Sept 11, 2021	MISSOURI	W	47-28	58437
Sept 18, 2021	CHATTANOOGA	W	28-23	55214
* Sept 25, 2021	at South Carolina	W	16-10	77559
* Oct 2, 2021	#10 FLORIDA	W	20-13	61632
* Oct 9, 2021	LSU	W	42-21	61690
* Oct 16, 2021	at #1 Georgia	L	13-30	92746
* Oct 30, 2021	at Mississippi State	L	17-31	49487
* Nov 6, 2021	TENNESSEE	L	42-45	61690
* Nov 13, 2021	at Vanderbilt	W	34-17	25798
Nov 20, 2021	NEW MEXICO STATE	W	56-10	47749
Nov 27, 2021	at Louisville	W	52-21	55018
Jan 1, 2022	vs. Iowa	W	20-17	50769

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Chris Rodriguez	13	225	1395	13	1382	6.1	11	41	106.3
Kavosiey Smoke	12	81	429	13	416	5.1	4	32	34.7
Will Lewis	13	107	539	163	376	3.5	9	33	28.9
JuTahn McClain	9	34	175	10	165	4.9	0	22	18.3
La'Veil Wright	4	9	119	1	118	13.1	1	52	29.5
W. Robinson	13	7	111	0	111	15.9	0	64	8.5
Mike Drennen II	6	7	21	4	17	2.4	1	9	2.8
Josh Ali	10	3	20	7	13	4.3	1	11	1.3
Tyler Markray	1	2	10	0	10	5.0	0	8	10.0
Beau Allen	3	4	26	17	9	2.2	1	23	3.0
Travis Tisdale	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Total	13	496	2852	252	2600	5.2	29	64	200.0

PASSING	G	EFFIC	CMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/G
Will Lewis	13	148.32	233-353-13	66.0	2826	24	79	217.4
Beau Allen	3	131.07	8-12-0	66.7	92	0	31	30.7
Chauncey Magwood	13	226.00	1-1-0	100.0	15	0	15	1.2
Total	13	147.97	242-366-13	66.1	2933	24	79	225.6
Opponents	13	138.19	268-403-9	66.5	2868	20	75	220.6

RECEIVING	G	NO.	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Wan'Dale Robinson	13	104	1348	13.0	7	79	103.7
Josh Ali	10	41	601	14.7	3	62	60.1
Justin Rigg	13	20	189	9.4	4	34	14.5
Izayah Cummings	13	14	195	13.9	3	31	15.0
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	13	13	61	4.7	3	12	4.7
Demarcus Harris	13	12	150	12.5	1	17	11.5
Isaiah Epps	11	11	171	15.5	1	57	15.5
Brenden Bates	13	11	70	6.4	1	15	5.4
JuTahn McClain	9	6	42	7.0	1	25	4.7
Jordan Dingle	5	2	54	27.0	0	31	10.8
Rahsaan Lewis	6	2	4	2.0	0	4	0.7
Mike Drennen II	6	2	3	1.5	0	8	0.5
Chauncey Magwood	13	1	17	17.0	0	17	1.3
Will Lewis	13	1	15	15.0	0	15	1.2
Tae Tae Crumes	2	1	10	10.0	0	10	5.0
Total	13	242	2933	12.1	24	79	225.6
Opponents	13	268	2868	10.7	20	75	220.6

PUNTING	NO.	YDS	AVG	LONG	TB	FC	I20	+50	BLKD
Colin Goodfellow	35	1608	45.9	70	6	9	12	10	0
Wilson Berry	4	148	37.0	39	0	4	1	0	0

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	PCT	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	LG	BLK
Matt Ruffolo	8-11	72.7	0-0	4-4	0-2	4-4	0-1	45	2

TEAM STATISTICS	UK	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	191	243
Rushing	110	99
Passing	64	121
Penalty	17	23

RUSHING YARDAGE	UK	OPP
Rushing Attempts	436	408
Average Per Rush	5.0	4.2
Average Per Game	196.5	156.1
TDs Rushing	19	18

PASSING YARDAGE	UK	OPP
Comp-Att-Int	145-243-5	235-356-16
Average Per Pass	5.5	6.9
Average Per Catch	9.2	10.5
Average Per Game	121.5	224.6
TDs Passing	7	18

TOTAL OFFENSE	UK	OPP
Average Per Play	5.2	5.5
Average Per Game	318.0	380.7

KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	16-298	15-375
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	6-62	13-174
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	16-252	5-97
FUMBLES-LOST	13-7	13-6
PENALTIES-Yards	63-615	62-521
PUNTS-AVG	52-45.6	41-44.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	31:04	28:56
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	52/142	60/141
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	8/17	17/24

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Quandre Mosely	2	38	19.0	1	38
J.J. Weaver	2	21	10.5	0	20
Jacquez Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0
D'Eryk Jackson	1	3	3.0	0	3
Tyrell Ajian	1	95	95.0	1	95
Jalen Geiger	1	31	31.0	1	31
Deandre Square	1	0	0.0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Josh Ali	7	133	19.0	1	74
Wan'Dale Robinson	6	20	3.3	0	5
Rahsaan Lewis	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total	14	165	11.8	1	74
Opponents	8	50	6.2	0	13

KICK RETURNS	NO.	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Zach Johnson	14	259	18.5	0	27
Kavosiey Smoke	2	31	15.5	0	19
Chauncey Magwood	1	11	11.0	0	11
Justin Rigg	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	18	301	16.7	0	27
Opponents	13	276	21.2	0	33





SCORING	TD	FGS	PATS				DXP	SAF	PTS
			KICK	RUSH	RCV	PASS			
Matt Ruffolo	0	8-13	54-56	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	78
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	78
Will Levis	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
W. Robinson	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Josh Ali	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Justin Rigg	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Kavosiey Smoke	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Izayah Cummings	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
La'Ve'll Wright	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Brenden Bates	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Eli Cox	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Tyrell Ajian	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Quandre Mosely	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Mike Drennen II	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Isaiah Epps	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total	54	8-13	54-56	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	432
Opponents	31	14-19	31-32	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	276

SCORE BY QUARTER	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL
Kentucky	119	122	75	116	432	240
Opponents	53	63	80	80	276	285

ALL PURPOSE	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
W. Robinson	13	111	1348	20	0	0	1479	113.8
Chris Rodriguez	13	1382	61	0	0	0	1443	111.0
Josh Ali	10	13	601	133	0	0	747	74.7
Kavosiey Smoke	12	416	3	0	31	0	450	37.5
Will Levis	13	376	15	0	0	0	391	30.1
Total	13	2600	2933	165	301	188	6187	475.9
Opponents	13	1587	2868	50	276	161	4942	380.2

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
Will Levis	13	460	376	2826	3202	246.3
Chris Rodriguez	13	225	1382	0	1382	106.3
Kavosiey Smoke	12	81	416	0	416	34.7
JuTahn McClain	9	34	165	0	165	18.3
La'Ve'll Wright	4	9	118	0	118	29.5
Total	13	862	2600	2933	5533	425.6
Opponents	13	804	1587	2868	4455	342.7

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP-GS	TACKLES					PASS DEF		QBH	FUMBLES		BLKD KICK	SAF
		SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL/YDS	SACKS NO-YARDS	INT-YDS	BRUP		RCV-YDS	FF		
10 Jacquez Jones	12-12	40	46	86	3.5-9	0.5-3	1-0	4	3	1-0	1	.	.
29 Yusuf Coker	13-13	44	38	82	3.5-13	1.0-7	.	8	1	.	.	.	.
5 Deandre Square	13-13	40	40	80	9.5-30	3.0-14	1-0	1	3	.	1	.	.
14 Carrington Valentine	13-12	47	16	63	1.5-8	1.0-7	.	5	1	.	.	.	.
4 Joshua Paschal	12-12	24	29	53	13.5-64	3.5-27	.	.	8	.	1	1	.
23 Tyrell Ajian	13-11	27	19	46	.	.	1-95	4	.	.	.	.	.
9 Davonte Robinson	13-11	26	19	45	3.0-8	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
13 J.J. Weaver	12-6	19	15	34	8.0-43	6.0-39	2-21	1	4	.	1	.	.
32 Trevin Wallace	12-1	16	16	32	4.0-11	2.0-5	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
15 Jordan Wright	9-7	15	15	30	4.0-10	1.0-8	.	6	1	.	.	.	.
21 Quandre Mosely	13-2	20	6	26	2.0-5	.	2-38	5	.	.	.	.	.
7 Vito Tisdale	9-2	12	9	21	1.5-8	1.0-7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
3 Cedrick Dort Jr.	13-12	12	7	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 D'Eryk Jackson	4-1	13	5	18	.	.	1-3	.	1	.	.	.	.
34 Jalen Geiger	13-2	11	7	18	1.0-6	.	1-31	1	1	.	.	.	.
52 Justin Rogers	13-4	5	11	16	0.5-10	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 Octavious Oxendine	6-3	6	9	15	3.5-21	2.0-16	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
90 Tre'vonn Rybka	12-1	6	9	15	0.5-1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
99 Josaih Hayes	13-1	4	10	14	1.5-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
47 K.D. McDaniel	10-0	6	7	13	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
94 A. Abadi-Fitzgerald	11-8	5	7	12	2.5-7	2.5-7	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
42 Marquez Bembry	12-0	4	5	9	1.0-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
50 Marquan McCall	9-8	4	5	9	3.5-7	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
6 Jared Casey	12-0	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
44 Martez Thrower	8-0	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
30 Taj Dodson	11-0	5	1	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
96 Isaiah Gibson	7-0	1	4	5	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11 Moses Douglass	3-0	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37 Andru Phillips	9-0	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Zach Johnson	13-0	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0 Kavosiey Smoke	12-1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 Sam Anaele	3-0	1	1	2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Zac Berezowitz	10-0	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Kahlil Saunders	4-0	2	.	2	2.0-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
27 Joel Williams	7-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38 William Nalty	13-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
35 Rickey Hyatt Jr.	2-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Chris Rodriguez Jr.	13-12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Wan'Dale Robinson	13-12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 La'Ve'll Wright	4-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 Chauncey Magwood	13-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 Justice Dingle II	4-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Jamarius Dinkins	3-0	.	1	1	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12 Chance Poore	13-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 Jordan Lovett	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84 Izayah Cummings	13-2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
61 Austin Dotson	12-3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 Darian Kinnard	12-12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total	13-0	440	374	814	72-279	29-145	9-188	39	37	3-0	7	1	.
Opponents	13-0	473	406	879	55.0-225	24-146	13-161	39	25	10-2	12	2	.



**2021 TEAM GAME HIGHS****KENTUCKY TEAM GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	52	vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Rushing	362	at Louisville (Nov 27, 2021)
Yards Per Rush	7.4	at Louisville (Nov 27, 2021)
TD Rushes	7	at Louisville (Nov 27, 2021)
Pass attempts	50	vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Pass completions	32	at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021)
		vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Yards Passing	459	vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Yards Per Pass	13.1	vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
TD Passes	4	vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021)
		vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Total Plays	99	vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Total Offense	707	vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Yards Per Play	10.0	vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Points	56	vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Sacks By	6	vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021)
First Downs	35	vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Penalties	8	vs Chattanooga (Sep 18, 2021)
Penalty Yards	69	vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Turnovers	4	at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
		vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Interceptions By	3	vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022)
Punts	7	at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021)
Punting Avg	53.7	at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Long Punt	70	at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021)
		at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Punts inside 20	3	vs Florida (Oct 02, 2021)
Long Punt Return	74	at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
		vs NC State (Jan 2, 2021)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	43	vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021)
Yards Rushing	173	vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022)
Yards Per Rush	6.1	at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021)
TD Rushes	3	at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Pass attempts	52	vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021)
Pass completions	36	at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Yards Passing	344	at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Yards Per Pass	15.8	vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
TD Passes	4	vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021)
		vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Total Plays	76	vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021)
Total Offense	461	vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Yards Per Play	9.8	vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Points	45	vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Sacks By	6	vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022)
First Downs	27	at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Penalties	15	vs Florida (Oct 02, 2021)
Penalty Yards	115	vs Florida (Oct 02, 2021)
Turnovers	3	vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022)
Interceptions By	3	at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Punts	10	vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021)
		vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Punting Avg	53.3	vs LSU (Oct 09, 2021)
Long Punt	63	at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021)
Punts inside 20	4	vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021)
		at South Carolina (Sep 25, 2021)
Long Punt Return	13	vs Florida (Oct 02, 2021)



2021 INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

KENTUCKY INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	27	Chris Rodriguez Jr. vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Rushing	210	Chris Rodriguez Jr. vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021)
TD Rushes	4	Chris Rodriguez Jr. vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021) Will Levis at Louisville (Nov 27, 2021)
Long Rush	64	Wan'Dale Robinson vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021)
Pass attempts	49	Will Levis vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Pass completions	32	Will Levis at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021)
Yards Passing	419	Will Levis vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
TD Passes	4	Will Levis vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021) Will Levis vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Long Pass	79	Will Levis vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Receptions	13	Wan'Dale Robinson vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Yards Receiving	181	Wan'Dale Robinson vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
TD Receptions	2	Wan'Dale Robinson vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021) Josh Ali vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021) Justin Rigg vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Long Reception	79	Wan'Dale Robinson vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Field Goals	3	Matt Ruffolo at South Carolina (Sep 25, 2021)
Long Field Goal	45	Matt Ruffolo vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021)
Punts	7	Colin Goodfellow at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021)
Punting Avg	53.7	Colin Goodfellow at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Long Punt	70	Colin Goodfellow at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021) Colin Goodfellow at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Punts inside 20	3	Colin Goodfellow vs Florida (Oct 02, 2021)
Long Punt Return	74	Josh Ali at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Long Kickoff Return	27	Zach Johnson vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Tackles	18	Jacquez Jones at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Sacks	2.5	J.J. Weaver vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Deandre Square vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021)
Interceptions	1	Jacquez Jones vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021) Tyrell Ajjan vs Chattanooga (Sep 18, 2021) J.J. Weaver vs Florida (Oct 02, 2021) Jalen Geiger at Vanderbilt (Nov 13, 2021) Quandre Mosely vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021) J.J. Weaver at Louisville (Nov 27, 2021) Deandre Square vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022) Quandre Mosely vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022) D'Eryk Jackson vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	22	Davis-Price,Tyr, vs LSU (Oct 09, 2021)
Yards Rushing	147	Davis-Price,Tyr, vs LSU (Oct 09, 2021)
TD Rushes	2	Davis-Price,Tyr, vs LSU (Oct 09, 2021) Dillon Johnson, at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Long Rush	48	Ford,Ailym, vs Chattanooga (Sep 18, 2021)
Pass attempts	51	Bazelak,Connor, vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021)
Pass completions	36	Will Rogers, at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
Yards Passing	344	Will Rogers, at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021)
TD Passes	4	Bazelak,Connor, vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021) Hooker,Hendon, vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Long Pass	75	Hooker,Hendon, vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Receptions	10	Badie,Tyler, vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Receiving	122	LaPorta, Sam, vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022)
TD Receptions	2	Parker,Daniel, vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021) Bowers,Brock, at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021)
Long Reception	75	Payton,JaVonta, vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Field Goals	3	Sears,Aaron, vs Chattanooga (Sep 18, 2021) Albertson,Ethan, vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Long Field Goal	54	White,Parker, at South Carolina (Sep 25, 2021)
Punts	10	McCormick,Devyn, vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021) Carlson,Josh, vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021)
Punting Avg	53.3	Atkins,Avery, vs LSU (Oct 09, 2021)
Long Punt	63	Camarda,Jake, at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021)
Punts inside 20	4	McKinniss,Grant, vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021) Kroeger,Kai, at South Carolina (Sep 25, 2021)
Long Punt Return	13	Henderson,Xzavi, vs Florida (Oct 02, 2021)
Long Kickoff Return	33	Holiday,Jimmy, vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021)
Tackles	15	Cole,Qwynnterri, at Louisville (Nov 27, 2021)
Sacks	2.0	Shelby,Ty, vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021) Young,Byron, vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021) VanValkenburg,Z, vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022)
Tackles For Loss	2.5	Carter,Jalen, at Georgia (Oct 16, 2021) VanValkenburg,Z, vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022)
Interceptions	1	Johnson,Jabari, vs ULM (Sep 04, 2021) Carlies,Jaylon, vs Missouri (Sep 11, 2021) Freeman,Rashun, vs Chattanooga (Sep 18, 2021) Smith,CaMiron, vs Chattanooga (Sep 18, 2021) Foster,Jaylan, at South Carolina (Sep 25, 2021) Johnson,Tre'Vez, vs Florida (Oct 02, 2021) Jalen Green, at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021) S. Preston Jr., at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021) Cameron Young, at Mississippi State (Oct 30, 2021) Taylor,Alontae, vs Tennessee (Nov 06, 2021) Pierce,Chris, at Vanderbilt (Nov 13, 2021) Dervil,J.J., vs New Mexico St. (Nov 20, 2021) Harris, Jermari, vs Iowa (Jan 01, 2022)



2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Game	Score	First Downs	Time of Possession	Rushing (No-Yds-TD)	Passing (Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	Total Offense (Plays-Yds-TD)	3rd Down Conversions	Fumbles-Lost
KENTUCKY	45	23	32:00	34-145-2	22-33-1-419-4	67-564-6	4-of-11	4-2
vs. Louisiana Monroe	10	11	28:00	43-17-1	11-20-0-70-0	63-87-1	5-of-19	0-0
KENTUCKY	35	26	32:48	52-340-4	10-18-1-179-0	70-519-5	8-of-12	1-1
vs. Missouri	28	25	27:12	24-104-0	34-52-1-294-1	76-398-4	9-of-15	1-0
KENTUCKY	28	20	28:18	27-102-1	23-35-2-246-2	62-356-3	5-of-11	3-1
vs. Chattanooga	23	16	31:42	28-171-1	21-35-1-168-1	63-339-2	7-of-15	0-0
KENTUCKY	16	22	35:36	44-230-1	15-22-1-102-0	66-332	6-of-12	4-2
at South Carolina	10	12	24:24	26-58-0	17-25-0-158-1	51-216	3-of-12	0-0
KENTUCKY	20	13	22:42	30-137-1	6-15-1-74-1	47-224	1-of-9	0-0
vs. Florida	13	20	33:42	39-171-0	24-32-1-211-1	71-382	4-of-13	0-0
KENTUCKY	42	24	32:12	45-330-3	14-17-0-145-3	62-475	2-of-7	0-0
vs. LSU	21	22	27:48	35-147-2	22-38-0-261-1	73-408	7-of-15	1-1
KENTUCKY	13	16	37:47	27-51-0	32-42-0-192-2	69-243	9-of-19	1-0
at Georgia	30	20	21:51	27-166-1	14-20-0-250-3	47-416	2-of-7	2-0
KENTUCKY	17	14	18:50	20-66-0	17-28-3-150-1	48-216	6-of-10	1-1
at Mississippi State	31	27	41:10	35-94-3	36-39-0-344-1	74-438	7-of-12	0-0
KENTUCKY	42	35	46:08	49-225-3	32-50-1-387-3	99-612	12-of-17	0-0
vs. Tennessee	45	17	13:52	27-145-1	15-20-0-316-4	47-461	3-of-8	1-52
KENTUCKY	34	21	29:46	36-236-1	14-22-1-177-2	58-413	3-of-9	0-0
at Vanderbilt	17	16	30:14	30-96-0	20-29-1-170-2	59-266	5-of-13	1-0
KENTUCKY	56	29	33:53	36-248-3	24-35-1-459-4	71-707	6-of-9	3-3
vs. New Mexico State	16	13	26:07	26-101-0	16-35-1-181-0	61-282	4-of-16	2-1
KENTUCKY	52	29	34:58	49-362-7	15-19-0-149-0	68-511	6-of-10	0-0
at Louisville	21	21	24:56	31-144-2	19-28-1-208-1	59-352	3-of-9	0-0
KENTUCKY	20	24	37:54	47-121-1	17-28-1-233-1	75-354	6-of-14	0-0
vs. Iowa	17	20	22:06	30-173-1	19-30-3-211-1	60-384	4-of-11	0-0

GAME-BY GAME RUSHING

(No-Yds-TD)	Ali	Drennen	Levis	McClain	Robinson	Rodriguez Jr.	Smoke	Tisdale	L. Wright
vs. Louisiana Monroe	0-0-0	3-16-1	4-(-6)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	19-125-1	5-26-0	1-4-0	0-0-0
vs. Missouri	0-0-0	0-0-0	11-38-1	0-0-0	3-73-0	27-206-3	8-41-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Chattanooga	1-11-1	1-1-0	3-18-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	13-46-0	7-27-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at South Carolina	2-2-0	0-0-0	5-30-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	26-144-0	9-50-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Florida	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-21-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	19-99-1	4-17-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. LSU	0-0-0	3-0-0	11-75-2	1-5-0	0-0-0	16-147-1	12-104-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0	0-0-0	10-14-0	4-12-0	1-6-0	7-7-0	5-14-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Mississippi State	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-9-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	8-34-0	8-19-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Tennessee	0-0-0	0-0-0	15-47-2	1-16-0	0-0-0	22-109-0	11-53-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-32-0	10-69-0	1-23-0	16-114-1	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. New Mexico State	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-11-0	2-2-0	0-0-0	16-119-1	3-35-1	0-0-0	6-75-0
at Louisville	0-0-0	0-0-0	14-114-4	6-33-0	0-0-0	16-121-1	8-31-1	0-0-0	3-43-1
vs. Iowa	DNP	0-0-0	15-(-11)-0	10-28-0	0-0-0	20-107-1	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0

GAME-BY GAME RECEIVING

(Rec-Yds-TD)	Ali	Bates	Crumes	Cummings	Drennen	Epps	Harris	Lewis	McClain	Rigg	Robinson	Rodriguez Jr.	Smoke
vs. ULM	5-136-1	1-4-1	1-10-0	1-7-0	0-0-0	3-83-0	1-4-0	1-4-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	5-125-2	2-10-0	0-0-0
vs. Missouri	2-30-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-15-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-28-0	5-101-0	1-5-1	0-0-0
vs. Chattanooga	5-53-0	2-2-0	0-0-0	1-31-1	1-8-0	2-21-1	1-10-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-10-0	8-111-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at South Carolina	4-14-0	1-15-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-65-0	2-5-0	1-3-0
vs. Florida	1-15-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-4)-0	0-0-0	3-52-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. LSU	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-5)-0	2-28-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-25-1	1-34-0	8-60-1	1-3-1	0-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0	3-13-0	0-0-0	3-22-0	0-0-0	3-27-0	2-31-0	0-0-0	2-12-0	4-24-1	12-39-1	4-10-0	1-14-0
at Mississippi State	2-9-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-30-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	9-79-0	2-23-0	0-0-0
vs. Tennessee	7-74-0	2-18-0	0-0-0	4-75-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-2-0	3-20-1	13-166-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	4-58-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-27-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-10-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-7-0	6-75-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. NMST	7-164-2	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-12-0	3-37-0	0-0-0	1-7-0	2-34-2	8-181-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Louisville	4-48-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	9-97-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Iowa	DNP	1-6-0	0-0-0	1-13-0	0-0-0	DNP	2-28-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-11-0	10-170-0	1-5-1	DNP



GAME-BY-GAME PASSING

(Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	Allen	Levis
vs. ULM	4-7-0-52-0	18-26-1-367-4
vs. Missouri	0-0-0-0-0	10-18-1-179-1
vs. Chattanooga	0-0-0-0-0	23-35-2-246-2
at South Carolina	0-0-0-0-0	15-22-1-102-0
vs. Florida	0-0-0-0-0	6-15-1-74-1
vs. LSU	0-0-0-0-0	14-17-0-145-3
at Georgia	0-0-0-0-0	32-42-0-192-2
at Mississippi State	0-0-0-0-0	17-28-3-150-1
vs. Tennessee	0-0-0-0	31-49-1-372-3
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0-0	14-22-1-177-2
vs. NMST	3-4-0-40-0	21-31-1-419-4
at Louisville	1-1-0-0-0	14-18-0-149-0
vs. Iowa	0-0-0-0-0	17-28-1-233-1

GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

(No-Yds-Avg-LG-In20)	Berry	Goodfellow
vs. ULM	2-71-35.5-39-1	0-0-0-0-0
vs. Missouri	2-77-38.5-39-0	0-0-0-0-0
vs. Chattanooga	-	4-202-50.5-59-2
at South Carolina	-	3-122-40.7-42-1
vs. Florida	-	6-255-42.5-47-4
vs. LSU	-	3-137-45.7-48-2
at Georgia	-	7-358-51.1-70-1
at Mississippi State	-	3-161-53.7-70-1
vs. Tennessee	-	0-0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	-	2-91-45.5-51-1
vs. NMST	-	2-67-33.5-34-0
at Louisville	-	1-33-33.0-22-0
vs. Iowa	-	4-182-45.5-54-1

GAME-BY-GAME FIELD GOALS

FG Made (Miss)	Poore	Ruffolo
vs. ULM	0	1
vs. Missouri	0	0 (1)
vs. Chattanooga	0	0
at South Carolina	0	3
vs. Florida	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0
at Georgia	0	0 (1)
at Mississippi State	0	1
vs. Tennessee	0	0 (1)
at Vanderbilt	0	2 (0)
vs. NMST	0	0
at Louisville	0	1 (0)
vs. Iowa	0	2 (0)

GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE LINE (Tackles-Tackles-For-Loss-Sacks)

Game	A-Fitzgerald	Gibson	Hayes	McCall	Oxendine	Paschal	Rogers	Rybka	Saunders
vs. ULM	4-0-0	1-0.5-0	3-0.5-0	2-0.5-0	5-1-0	7-2-1	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Missouri	0-0-0	-	0-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	-
vs. Chattanooga	0-0-0	-	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-1.5-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	-
at S Carolina	0-0-0	-	1-0-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	-
vs. Florida	-	-	2-0.5-0	0-0-0	3-0.5-0	7-2.5-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	-
vs. LSU	1-0-0	-	1-0-0	-	3-2-2	3-1-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	-
at Georgia	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	-	-	6-1-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	-
at Mississippi St	1-0-0	-	4-1.0-1-0	-	-	6-2.0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	-
vs. Tennessee	2-2.0-2.0	1-0-0	0-0-0	-	-	1-0.5-0	0-0-0	-	-
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	-	7-2.0-2.0	4-2.0-1.0	1-0-0	-
vs. NMST	2-0.5-0.5	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	-	6-1.5-1.0	1-0.5-0.5	2-0-0	1-1-0-0
at Louisville	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	-	2-1.0-1.0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0-0
vs. Iowa	2-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	-	-	-	4-0.5-0	-

GAME-BY-GAME LINEBACKERS (Tackles-Tackles-For-Loss-Sacks-Pass Breakups)

Game	Bembry	Casey	D. Jackson	Jones	McDaniel	Square	Thrower	Wallace	Weaver	Wright
vs. ULM	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	-	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-3.5-1-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-2-0	6-2-1-0
vs. Missouri	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	-	5-0-0-2	0-0-0-0	6-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	3-2-1	3-0-0-1
vs. Chattanooga	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	-	9-0-0-1	2-0-0-0	5-2-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	4-1-0	0-0-0-0
at S Carolina	1-1-0-0	0-0-0-0	-	4-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-1-1-0	3-0-0-1
vs. Florida	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	-	9-1-0-1	0-0-0-0	13-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	2-0.5-0-0	2-0-0-0
vs. LSU	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	-	9-1-0-0	0-0-0-0	8-1-1-0	0-0-0-0	1-1-1-0	2-0-0-0	6-1-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	-	4-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	4-1-1-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
at Mississippi St	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	-	18-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	12-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	12-2-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Tennessee	1-0-0-0	-	-	5-0.5-0.5-0	0-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	4-2.5-2.5-0	-
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	-	2-0-0-0	3-1.0-0-0	-
vs. NMST	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	4-0.5-0-0	-	5-1.0-1.0-1	0-0-0-1	-
at Louisville	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	3-1.0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	-	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Iowa	-	1-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	-	2-0-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	1-0-0-0	-	-	10-1-0-1

GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE BACKS (Tackles-Pass Breakups-Int.)

Game	Aijan	Corker	Dodson	Dort Jr.	Douglass	Geiger	Lovett	Mosely	Robinson	Tisdale	Valentine
vs. ULM	3-0-0	5-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
vs. Missouri	8-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	5-0-0	0-0-0	5-0-0
vs. Chattanooga	3-0-1	6-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-0-0	0-0-0	11-0-0
at S Carolina	4-0-0	4-1-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0
vs. Florida	8-2-0	8-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	8-0-0
vs. LSU	2-1-0	7-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-3-0	5-0-0	2-0-0	8-1-0
at Georgia	2-0-0	4-1-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0
at Mississippi St	5-0-0	11-0.5-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	5-1-0	4-0-0
vs. Tennessee	0-0-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	6-0-0	2-0-0
at Vanderbilt	1-0-0	8-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	5-1-0
vs. NMST	1-0-0	7-0-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-1	2-1-0	1-0-0	2-1-0
at Louisville	2-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	7-0-1
vs. Iowa	7-1-0	8-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	4-0-1	2-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0



**2021 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS**(Note: Returning players in **bold**)**OFFENSIVE STARTERS**

	TE/WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR/TE	WR/TE	RB	QB
vs ULM	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
vs Missouri	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Forther	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	Cummings	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
vs Chattanooga	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Epps	Rodriguez	Levis
at South Carolina	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Epps	Rodriguez	Levis
vs Florida	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Epps	Rodriguez	Levis
vs LSU	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Epps	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
at Georgia	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Epps	W. Robinson	Cummings	Rodriguez	Levis
at Miss. State	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Epps	Smoke	Levis
vs Tennessee	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
at Vanderbilt	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Dotson	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Harris	Rodriguez	Levis
vs New Mexico St.	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Dotson	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
at Louisville	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Dotson	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
vs Iowa	Rigg	Horse	Q. Wilson	Fortner	Dotson	Kinnard	Harris	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

	CB	DE	NG	DT	SLB	WLB	MLB	NICK	SS	FS	CB
vs ULM	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
vs Missouri	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
vs Chattanooga	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Weaver	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
at South Carolina	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Oxendine	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
vs Florida	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Oxendine	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
vs LSU	Valentine	Paschal	Rogers	Oxendine	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
at Georgia	Valentine	Paschal	Rogers	Fitzgerald	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
at Miss. State	Valentine	Weaver	Rogers	Paschal	Wallace	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
vs Tennessee	Valentine	Paschal	Rogers	Fitzgerald	Weaver	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
at Vanderbilt	Valentine	Paschal	Hayes	Fitzgerald	Weaver	Square	Jones	V. Tisdale	Geiger	Corker	Dort
vs New Mexico St.	Mosely	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Weaver	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
at Louisville	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Weaver	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Geiger	Corker	Dort
vs Iowa	Valentine	Rybka	McCall	Fitzgerald	Wright	Square	D. Jackson	V. Tisdale	Ajian	Corker	Mosely



2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TURNOVERS

Opponent	FORCED BY KENTUCKY					FORCED BY OPPONENT			
	Fum	Int	Tot	Margin	UK Pts Off	Fum	Int	Tot	Opp Pts Off
vs. Louisiana Monroe	0	0	0	-3	0	2	1	3	10
vs. Missouri	1	1	2	0	7	1	1	2	7
vs. Chattanooga	0	1	1	-2	7	1	2	3	6
at South Carolina	0	0	0	-3	0	2	1	3	0
vs. Florida	0	1	1	0	13	0	1	1	0
vs. LSU	1	0	1	+1	7	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Mississippi State	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	14
vs. Tennessee	1	0	1	+1	7	0	1	1	7
at Vanderbilt	0	1	1	0	7	0	1	1	0
vs. New Mexico State	1	1	2	-2	7	3	1	4	7
at Louisville	0	1	1	+1	7	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	3	3	+2	3	0	1	1	0
TOTALS	4	9	13	-5	65	10	13	23	51

KENTUCKY BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
vs. Louisiana Monroe	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
vs. Chattanooga	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
vs. LSU	3	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Mississippi State	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Tennessee	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico State	2	2	0	0	1	6	2	0	2	0	0
at Louisville	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	19	12	5	2	2	22	12	2	6	1	2

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
vs. Louisiana Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
vs. Chattanooga	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
vs. LSU	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	1	0
at Mississippi State	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico State	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	9	7	4	1	0	22	4	2	2	3	0



2021 EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

RUNS 15+

Levis, 21 yards
Levis, 18 yards
Levis, 33 yards
Levis, 13 yards
Levis, 17 yards
Levis, 16 yards
Levis, 29 yards*
Levis, 22 yards
<i>(8 rush for 169 yards, 21.1 avg., 1 TD)</i>
Robinson, 64 yards
Robinson, 23 yards
<i>(2 rush for 87 yards, 43.5 avg., 0 TD)</i>
Rodriguez, 16 yards
Rodriguez, 19 yards
Rodriguez, 31 yards
Rodriguez, 21 yards
Rodriguez, 31 yards
Rodriguez, 28 yards
Rodriguez, 16 yards
Rodriguez, 17 yards
Rodriguez, 21 yards
Rodriguez, 22 yards
Rodriguez, 18 yards*
Rodriguez, 15 yards
Rodriguez, 18 yards
Rodriguez, 30 yards
Rodriguez, 17 yards
Rodriguez, 16 yards
Rodriguez, 29 yards
Rodriguez, 15 yards
Rodriguez, 41 yards*
<i>(19 rush for 421 yards, 22.2 avg., 2 TD)</i>
Smoke, 15 yards*
Smoke, 32 yards
Smoke, 15 yards
Smoke, 23 yards*
<i>(4 rush for 100 yards, 25.0 avg., 2 TD)</i>
McClain, 16 yards
McClain, 22 yards
McClain, 15 yards
<i>(3 rush for 53 yards, 17.7 avg., 0 TD)</i>
L. Wright, 52 yards
L. Wright, 41 yards*
<i>(2 rush for 93 yards, 46.5 avg., 1 TD)</i>
Allen, 23 yards
<i>(1 rush for 23 yards, 23.0 avg., 0 TD)</i>
Total: 36 rush for 897 yards, 24.9 avg, 6 TD

RECEIVING 20+

Ali, 58 yards*
Ali, 23 yards
Ali, 24 yards
Ali, 24 yards
Ali, 25 yards
Ali, 26 yards
Ali, 21 yards
Ali, 62 yards*
<i>(8 rec. for 263 yards, 32.9 avg., 2 TD)</i>
Cummings, 31 yards*
Cummings, 24 yards*
Cummings, 28 yards
Cummings, 22 yards*
<i>(4 rec. for 105 yards, 26.3 avg., 3 TD)</i>
Dingle, 31 yards
<i>(1 rec. for 31 yards, 31.0 avg., 0 TD)</i>
Epps, 57 yards

Epps, 20 yards*
Epps, 20 yards
<i>(3 rec. for 97 yards, 32.3 avg., 1 TD)</i>
McClain, 25 yards*
<i>(1 rec. for 25 yards, 25.0 avg., 1 TD)</i>
Rigg, 28 yards
Rigg, 34 yards
Rigg, 32 yards*
<i>(3 rec. for 94 yards, 31.3 avg., 1 TD)</i>
Robinson, 33 yards*
Robinson, 62 yards
Robinson, 49 yards
Robinson, 33 yards
Robinson, 39 yards
Robinson, 23 yards
Robinson, 41 yards*
Robinson, 21 yards
Robinson, 31 yards
Robinson, 27 yards
Robinson, 25 yards
Robinson, 39 yards
Robinson, 29 yards
Robinson, 23 yards
Robinson, 37 yards
Robinson, 79 yards
Robinson, 27 yards
Robinson, 34 yards
Robinson, 52 yards
<i>(19 rec. for 704 yards, 37.1 avg., 2 TD)</i>
Dingle, 23 yards
<i>(1 rec. for 23 yards, 23.0 avg., 0 TD)</i>
Total: 37 rec. for 1342 yards, 36.3 avg., 10 TD

KICK RETURNS 30+**Total: 0 return for 0 yards, 0.0 avg, 0 TD****PUNT RETURNS 20+**

Ali, 74 yards*
Ali, 25 yards
Total: 2 return for 99 yards, 49.5 avg., 1 TD

DEFENSIVE RETURNS 20+

Ajian, 95 yards*
<i>(1 INT. for 95 yards, 95.0 avg., 1 TD)</i>
Geiger, 31 yards*
<i>(1 INT. for 31 yards, 31.0 avg., 1 TD)</i>
Wallace, 76 yards*
<i>(1 Return for 76 yards, 76.0 avg., 1 TD)</i>
Mosely, 38 yards*
<i>(1 INT for 38 yards, 38.0 avg., 1 TD)</i>
Total: 4 returns for 239 yards, 59.8 avg., 4 TD

UK LONG PLAYS (20+) BY THE NUMBERS

20+ Plays By Yards	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	1	1
80-89	0	0
70-79	3	2
60-69	3	1
50-59	4	1
40-49	4	2
30-39	16	3
20-29	37	6
TOTAL	68	16

20+ Plays By Type

	No.	TD
Rushing	22	6
Passing	38	10
Punt returns	1	1
Kick returns (30+)	0	0
Interceptions	3	3
Fumble returns	0	0
TOTAL	64	18

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS**Total:**

Run (15+)	19 for 483 yds
Receiving (20+)	31 for 919 yds
Kick Returns (30+)	0 for 0 yds
Punt Returns (20+)	0 for 0 yds
Defensive Returns (20+)	2 for 81 yds
TOTAL: 52 for 1483 yards (28.5 avg.)	



2021 SCORING DRIVE ANALYSIS

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING DRIVES

Game	Plays/Yards	Qtr./Clock	Res.	Scoring Play
ULM	5/84	1/6:13	TD	Robinson 33 yard pass
ULM	1/58	1/4:20	TD	Ali 58 yard pass
ULM	14/84	2/10:40	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 2 yard run
ULM	4/80	2/5:44	TD	Robinson 15 yard pass
ULM	7/51	3/3:54	FG	Ruffolo 45 yard kick
ULM	9/80	4/13:07	TD	Bates 4 yard pass
ULM	8/68	4/1:00	TD	Drennen 4 yard run
MIZ	5/75	1/12:52	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 5 yard pass
MIZ	12/80	1/5:13	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 2 yard run
MIZ	8/92	2/ 9:26	TD	Levis 3 yard run
MIZ	3/38	3/13:19	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 3 yard run
MIZ	5/75	4/11:28	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 8 yard run
UTC	9/70	1/10:43	TD	Ali 11 yard rush
UTC	7/68	2/13:29	TD	Epps 20 yard pass
UTC	7/77	4/10:18	TD	Cummings 31 yard pass
SC	12/75	1/8:27	TD	Smoke 15 yard run
SC	10/57	2/0:00	FG	Ruffolo 43 yard kick
SC	13/67	3/3:43	FG	Ruffolo 21 yard kick
SC	9/51	4/4:26	FG	Ruffolo 27 yard kick
UF	5/75	1/7:57	TD	Robinson 41 yard pass
UF	5/29	4/13:45	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 9 yard run
LSU	9/44	1/6:17	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 3 yard pass
LSU	5/69	2/14:54	TD	Robinson 11 yard pass
LSU	7/75	3/10:57	TD	Levis 1 yard run
LSU	10/75	3/1:06	TD	Levis 5 yard run
LSU	3/56	4/12:07	TD	McClain 25 yard pass
LSU	4/44	4/4:23	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 18 yard run
UGA	13/75	2/3:53	TD	Rigg 1 yard pass
UGA	22/75	4/0:04	TD	Robinson 1 yard pass
MST	14/48	2/12:14	FG	Ruffolo 41 yard kick
MST	10/75	4/13:37	TD	Harris 17 yard pass
TN	14/75	1/6:13	TD	Smoke 9 yard run
TN	6/71	2/10:23	TD	Levis 8 yard run
TN	11/68	2/3:57	TD	Rigg 3 yard pass
TN	10/75	3/9:56	TD	Levis 2 yard run
TN	9/75	3/1:20	TD	Robinson 15 yard pass
TN	5/75	4/9:36	TD	Cummings 24 yard pass
VU	10/85	1/6:07	TD	Robinson 6 yard pass
VU	3/71	2/14:53	TD	Cummings 22 yard pass
VU	3/48	2/10:43	TD	Rodriguez 5 yard run
VU	8/67	2/3:46	FG	Ruffolo 25 yard kick
VU	14/61	4/13:26	FG	Ruffolo 32 yard kick
NMSU	5/81	1/9:27	TD	Rigg 32 yard pass
NMSU	8/91	1/0:02	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 6 yard run
NMSU	5/75	2/9:19	TD	Ali 9 yard pass
NMSU	7/65	2/0:46	TD	Rigg 2 yard pass
NMSU	7/90	3/8:09	TD	Ali 62 yard pass
NMSU	3/33	3/0:18	TD	Smoke 23 yard run
NMSU	7/82	4/11:40	TD	Allen 3 yard run
UL	6/75	1/12:22	TD	Levis 29 yard run
UL	12/75	1/1:18	TD	Levis 7 yard run
UL	9/36	2/8:46	FG	Ruffolo 43 yard kick
UL	12/65	2/1:53	TD	Levis 5 yard run
UL	7/75	3/9:28	TD	Levis 1 yard run
UL	8/59	3/3:18	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 2 yard run
UL	5/51	4/13:33	TD	Smoke 13 yard run
UL	2/64	4/3:54	TD	L. Wright 41 yard run
IOWA	13/80	1/5:32	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 5 yard pass
IOWA	14/72	2/2:48	FG	Ruffolo 21 yard kick
IOWA	5/22	2/0:38	FG	Ruffolo 27 yard kick
IOWA	8/80	4/1:48	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 6 yard run

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Game	KENTUCKY		OPPONENT	
	Res/Pts	Yds	Res/Pts	Yds
ULM	INT/0	10	TD/7	43
MISSOURI	TD/7	75	Punt/0	13
CHATTANOOGA	TD/7	70	TD/7	75
SOUTH CAROLINA	TD/7	75	Punt/0	7
FLORIDA	Punt/0	5	Punt/0	34
LSU	TD/7	44	Fumble/0	19
GEORGIA	Punt/0	19	Punt/0	22
MISSISSIPPI STATE	INT/0	35	Punt/0	23
TENNESSEE	TD/7	75	TD/7	75
VANDERBILT	TD/7	85	Punt/0	17
NEW MEXICO ST.	FUM/0	-5	Punt/0	8
LOUISVILLE	TD/7	75	TD/7	75
IOWA	TD/7	80	Punt/0	20
Total/Avg	8 TD	643/49.5	4 TD	431/33.2

2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	KENTUCKY		OPPONENT	
	Res/Pts	Yds	Res/Pts	Yds
ULM	Punt/0	-1	Punt/0	6
MISSOURI	TD/7	38	INT/7	1
CHATTANOOGA	Punt/0	17	FG/3	49
SOUTH CAROLINA	FG/3	67	TD/7	75
FLORIDA	Punt/0	28	Punt/0	38
LSU	TD/7	75	Downs/0	75
GEORGIA	Punt/0	3	TD/7	75
MISSISSIPPI STATE	FUM/0	-3	FG/3	66
TENNESSEE	TD/7	75	TD/7	49
VANDERBILT	Punt/0	12	TD/7	72
NEW MEXICO ST.	Punt/0	1	Punt/0	22
LOUISVILLE	TD/7	75	Punt/0	10
IOWA	Punt/0	28	Downs/0	69
Total/Avg	4 TD, 1 FG	415/31.9	4 TD, 2 FG	607/46.7

DRIVE ANALYSIS

Game	Total Drive	TD	FG	MFG	P	TO	4DN
ULM	13	6	1	0	2	2	1
MISSOURI	11	5	0	1	2	2	0
CHATTANOOGA	11	3	0	0	4	2	1
SOUTH CAROLINA	11	1	3	0	3	3	0
FLORIDA	11	2	0	0	6	1	1
LSU	11	6	0	0	3	0	0
GEORGIA	10	2	0	1	7	0	0
MISSISSIPPI STATE	9	1	1	0	3	4	0
TENNESSEE	11	6	0	1	0	1	3
VANDERBILT	9	3	2	0	2	1	0
NEW MEXICO ST.	14	7	0	0	2	4	1
LOUISVILLE	10	7	1	0	1	0	0
IOWA	10	2	2	0	4	1	1
Totals	141	51	10	3	40	21	8



2021 GAME REVIEWS

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KENTUCKY 45, ULM 10

SEPT. 4, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY. KROGER FIELD (47,693)



Will Levis passed for 367 yards and four touchdowns as Kentucky opened its 2021 season with a 45-10 win over Louisiana-Monroe at Kroger Field.

Two Wildcats had more than 100 yards receiving in the game. Senior Josh Ali had five receptions for 136 yards and a touchdown while junior Wan'Dale Robinson had five catches for 125 yards and two scores. Isaiah Epps nearly made it a trio, catching three passes for 83 yards.

On the ground, Chris Rodriguez Jr. went over 100 yards for the seventh time in his career. The junior rushed 19 times for 125 yards and a touchdown.

Kentucky (1-0) had 564 yards of total offense in the first game under new offensive coordinator Liam Coen. UK finished with 419 yards passing and 145 yards on the ground.

Levis became the first UK passer to throw for over 300 yards since Stephen Johnson had 338 against Louisville in 2016.

Meanwhile, the Kentucky defense more than did its job against ULM. The Cats held the Warhawks to 87 total yards (70 passing, 17 rushing) in the game. ULM had 43 yards on its first drive of the game, then 44 yards the rest of the game.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Yards, Touchdowns, Field Goals, Points

- 1st 08:53 ULM - #24 K.Roach 3 yd rush (#31 C.Sutherland kick), 12-43, 05:01 7-0
1st 06:13 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 33 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-84, 02:35 7-7
1st 04:20 UKY - #6 J.Ali 58 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 1-58, 00:09 7-14
2nd 10:40 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 2 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 14-84, 06:37 7-21
2nd 05:44 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 15 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 4-80, 02:24 7-28
3rd 03:54 UKY - #96 M.Ruffolo 45 yd FG, 7-41, 03:40 7-31
4th 13:07 UKY - #80 B.Bates 4 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 9-80, 04:00 7-38
4th 04:39 ULM - #31 C.Sutherland 29 yd FG, 11-48, 05:11 10-38
4th 01:00 UKY - #5 M.Drennen 4 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 8-68, 03:34 10-45

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Statistic, ULM, UK

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

ULM - Rogers 7-11, Henry 8-9, Alce 2-9, Holmes 3-7, Roach 4-3-1
UK - Rodriguez Jr. 19-125-1, Smoke 5-26, Drennen 3-16-1, Tisdale 1-4, Levis 4-(-)6

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

ULM - Rodriguez 9-17-0-56-0, Rogers 2-3-0-14-0, Suits 0-0-0-0-0
UK - Levis 18-26-1-367-4, Allen 4-7-0-31-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

ULM - Knight 7-58, Sparks 4-(-)3, Derrick 3-9, Bloomfield 1-5, Wiley 1-1
UK - Ali 8-136-1, Robinson 8-125-2, Epps 4-83, Rodriguez Jr. 2-10, Jo. Dingle 1-31, Crumes 1-10, Cummings 2-7

TACKLES

ULM - Sparks 7, Johnson 7, Shelby 5, Woodard 5
UK - Paschal 7, Wright 6, Square 6, D. Robinson 5, Oxendine 5

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KENTUCKY 35, MISSOURI 28

SEPT. 11, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY. KROGER FIELD (58,437)



Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed 27 times for 207 yards and three touchdowns as Kentucky won its Southeastern Conference opener over Missouri 35-28 at Kroger Field.

For Rodriguez, both the number of carries and the yards rushing were career highs. The junior from McDonough, Georgia, also caught a pass for a touchdown. His four touchdowns tied a school record.

Will Levis connected on 10 of 18 passing for 179 yards with a touchdown and an interception in the game. Levis' main target was Wan'Dale Robinson, who had a big game in his own right. The Frankfort native led the Cats with 101 yards receiving on five catches. He also had three carries for 73 yards in the game.

Kentucky (2-0, 1-0 SEC) turned to the ground game in this one, rushing for 341 yards while passing for 179. The Cats ended the game with 520 yards of total offense, compared to just 398 for Missouri.

On defense, safety Tyrell Ajan led the Cats with eight tackles, while J.J. Weaver had another big game with a sack and two tackles for loss.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Yards, Touchdowns, Field Goals, Points

- 1st 12:52 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 5 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 02:08 0-7
1st 05:13 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 2 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 12-80, 05:32 0-14
1st 00:27 MIZ - #82 D.Parker 6 yd pass from #8 C.Bazalak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 10-75, 04:40 7-14
2nd 09:26 UKY - #7 W.Levis 3 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 8-92, 03:34 7-21
2nd 00:04 MIZ - #6 K.Chism 17 yd pass from #8 C.Bazalak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 9-80, 01:37 14-21
3rd 13:19 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 3 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 3-38, 01:08 14-28
3rd 09:15 MIZ - #82 D.Parker 6 yd pass from #8 C.Bazalak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 10-75, 04:04 21-28
4th 13:11 MIZ - #1 T.Badie 17 yd pass from #8 C.Bazalak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 14-80, 04:46 28-28
4th 11:28 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 8 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 01:43 28-35

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Statistic, MIZ, UK

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

MIZ - Badie 14-64, Bazalak 6-28, Cooper 2-10, Young 2-5
UK - Rodriguez Jr. 27-207-2, W. Robinson 3-73, Smoke 8-39, Levis 11-25-1

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

MIZ - Bazalak 34-51-1-294-4, Luper 0-1-0-0-0
UK - Levis 10-18-1-179-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

MIZ - Badie 10-88-1, Dove 6-65, Hea 5-37, Lovett 4-18, Luper 3-27, Parker 3-32-2
UK - W. Robinson 5-101, Ali 2-30, Rigg 1-28, Cummings 1-15, Rodriguez Jr. 1-6-1

TACKLES

MIZ - Alldredge 13, Nicholson 8, Manuel 6
UK - Ajan 8, Jones 7, Corker 6





2021 GAME REVIEWS

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KENTUCKY 28, CHATTANOOGA 23

SEPT. 18, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (55,214)



Will Levis connected on 23 of 35 passing for 246 yards and two touchdowns as Kentucky overcame a sluggish effort to beat Chattanooga 28-23.

With the Cats clinging to a 21-16 lead in the fourth quarter, Tyrell Ajian made the play that saved the game. Ajian intercepted a Chattanooga pass at the UK five and returned it 95 yards for what turned out to be the game-clinching touchdown.

Wan'Dale Robinson was Levis' favorite target on Saturday, catching eight passes for 111 yards. He became the first UK player since Derek Abney in 2001 to have three straight 100-yard receiving games.

Chris Rodriguez Jr. led UK with 46 rushing yards, although the Kentucky run game was not as effective as it was last week against Missouri. The Cats had 102 yards rushing on 27 carries in the game.

Kentucky took the opening kickoff and methodically marched down the field, using a combination of running and passing. The nine-play drive consisted of five plays and four rushes and ended with an 11-yard touchdown rush by Josh Ali, the first rushing touchdown of his career. Matt Ruffolo added the extra point and the Cats grabbed a 7-0 lead with 10:43 to play in the first quarter.

But the rest of the game was not that easy. The game was tight throughout until Ajian's interception sealed the deal. Still, Chattanooga rallied to cut the UK lead to 28-23, but their outside kick attempt failed and Kentucky hung on to win.

Kentucky returned to action the following week, hitting the road for the first time this season. The Cats visited Williams-Brice Stadium to face South Carolina.

SCORING SUMMARY

Chattanooga	7	3	3	10	-	23
Kentucky	7	7	0	14	-	28

- 1st 10:43 UKY - #6 J.Ali 11 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 9-70, 04:11 0-7
- 1st 06:56 CHA - #12 R.Henderson 12 yd pass from #18 C.Copeland (#62 A.Sears kick), 6-75, 03:47 7-7
- 2nd 13:29 UKY - #81 I.Epps 20 yd pass from #7 W.Lewis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-68, 02:51 7-14
- 2nd 08:47 CHA - #62 A.Sears 27 yd FG, 4-5, 01:36 10-14
- 3rd 10:43 CHA - #62 A.Sears 43 yd FG, 10-49, 04:17 13-14
- 4th 13:27 CHA - #62 A.Sears 30 yd FG, 7-53, 02:36 16-14
- 4th 10:18 UKY - #84 I.Cummings 31 yd pass from #7 W.Lewis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-77, 03:03 16-21
- 4th 07:40 UKY - #23 T.Ajian 95 yd interception return (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 02:38 16-28
- 4th 01:20 CHA - #18 C.Copeland 2 yd rush (#62 A.Sears kick), 14-75, 06:20 23-28

TEAM STATISTICS

	UTC	UK
First Downs	16	20
Rush Att./Net Rush	28/171	27/102
Passing C/A/I	21/35/1	23/35/2
Offensive Plays	63	62
Total Offense	339	356
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	3/1
Penalties/Yards	5/40	8/60
Punts/Average	5/46.8	4/50.5
Third-Down Conv.	7 of 15	5 of 11
Time of Possession	31:42	28:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UTC - Ford 21-128, Price 6-41, Copeland 1-2-1
UK - Rodriguez Jr. 13-46, Smoke 7-27, Levis 3-18, Ali 1-11-1, Drennen 1-1

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UTC - Copeland 21-35-1-168-1
UK - Levis 23-35-2-254-2

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UTC - Henderson 9-75-1, Arnett 3-21, James 3-13, Ford 3-15, McKinnon 1-26, Mayes 2-9, Smith 1-2
UK - Robinson 8-111, Ali 5-53, Rigg 3-18, Epps 2-21-1, Bates 2-2, Cummings 1-31-1, Harris 2-10, Drennen 1-8

TACKLES

UTC - Boeck 13, Lawson 9, Dowdell 8
UK - Valentine 11, Jones 9, Corker 6

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KENTUCKY 16, SOUTH CAROLINA 10

SEPT. 25, 2021 • COLUMBIA, S.C.
WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (77,559)



Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed for 144 yards and the Kentucky defense made a number of crucial stops as the Cats topped South Carolina 16-10 at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Rodriguez led the charge on the ground as the Cats rushed 44 times for 230 yards in the game. Kavosiey Smoke had 50 yards and a touchdown on nine carries and quarterback Will Levis carried five times for 30 yards.

Levis connected on 15 of 22 through the air for 102 yards in the game. Wan'Dale Robinson was his favorite target on this night, catching seven passes for 65 yards.

Kentucky (4-0, 2-0 SEC) got a big defensive effort in the game. The Cats held the Gamecocks to 216 total yards and just 58 yards on the ground. UK had five tackles for loss, including a pair of sacks, in the contest. DeAndre Square led the defensive charge with eight tackles, while Carrington Valentine had four tackles, including a sack. J.J. Weaver accounted for the other UK sack in the game.

The Cats took the opening kickoff and used the ground game to march down the field. Rodriguez carried four times for 35 yards and Kavosiey Smoke rushed twice for 23 yards and a 15-yard touchdown to get the Cats on the board. Matt Ruffolo added the point after and Kentucky led 7-0 with 8:27 left in the first quarter. The Cats would lead the rest of the way.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	7	3	3	3	-	16
South Carolina	0	0	7	3	-	10

- 1st 08:27 UKY - #0 K.Smoke 15 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 12-75, 06:33 7-0
- 2nd 00:00 UKY - #96 M.Ruffolo 43 yd FG, 10-57, 04:39 10-0
- 3rd 10:52 USC - #3 J.Brooks 5 yd pass from #4 L.Doty (#43 P.White kick), 10-75, 04:08 10-7
- 3rd 03:43 UKY - #96 M.Ruffolo 21 yd FG, 13-67, 07:09 13-7
- 4th 04:26 UKY - #96 M.Ruffolo 27 yd FG, 9-51, 05:17 16-7
- 4th 02:31 USC - #43 P.White 54 yd FG, 5-39, 01:55 16-10

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	USC
First Downs	22	12
Rush Att./Net Rush	44/230	26/58
Passing C/A/I	15/22/1	17/25/0
Offensive Plays	66	51
Total Offense	332	216
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	0/0
Penalties/Yards	4/29	5/45
Punts/Average	3/40.7	5/42.8
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 12	3 of 12
Time of Possession	35:36	24:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Rodriguez Jr. 26-144, Smoke 9-50-1, Levis 5-20, Robinson 1-5
USC - Harris 12-38, McDowell 5-13, Doty 8-4, Lloyd 1-3

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Levis 15-22-1-102-0
USC - Doty 17-25-0-158-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Robinson 7-65, Ali 4-14, Rodriguez Jr. 2-5, Bates 1-15, Smoke 1-3
USC - Brooks 4-63-1, Harris 4-13, Vann 3-16, McDowell 2-16, Powers 2-12, Muse 2-25, Jenkins 1-13

TACKLES

UK - Square 8, Ajian 4, Valentine 4, Corker 4, Jones 4
USC - Foster 12, Johnson 11, Roderick 10, Staley 9, Enagbare 6





#RV/23 KENTUCKY 20, #10/9 FLORIDA 13

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OCT. 2, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (61,632)



Josh Paschal blocked a field goal that Trevin Wallace returned 76 yards for a touchdown as No. 23 Kentucky upset ninth-ranked Florida 20-13 at Kroger Field.

With Florida holding a 10-7 advantage in the third quarter, Paschal used all of his 6-3 frame to successfully block the 48-yard Jace Christmann attempt. Trevin Wallace then snatched the ball at the Kentucky 24 and rapidly sped down the sideline 76 yards until reaching the end zone, giving UK a lead that it would never surrender.

It was the UK defense and special teams that carried the team all evening, as Kentucky beat Florida in Lexington for the first time since 1986 and for just the second time in the last 35 meetings.

Chris Rodriguez Jr. carried the offensive load for the Cats with 99 yards and a touchdown in the game. Quarterback Will Levis was six of 15 through the air for 74 yards and a score.

DeAndre Square led the defensive attack with 13 tackles, while Jacquez Jones had nine tackles, one tackle for loss and a pass breakup on Florida's final offensive play of the game. Paschal has seven tackles, including two and a half for loss, in addition to the blocked kick, the third of his UK career.

SCORING SUMMARY

Florida	7	3	0	3	-	13
Kentucky	7	0	6	7	-	20

1st 07:57 UFL - #0 J.Fraziars 7 yd pass from #5 E.Jones (#47 J.Christmann kick), 7-60, 03:08 7-0
1st 05:19 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 41 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 02:38 7-7
2nd 05:32 UFL - #47 J.Christmann 51 yd FG, 11-55, 06:14 10-7
3rd 06:36 UKY - #32 T.Wallace 76 yd blocked field goal return (#96 M.Ruffolo kick blocked), 02:36 10-13
4th 11:32 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 9 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-29, 02:13 10-20
4th 06:23 UFL - #47 J.Christmann 33 yd FG, 13-59, 05:09 13-20

TEAM STATISTICS

	UF	UK
First Downs	21	13
Rush Att./Net Rush	39/171	30/137
Passing C/A/I	24/32/1	7/17/1
Offensive Plays	71	47
Total Offense	382	224
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	5/115	4/30
Punts/Average	5/42.8	6/42.5
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 13	1 of 9
Time of Possession	36:18	23:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UF - Jones 13-63, Pierce 8-54, Richardson 5-25, Davis 8-22, Wright 5-7
UK - Rodriguez 19-99-1, Levis 6-21, Smoke 4-17

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UF - Jones 23-31-1-203-1, Richardson 1-1-0-8-0
UK - Levis 7-17-1-87-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UF - Copeland 6-59, Whittemore 4-36, Wright 3-26, Shorter 3-19, Henderson 2-31, Gamble 2-13
UK - W. Robinson 4-65-1, Ali 1-15, Bates 1-11

TACKLES

UF - Diabate 11, Dean III 8, Burney 4, Cox 4
UK - Square 13, Jones 9, Ajian 8, Valentine 8, Corker 8

#16/14 KENTUCKY 42, LSU 21

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OCT. 9, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (61,690)



Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed for 147 yards and quarterback Will Levis accounted for five touchdowns as No. 16/14 Kentucky topped LSU 42-21 at Kroger Field.

With the win, Kentucky moved to 6-0 on the season and 4-0 in the SEC. It's the first time Kentucky has been 6-0 since 1950 and just the fifth time in school history.

Kavosey Smoke also had a big night on the ground for the Cats, amassing 104 yards rushing. UK quarterback Will Levis had 75 yards and two touchdowns on the ground as Kentucky rushed for 330 yards as a team.

Levis hit on 14 of 17 passing for 145 yards and three touchdowns. Wan'Dale Robinson was the favorite target for Levis on this evening, catching eight passes for 60 yards and a score.

LSU (3-3, 1-3) took the opening possession and made a pair of first downs before the UK defense made yet another big play. DeAndre Square sacked LSU quarterback Max Johnson and forced a fumble that was recovered by Josai Hayes at the LSU 44 yard line.

Kentucky would convert the turnover into points. The Cats drove into the LSU red zone and, on fourth-and-goal from the three, Levis connected with Rodriguez on a touchdown pass in the right side of the end zone. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT and UK grabbed a 7-0 lead with 6:17 to play in the first quarter.

From there, the Cats would never look back, building the lead as large as 35-7 before settling for the 21-point victory.

SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	0	0	7	14	-	21
Kentucky	7	7	14	14	-	42

1st 06:17 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 3 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 9-44, 04:55 0-7
2nd 14:54 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 11 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-69, 02:31 0-14
3rd 10:57 UKY - #7 W.Levis 1 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-75, 04:03 0-21
3rd 06:43 LSU - #3 T.Davis-Price 1 yd rush (#36 C.York kick), 9-75, 04:14 7-21
3rd 01:06 UKY - #7 W.Levis 5 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 10-75, 05:37 7-28
4th 12:07 UKY - #17 J.McClain 25 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 3-56, 01:19 7-35
4th 11:03 LSU - #8 M.Nabers 41 yd pass from #14 M.Johnson (#36 C.York kick), 4-75, 01:04 14-35
4th 05:29 LSU - #3 T.Davis-Price 2 yd rush (#36 C.York kick), 11-78, 03:24 21-35
4th 04:23 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 18 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 4-44, 01:04 21-42

TEAM STATISTICS

	LSU	UK
First Downs	22	24
Rush Att./Net Rush	35/147	45/330
Passing C/A/I	22/38/0	14/17/0
Offensive Plays	73	62
Total Offense	408	475
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	4/18	3/25
Punts/Average	3/53.3	3/45.7
Third-Down Conv.	7 of 15	2 of 7
Time of Possession	27:48	32:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

LSU - Davis-Price 22-147-2, Goodwin 4-18, Kiner 4-5
UK - Rodriguez 16-147-1, Smoke 12-104, Levis 11-75-2, McClain 1-5, Drennen 3-0

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

LSU - Johnson 22-38-0-261-1
UK - Levis 14-17-0-145-3

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

LSU - Boutte 8-73, Nabers 3-66-1, Thomas Jr. 3-45, Jenkins 3-39, Bech 3-20
UK - W. Robinson 8-60-1, Epps 2-27, Rigg 1-34, McClain 2-25-1, Rodriguez Jr. 1-3-1

TACKLES

LSU - Clark 14, Baskerville 7, Ward 5
UK - Jones 9, Square 8, Valentine 7, Corker 7, Wright 6, Robinson 5



#1/1 GEORGIA 30, #11/11 KENTUCKY 13

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OCT. 16, 2021 • ATHENS, GA.
SANFORD STADIUM (92,746)



Will Levis passed for 198 yards and two scores but it was not enough as No. 11 Kentucky fell at top-ranked Georgia, 30-13.

Levis connected on 32 of his 42 passes, including one-yard touchdown strikes to Justin Rigg and Wan'Dale Robinson in the game. The Cats struggled to run the ball, amassing just 51 yards on the ground against the nation's number one defense.

Kentucky's defense was led by Josh Paschal, who had six tackles, including one for a loss, and Georgia native Yusuf Corker, who had five tackles, one for a loss and a pass breakup.

The teams were scoreless after one period of play. But early in the second quarter, Georgia took a 7-0 lead. After a Kentucky punt, Georgia would score again, and the Bulldogs led 14-0 in the second quarter.

Kentucky had its best drive of the first half on its next possession. The Cats used a nice mix of running and passing plays, including a hook-and-ladder, to get into the Georgia red zone. Levis connected with Chris Rodriguez Jr. on a swing pass to get the Cats to the UGA one. From there, Levis connected with tight end Justin Rigg for a one-yard touchdown pass. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT and Georgia led 14-7 after a 15-play, 75-yard drive.

But the Cats could get no closer.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	0	7	0	6	-	13
Georgia	0	14	10	6	-	30

2nd 14:54 UGA - #4 J.Cook 19 yd pass from #13 S.Bennett (#96 J.Podlesny kick), 5-50, 02:35 0-7
 2nd 10:35 UGA - #3 Z.White 24 yd rush (#96 J.Podlesny kick), 5-80, 02:11 0-14
 2nd 03:53 UKY - #83 J.Rigg 1 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 13-75, 06:42 7-14
 3rd 12:13 UGA - #19 B.Bowers 27 yd pass from #13 S.Bennett (#96 J.Podlesny kick), 6-75, 02:47 7-21
 3rd 07:21 UGA - #96 J.Podlesny 26 yd FG, 8-63, 03:55 7-24
 4th 11:27 UGA - #19 B.Bowers 20 yd pass from #13 S.Bennett (#96 J.Podlesny kick missed), 7-82, 11:27 7-30
 4th 00:04 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 1 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick blocked), 22-75, 11:23 13-30

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	UGA
First Downs	16	20
Rush Att./Net Rush	27/51	27/166
Passing C/A/I	32/42/0	14/20/0
Offensive Plays	69	47
Total Offense	243	416
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	3/15	5/42
Punts/Average	7/51.1	4/47.2
Third-Down Conv.	9 of 19	2 of 7
Time of Possession	37:47	21:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UGA - Cook 6-51, White 12-46-1, Milton 4-33, Bennett 3-22, McConkey 1-15
 UK - Smoke 5-14, Levis 10-12, McClain 4-12, Rodriguez Jr. 7-7, Robinson 1-6

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UGA - Bennett 14-20-250-3
 UK - Levis 32-42-0-192-2

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UGA - Bowers 5-101-2, Mitchell 3-43, Washington 2-37, FitzPatrick 1-2, Cook 1-19, McConkey 1-15, White 1-15
 UK - W. Robinson 12-39-1, Rigg 4-24-1, Rodriguez Jr. 3-10, Epps 3-27, Cummings 3-22, Harris 2-31, Bates 2-13, McClain 2-12

TACKLES

UGA - Walker 9, Ringo 7, Dean 7, Jackson 7, Kendrick 7
 UK - Paschal 6, Mosely 4, Jones 4, Square 4, Corker 4

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MISSISSIPPI STATE 31, #12/12 KENTUCKY 31

OCT. 30, 2021 • STARKVILLE, MISS.
DAVIS WADE STADIUM (49,487)



No. 12 Kentucky struggled to get anything going offensively and was hurt by turnovers as the Cats lost to Mississippi State 31-17 at Davis Wade Stadium.

Quarterback Will Levis connected on 17 of 28 through the air for 150 yards and a touchdown. However, Levis was intercepted three times in the game.

Kentucky (6-2, 4-2 SEC) had just 66 yards rushing on Saturday, well below the Cats' season average. Chris Rodriguez Jr. led UK with eight carries for 34 yards.

Wan'Dale Robinson caught nine passes for 79 yards to lead the Cats in that department. No other Wildcat had more than two catches.

The UK defense spent a lot of time on the field in the game and the tackling numbers reflected that. UK had four players with double-figure tackles on Saturday. Linebacker Jacques Jones led the way with 18 tackles, while DeAndre Square and Trevin Wallace each had 12. Yusuf Corker had 11 stops for the Cats in the game.

In the first quarter, Josh Ali fielded the punt at the UK 26 and took it to the left, turned the corner and went 74 yards for the special teams touchdown. Matt Ruffolo added the point after and Kentucky grabbed a 7-0 lead with 7:14 left in the first quarter.

Unfortunately, the Cats would fall behind and eventually drop their second straight contest.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	7	3	0	7	-	17
Mississippi State	0	14	17	0	-	31

1st 07:14 UK - Josh Ali 74 yd punt return (Matt Ruffolo kick) 7 - 0
 2nd 12:14 UK - Matt Ruffolo 41 yd field goal, 14-48 6:32 10 - 0
 07:45 MS - J. Marks 7 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick), 8-75 4:29 10 - 7
 01:40 MS - Dillon Johnson 9 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick), 9-75 4:21 10 - 14
 3rd 06:34 MS - Brandon Ruiz 27 yd field goal, 14-66 8:26 10 - 17
 04:44 MS - Dillon Johnson 1 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick), 3-22 1:09 10 - 24
 02:51 MS - Rara Thomas 25 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick), 3-24 1:45 10 - 31
 4th 13:37 UK - Demarcus Harris 17 yd pass from Will Levis (Matt Ruffolo kick), 10-75 4:14 17 - 31

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	MSU
First Downs	14	27
Rush Att./Net Rush	20/66	35/94
Passing C/A/I	17/28/3	36/39/0
Offensive Plays	48	74
Total Offense	216	438
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/68	11/88
Punts/Average	3/53.7	3/37.0
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 10	7 of 12
Time of Possession	18:50	41:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

MSU - Marks 20-58-1, Johnson 11-41-2
 UK - Rodriguez 8-34, Smoke 8-19, Levis 3-9, W. Robinson 1-4

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

MSU - Rogers 36-39-0-344-1
 UK - Levis 17-28-3-150-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

MSU - Mark 9-57, Walley 6-95, Polk 5-51, Williams 4-32, Johnson 4-30, Griffin 2-16, Thomas 1-25-1
 UK - W. Robinson 9-79, Harris 2-30-1, Rodriguez 2-23, Ali 2-9, Cummings 1-5, Rigg 1-4

TACKLES

MSU - Johnson 9, Forbes 6, Watson 5
 UK - Jones 18, Wallace 12, Square 12, Corker 11





TENNESSEE 45, #18/17 KENTUCKY 42

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NOV. 6, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY. KROGER FIELD (61,690)



No. 18 Kentucky amassed 612 yards of total offense on Saturday night but the Cats came up just short, falling to Tennessee 45-42 at Kroger Field.

Quarterback Will Levis connected on 31 of 49 through the air for 372 yards and three touchdowns with an interception. Levis also rushed 15 times for 47 yards and two touchdowns.

Chris Rodriguez Jr. led the Cats' ground attack with 109 yards on 22 carries. Wide receiver Wan'Dale Robinson caught 13 passes for 166 yards and a score.

Tennessee wasted no time getting on the board. On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Hendon Hooker hit JaVonta Payton with a screen pass that Payton took 75 yards for a touchdown. Chase McGrath added the point after and the Vols had a 7-0 lead just 11 seconds into the game.

Kentucky answered right back. With their first possession, the Cats relied on the run game, with both Rodriguez and Kavosiey Smoke gaining significant ground. UK would cover 75 yards in 14 plays, taking 8:36 off the clock. The drive ended with a nine-yard touchdown rush from Smoke. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT and the game was tied 7-7 with 6:13 to play in the first quarter.

The teams would go back and forth all night but in the end, the Vols held on for the tight win.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 7 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, OT, Total

- 1st 14:49 UTK - #3 J.Payton 75 yd pass from #5 H.Hooker (#40 C.McGrath kick), 1-75, 00:11 7-0
1st 06:13 UKY - #0 K.Smoke 9 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 14-75, 08:36 7-7
1st 05:47 UTK - #1 V.Jones Jr. 72 yd pass from #5 H.Hooker (#40 C.McGrath kick), 3-75, 00:26 14-7
2nd 10:23 UKY - #7 W.Lewis 8 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 6-71, 03:11 14-14
2nd 03:57 UKY - #83 J.Rigg 3 yd pass from #7 W.Lewis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 11-68, 05:23 14-21
2nd 01:14 UTK - #87 J.Warren 18 yd pass from #5 H.Hooker (#40 C.McGrath kick), 7-52, 02:36 21-21
2nd 00:00 UTK - #40 C.McGrath 43 yd FG, 4-35, 00:16 24-21
3rd 09:56 UKY - #7 W.Lewis 2 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 10-75, 05:04 24-28
3rd 09:11 UTK - #2 J.Small 37 yd rush (#40 C.McGrath kick), 3-49, 00:37 31-28
3rd 06:23 UTK - #2 A.Taylor 56 yd interception return (#40 C.McGrath kick), 02:48 38-28
3rd 01:20 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 15 yd pass from #7 W.Lewis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 9-75, 05:03 38-35
4th 11:40 UTK - #4 C.Tillman 6 yd pass from #5 H.Hooker (#40 C.McGrath kick), 3-47, 00:44 45-35
4th 09:36 UKY - #84 I.Cummings 24 yd pass from #7 W.Lewis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 02:04 45-42

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: UT, UK, and values for various stats like First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

- RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)
UT - Small 4-55-1, Wright 7-50, Hooker 11-41
UK - Rodriguez 22-109, Smoke 11-53-1, McClain 1-16
PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)
UT - Hooker 15-20-0-316-4
UK - Levis 31-49-1-372-3
RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)
UT - Tillman 6-79-1, Jones 5-100-1, Payton 2-78-1, Hyatt 1-41, Warren 1-18-1
UK - W. Robinson 13-166-1, Ali 7-74, Cummings 4-7-1, Rigg 3-20-1, Bates 2-16, Magwood 1-17, Levis 1-15, McClain 1-2
TACKLES
UT - Banks 14, Beasley 14, Jackson 11
UK - Tisdale 6, Jones 5, Weaver 4, Corker 4

KENTUCKY 34, VANDERBILT 17

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NOV. 13, 2021 • NASHVILLE, TENN. VANDERBILT STADIUM (25,798)



Kentucky scored on its first four possessions of the game, building a sizeable lead in the process, and went on to beat Vanderbilt 34-17 at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Quarterback Will Levis connected on 14 of his 22 passes for 177 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Chris Rodriguez Jr. had 114 yards rushing and a touchdown, while JuTahn McClain had a career high 69 yards on 10 carries.

Wan'Dale Robinson caught six passes for 75 yards and a score, while Josh Ali caught four balls for 58 yards.

Kentucky (7-3, 5-3 SEC) had 413 yards of total offense in the game, with 236 yards rushing and 177 of it coming

through the air.

On defense, the Cats had six tackles for loss, including four sacks in the game. Josh Paschal led the way with a pair of sacks, while Justin Rogers had two tackles for loss, including a sack.

On its first possession of the game, Kentucky's offense picked up exactly where it left off last week. The Cats used a nice mix of run and pass, including three completions from Levis to Robinson, to cover 85 yards in 10 plays. The final play was as five-yard touchdown pass from Levis to Robinson in the corner of the end zone. Matt Ruffolo added the point after and Kentucky led 7-0 with 6:07 left in the first period. From there, the Cats would never trail and would snap a three-game losing streak.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 7 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, OT, Total

- 1st 06:07 KEN - #1 W.Robinson 6 yd pass from #7 W.Lewis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 10-85, 05:31 7-0
1st 00:44 VAN - #36 J.Bulovas 48 yd FG, 10-45, 05:23 7-3
2nd 14:53 KEN - #84 I.Cummings 22 yd pass from #7 W.Lewis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 3-71, 00:45 14-3
2nd 13:09 KEN - #34 J.Geiger 0 yd interception return (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 01:39 21-3
2nd 10:43 KEN - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 5 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 3-48, 01:05 28-3
2nd 03:46 KEN - #96 M.Ruffolo 25 yd FG, 8-67, 03:32 31-3
3rd 05:53 VAN - #19 C.Pierce 8 yd pass from #5 M.Wright (#7 C.Johnson pass from #5 M.Wright), 12-72, 05:51 31-11
4th 13:26 KEN - #96 M.Ruffolo 32 yd FG, 14-61, 07:27 34-11
4th 07:33 VAN - #2 A.Abdur-Rahman 8 yd pass from #5 M.Wright (#42 P.Smith pass from #5 M.Wright failed), 11-75, 05:53 34-17

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: UK, VU, and values for various stats like First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

- RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)
VU - Smith 18-84, Wright 7-20, Zigor III 2-13, Seals 3-(-2)-1
UK - Rodriguez 16-114-1, McClain 10-69, Levis 6-32, Robinson 1-23, Smoke 1-1
PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)
VU - Seals 12-17-1-87-0, Wright 7-11-0-58-2, Johnson 1-1-0-25-0
UK - Levis 14-22-1-177-2
RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)
VU - Abdur-Rahman 7-65-1, Pierce 6-69-1, Smith 3-9, Bresnahan 1-11, Johnson 1-7, Zigor III 2-5, Boddie 1-4
UK - W. Robinson 6-75-1, Ali 4-58, Cummings 2-27-1, Harris 1-10, Rigg 1-7
TACKLES
VU - Jeudy 8, Worship 6, Barr 5, James 5
UK - Corker 8, Paschal 7, Valentine 5, Square 5, Jones 5





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KENTUCKY 56, NEW MEXICO STATE 16

NOV. 20, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (47,749)



Quarterback Will Levis passed for a career high 412 yards and four touchdowns as Kentucky beat New Mexico State 56-16 on Senior Day at Kroger Field.

Kentucky (8-3) amassed 707 yards of total offense in the game, the second-highest total in school history. Kentucky's only greater output came when the Cats piled up 801 yards against Louisville on Sept. 5, 1998.

Levis connected on 21 of 31 through the air on his way to the most passing yards by a UK quarterback in 14 years (Andre Woodson had 430 against Tennessee in 2007).

Wan'Dale Robinson was on the receiving end of eight of those passes, covering 181 yards. Senior Josh Ali caught seven passes for a career high 164 yards and two touchdowns.

On the ground, Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed 16 times for 119 yards and a score, while freshman La'Ve'll Wright had 75 yards on just six carries.

After falling behind 7-0, Kentucky scored 21 points in a row to take command of the game. The Cats would shut out the Aggies in the second half on their way to the big win.

SCORING SUMMARY

New Mexico State	7	9	0	0	-	16
Kentucky	21	14	14	7	-	56

- 1st 12:18 NMS - #80 T.Brohard 25 yd fumble return (#84 E.Albertson kick), 01:24 7-0
- 1st 09:27 UKY - #83 J.Rigg 32 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-81, 02:44 7-7
- 1st 05:54 UKY - #21 Q.Moseley 38 yd interception return (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 00:08 7-14
- 1st 00:02 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 6 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 8-91, 04:34 7-21
- 2nd 12:06 NMS - #84 E.Albertson 50 yd FG, 9-43, 02:56 10-21
- 2nd 09:19 UKY - #6 J.Ali 9 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 02:47 10-28
- 2nd 05:16 NMS - #84 E.Albertson 30 yd FG, 10-60, 03:58 13-28
- 2nd 00:46 UKY - #83 J.Rigg 2 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-65, 01:28 13-35
- 2nd 00:00 NMS - #84 E.Albertson 32 yd FG, 4-55, 00:39 16-35
- 3rd 08:09 UKY - #6 J.Ali 62 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-90, 03:44 16-42
- 3rd 00:18 UKY - #0 K.Smoke 23 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 3-33, 01:25 16-49
- 4th 11:40 UKY - #11 B.Allen 3 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-82, 03:05 16-56

TEAM STATISTICS

	NMST	UK
First Downs	13	29
Rush Att./Net Rush	26/101	36/248
Passing C/A/I	16/35/1	24/35/1
Offensive Plays	61	71
Total Offense	282	707
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	3/3
Penalties/Yards	4/40	7/69
Punts/Average	10/40.8	2/33.5
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 16	6 of 9
Time of Possession	26:07	33:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

NMST - Price 11-56, Johnson 9-35, Escobar 5-18, Garcia-Castaneda 1-6
UK - Rodriguez 16-119-1, Wright 6-75, Smoke 3-35-1, Levis 4-11, Markray 2-10, McClain 2-2

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

NMST - Johnson 16-35-1-181-0
UK - Levis 21-31-1-419-4, Allen 3-4-0-40-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

NMST - Price 4-7, Escobar 3-24, Garcia-Castaneda 2-33, Johnson III 2-8, Bodison 2-24, Powers 1-41, Wyatt 1-17, Warner 1-6
UK - W. Robinson 8-181, Ali 7-164-2, Harris 3-37, Rigg 2-34, Dingle 1-23, Epps 1-12, McClain 1-7, Bates 1-1

TACKLES

NMST - McCullough 8, Brohard 7, Giacalone 7, Mills 6
UK - Jones 8, Corker 7, Paschal 6

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KENTUCKY 52, LOUISVILLE 21

NOV. 27, 2021 • LOUISVILLE, KY.
CARDINAL STADIUM (55,018)



Kentucky quarterback Will Levis rushed 14 times for 113 yards and four touchdowns as Kentucky thumped archrival Louisville 52-21 at Cardinal Stadium.

Levis was also 14 of 18 through the air for 149 yards in the game.

Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed 16 times for 121 yards and a score, leading a rushing attack that racked up 362 yards on 49 carries in the game. Altogether, Kentucky had 511 yards of offense in the game.

Wan'Dale Robinson caught nine passes for 97 yards, setting the UK single-season mark for receptions in a season along the way.

Kentucky took the opening kickoff and went immediately into attack mode. Levis connected with Robinson for 29 yards on the first play to get into Louisville territory. The Cats would make another first down before facing a third and three from the U of L 29. From there, Levis took off on a designed quarterback run and went virtually untouched into the end zone for the touchdown. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT at the Cats led 7-0 with 12:22 left in the first quarter.

Louisville would tie the game at 7-7 but the Cats would answer with another scoring drive before the end of the quarter. The Cats would march 75 yards in 12 plays, using seven rushes and five passes. At the end of the drive, it was Levis rushing for the score again, this time from seven yards out, giving UK the lead again. Ruffolo added the PAT to make it 14-7 with 1:18 left in the first quarter. That would be the score after 15 minutes of play.

From there, Kentucky would stretch the lead as large as 38 points (45-7 and 52-14) before settling for a 31-point victory.

With the win, the Cats finished the regular season at 9-3.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	14	10	14	14	-	52
Louisville	7	0	0	14	-	21

- 1st 12:22 UK - #7 W.Levis 29 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 6-75, 02:38 7-0
- 1st 07:30 LOU - #3 M.Cunningham 2 yd rush (#32 J.Turner kick), 10-75, 04:52 7-7
- 1st 01:18 UK - #7 W.Levis 7 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 12-75, 06:12 14-7
- 2nd 08:46 UK - #96 M.Ruffolo 43 yd FG, 9-36, 05:23 17-7
- 2nd 01:53 UK - #7 W.Levis 5 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 12-65, 06:02 24-7
- 3rd 09:28 UK - #7 W.Levis 1 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-75, 03:41 31-7
- 3rd 03:18 UK - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 2 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 8-59, 04:35 38-7
- 4th 13:33 UK - #0 K.Smoke 13 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-51, 02:36 45-7
- 4th 08:49 LOU - #11 J.Johnson 8 yd pass from #6 E.Conley (#32 J.Turner kick), 9-70, 04:37 45-14
- 4th 03:54 UK - #29 L.Wright 41 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 2-64, 00:48 52-14
- 4th 00:08 LOU - #36 M.Burkley 7 yd rush (#32 J.Turner kick), 8-75, 03:46 52-21

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	UL
First Downs	29	21
Rush Att./Net Rush	49/362	31/144
Passing C/A/I	15/19/0	19/28/1
Offensive Plays	68	59
Total Offense	511	352
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	4/29	3/24
Punts/Average	1/33.0	3/36.7
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 10	3 of 9
Time of Possession	34:58	24:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UL - Mitchell 11-53, Cunningham, 11-35-1, Burkley 5-33-1, Conley 2-26, Cooley 2-(-3)
UK - Rodriguez 16-121-1, Levis 14-113-4, L. Wright 3-43-1, McClain 6-33, Smoke 8-31-1, Allen 1-23

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UL - Cunningham 12-20-1-145-0, Conley 7-8-0-63-1
UK - Levis 14-18-0-149-0, Allen 1-1-0-0-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UL - Ford 6-68, Huggins-Bruce 3-43, Watkins 2-21, Cooley 2-5
UK - W. Robinson 9-97, Ali 4-48

TACKLES

UL - Cole 15, Avery 9, Diaby 6, Duncan 6
UK - Jackson 8, Valentine 7, Corker 4, Robinson 4, Geiger 4





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KENTUCKY 20, IOWA 17

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After falling behind in the fourth quarter, No. 22 Kentucky scored with less than two minutes to play then held on to beat No. 15 Iowa 20-17 in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl. Kentucky went into its high-paced offense with just 3:31 to play in the game. The Cats drove down the field behind the Will Levis-to-Wan'Dale Robinson connection. Perhaps the biggest play came when those two connected on a 52-yard pass play down the left sideline that got UK to the one yard line. After a penalty, UK handed the ball to Chris Rodriguez Jr., who took it in from six yards out for the touchdown. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT and UK led 20-17

with 1:48 to play.

Iowa would go into its two-minute offense on the ensuing possession and the Hawkeyes were able to get near midfield pretty quickly. But on second and five from the UK 40, Yusuf Corker hit Petras, whose throw went high and was intercepted by DeAndre Square, sealing the victory with just 48 seconds to play.

Levis connected on 17 of 28 through the air for 233 yards and a touchdown, with one interception. His primary target was Robinson, who caught 10 passes for 170 yards, including that crucial 52-yard reception in the fourth quarter that set up the go-ahead score.

Rodriguez Jr. rushed 20 times for 107 yards and a score. C-Rod also caught a touchdown pass in the game.

With the win, Kentucky has now won four consecutive bowl games for the first time in school history.

On defense, Jordan Wright led UK with 10 tackles while Corker had eight.

Iowa got the first possession of the game and made one first down before being forced to punt.

Kentucky got the ball on its own 20 and the Cats proceeded to put together a very impressive scoring drive. The Cats covered 80 yards in 13 plays, which included seven rushes and six passes. Levis was six-for-six on the drive for 41 yards, while Rodriguez carried four times for 28 yards. At the end of the drive, those two connected on a five-yard touchdown pass to get UK on the board. Ruffolo added the point after and Kentucky led 7-0 with 5:32 left in the first quarter.

On its second possession, Iowa got another first down before being forced to punt for a second time. However, Kentucky could do nothing with the ensuing possession and was forced to punt for the first time.

Kentucky would lead 7-0 after one period of play.

Iowa would get on the board on its next drive. The Hawkeyes drove into the UK red zone before the UK defense held, forcing the Hawkeyes into a 28-yard field goal by Caleb Shudak, which was good, cutting the UK lead to 7-3 with 11:03 left in the half.

The Cats would answer on their next drive. Kentucky would overcome a couple of sacks with a beautiful third-and-26 conversion where Levis connected with Robinson for a 34-yard gain. UK would get inside the Iowa five yard line, but was forced to settle for a 21-yard Ruffolo field goal, which was good, extending the Kentucky lead to 10-3 with 2:48 left in the half.

On Iowa's next possession, Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras tried a pass to the left, but UK's Wright tipped it and linebacker D'Eryk Jackson intercepted the pass, returning it to the Iowa 31.

Kentucky got the ball with 2:09 left in the half. UK got a big rush from Ju'Tahn McClain, got a 10-yard penalty on the Hawkeyes, then got a five-yard rush from Rodriguez to get to the Iowa six. But the Hawkeyes defense got a stop and UK settled for a 27-yard field goal from Ruffolo to take a 13-3 advantage with 38 seconds remaining in the half. That would be the score at the break.

In the second half, Kentucky took possession first. After getting two first downs, the Cats were forced to punt.

After taking over, Iowa assembled one of its better drives of the game. The Hawkeyes went 69 plays in seven yards, getting to the UK five. But on fourth-and-one, the UK defense came up with a stop and took over on downs.

Kentucky could do nothing with its next possession and the Cats punted with Iowa taking over at midfield. The Hawkeyes would take advantage of the good field position. Iowa would cover 50 yards in six plays, ending with a 20-yard touchdown rush from Arlen Bruce. Shudak added the PAT and the UK lead was cut to 13-10 with 3:21 left in the third quarter. That would be the score after three quarters.

Early in the fourth quarter, Kentucky would punt again. Iowa would waste little time getting into UK territory. The Hawkeyes would take their first lead of the game when Petras connected with tight end Sam LaPorta on a screen pass that LaPorta took down the left sideline for a 36-yard touchdown. Shudak added another extra point and Iowa led 17-13 with 10:54 to play.

Kentucky would take the next possession and get into Iowa territory. But on fourth and one from the Iowa 35, McClain was stopped and Iowa gained possession with 7:13 to play.

The UK defense stood tall on the next Iowa possession. On third-and-one from the Iowa 44, freshman Tre'vonn Rybka stopped Iowa running back Leshon Williams for a one-yard loss, forcing the Hawkeyes into a punt. That would set up the winning drive.

With the win, Kentucky earned 10 wins for the second time in four years and just the fourth time in school history.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points. Rows: Iowa (0, 3, 7, 7, - 17), Kentucky (7, 6, 0, 7, - 20)

- 1st 05:32 UK - Chris Rodriguez Jr. 5 yd pass from Will Levis (Matt Ruffolo kick), 13-80 7:28 0 - 7
2nd 11:03 IOWA - Shudak, Caleb 28 yd field goal, 10-55 4:41 3 - 7
02:48 UK - Matt Ruffolo 21 yd field goal, 14-72 8:15 3 - 10
00:38 UK - Matt Ruffolo 27 yd field goal, 5-22 1:31 3 - 13
3rd 03:21 IOWA - Bruce IV, Arlan 20 yd run (Shudak, Caleb kick), 6-50 2:46 10 - 13
4th 10:54 IOWA - LaPorta, Sam 36 yd pass from Petras, Spencer (Shudak, Caleb kick), 9-92 3:15 17 - 13

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Team, Iowa, UK. Rows: First Downs (20, 24), Rush Att./Net Rush (30/173, 47/121), Passing C/A/I (19/30/3, 17/28/1), Offensive Plays (60, 75), Total Offense (384, 354), Fumbles/Lost (0/0, 0/0), Penalties/Yards (4/35, 3/20), Punts/Average (4/50.0, 3/45.5), Third-Down Conv. (4 of 11, 6 of 14), Time of Possession (22:06, 37:54)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

IOWA - Williams, G. 16-98, Williams, L. 10-42, Bruce IV 2-21-1, Kelly-Martin 1-12, Petras 1-0
UK - Rodriguez 20-107-1, McClain 10-28, Levis 15-(-11)

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

IOWA - Petras 19-20-3-211-1
UK - Levis 17-28-1-233-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

IOWA - LaPorta 7-122-1, Bruce IV 4-24, Lachey 2-27, Kelly-Martin 2-17, Williams 2-14, Ritter, 1-4, Pottebaum 1-3
UK - W. Robinson 10-170, Harris 2-28, Rigg 2-11, Cummings 1-13, Bates 1-6, Rodriguez Jr. 1-5-1

TACKLES

IOWA - Campbell 14, Benson 10, VanValkenburg 8
UK - Wright 10, Corker 8, Ajian 7, Jackson 7

