



# 2023 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
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## MEDIA INFORMATION

### INTERVIEWS

Head coach Mark Stoops will meet with media after Saturday practices, while offensive coordinator Liam Coen 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

Select practice photos will be uploaded after each practice to PhotoShelter for your use. Please credit UK Athletics. The link is here >>

<https://bit.ly/3kRYrYF> and your passcode is Go-Cats2023















Video clips and post-practice video links will be uploaded to Vimeo for your use. Please credit UK Athletics. The link is here >>>  
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/kentuckyfootball>  
Spring practice interviews, photos and practice releases will also be posted on the official athletics website for the University of Kentucky at [ukathletics.com](http://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.



# 2023 SPRING PRACTICE CALENDAR

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



## QUICK FACTS

### KROGER FIELD

<b>Capacity:</b>	approx. 61,000
<b>Kroger Field opened:</b>	Sept. 15, 1973 (UK 31, Virginia Tech 26) Expanded in 1999 and remodeled in 2015 Renamed Kroger Field in 2017
<b>Surface:</b>	UBU Speed Series synthetic turf
<b>Record at Kroger Field:</b>	182-141-4 (.563) 46-25 under Stoops (.648)

### HISTORY

<b>First year of football:</b>	1881 (Nov. 12)
<b>All-time record:</b>	646-641-44 (.502) 132 seasons
<b>All-time SEC record:</b>	190-401-12 (.321) 32-50 under Stoops (.390)
<b>National Championships:</b>	1 (1950)
<b>SEC Championships:</b>	2 (1950, 1976)
<b>Bowl appearances:</b>	22 (last in 2022)
<b>Bowl record:</b>	12-10 (.545)

### COACHING STAFF

<b>Head Coach:</b>	Mark Stoops (enters 11th season)
Overall Record:	66-59 (.528)
SEC Record:	32-50 (.390)
Bowl Record:	4-3 (.571)

#### Assistant Coaches:

<b>Jay Boulware (Texas, '96)</b>	Safeties/Special Teams Coord., 1st year
<b>Frank Buffano (Arizona, '06)</b>	Safeties, 4th year
<b>Liam Coen (UMass, '08)</b>	Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks, 2nd year, 1st in current term
<b>Chris Collins (Western Carolina, '10)</b>	Defensive Backs, 3rd year
<b>Vince Marrow (Toledo, '92)</b>	Assoc. HC/TE/Recruiting Coord., 11th year
<b>Anwar Stewart (Kentucky, '17)</b>	Defensive Line, 4th year
<b>Mike Stoops (Iowa, '87)</b>	Inside Linebackers, 2nd year
<b>Brad White (Wake Forest, '05)</b>	Defensive Coord./Outside Linebackers, 6th year
<b>Scott Woodward (UMass, '09)</b>	Wide Receivers, 3rd year
<b>Zach Yenser (Troy, 2007)</b>	Offensive Line, 2nd year

### FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

#### Quality Control:

Bryan Berezowitz (Kentucky, '19)
C.J. Conrad (Kentucky, 18)
Josh Estes-Waugh (Kentucky, '12)
Mike Preifer Jr. (Wisconsin-Eau Claire, '17)
Mark Perry (Kentucky, '01)
Joe Scola (Dartmouth, '07)

#### Graduate Assistants:

Courtney Love (defense)
Drake Jackson (offense)
Cam Garner (off the field - offense)
Dan Hebert (off the field - offense)
Andrew Verboys (off the field - defense)

#### Assistant to the Head Coach:

Eddie Gran

#### Director of Performance:

Corey Edmond

#### Director of Performance/Head Strength Coach:

Mark Hill

#### Assistant Strength Coaches:

Rafael Horton

Tyler Malone

#### Director of Performance Science:

Chris Morris

#### Graduate Assistant:

Alex Brownell

#### Registered Dietitian:

Becky Sauceda, MS, RD

#### Graduate Assistant:

Alyssa Kuman, RD

#### Director of Football Operations:

Josh Pruitt

#### Director of Player Development:

Tim Owens

#### General Manager/Director of Recruiting:

Chase Heuke

#### Executive Director of Recruiting:

Danielle Braswell

#### Assistant Director of Scouting & Analytics:

Stephen Gillette

#### Assistant Director of On-Campus Recruiting:

Kristen Hawkins

#### Assistant Director of Player Personnel (Defense):

Andrew Hunter

#### Football Recruiting Assistant:

Ty Williams

#### Recruiting Graduate Assistant:

Brinkley Burch

#### Creative Coordinator:

Jacob Noger

#### Assistant Creative Director:

Brian Moriarty

#### Visual Media Coordinator/Recruit Producer:

Robert Franco

#### Director of Sports Medicine/Head Football

#### Athletic Trainer:

Gabe Amponsah

#### Senior Athletic Trainer:

Evan Griskowitz

#### Assistant Athletic Trainer:

Skyler Cottrell

#### Team Psychologist:

Marc Cormier

#### Team Psychiatrist:

Scott Littleton

#### Equipment Manager:

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#### Assistant Equipment Manager:

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#### Director of Equipment Operations:

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#### SEC Network Coordinating Producer:

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#### Coaching Video Coordinator:

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#### Administrative Staff:

Abby Stover

Melissa Tomlinson

Misty Conrad (athletic training)

#### Academic Counselors for Football:

Chatham Boyer, Ricky Lumpkin, Jon Ross

### TEAM INFORMATION

#### 2022 Record:

7-6 overall,

3-5 (fourth) SEC Eastern Division

#### Basic Offense:

Spread

#### Basic Defense:

3-4, 3-3-5, 4-3

### PLAYERS RETURNING

#### Lettermen Returning:

37

15 offense, 20 defense (2 specialists)

#### Starters Returning:

16

8 offense, 5 defense (2 specialists)

#### Offensive Starters Returning:

8

LT Kenneth Horsey, LG Jager Burton, C Eli Cox,

RT Jeremy Flax, TE Brenden Bates, TE Jordan

Dingle, WR Dane Key, WR Tayvion Robinson

#### Defensive Starters Returning:

5

DE Tre'vonn Rybka, DT Deone Walker, OLB J.J.

Weaver, MLB D'Eryk Jackson, FS Jordan Lovett

### PLAYERS LOST

#### Lettermen Lost:

24

13 offense, 9 defense (2 specialists)

#### Starters Lost:

13

3 offense, 7 defense (3 specialists)

#### Offensive Starters Lost:

3

QB Will Levis, RG Tashawn Manning,

RB Chris Rodriguez Jr.,

#### Defensive Starters Lost:

7

SS Tyrell Ajian, CB Carrington Valentine,

CB Keidron Smith, NG Justin Rogers,

ILB Jacquez Jones, WLB DeAndre Square,

OLB Jordan Wright



## 2023 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl-Exp.	Hometown (Previous College/High School)
0*	Jordan Anthony	WR	5-9	156	Fr-RS	Tylertown, Miss. (Tylertown)
0*	Deone Walker	DL	6-6	348	So-1L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
1	Ray Davis	RB	5-10	216	Sr-Tr	San Francisco, Calif. (Vanderbilt/Temple/Blair Academy)
3*	Alex Afari Jr.	DB	6-2	214	So-1Lk	Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West)
3*	Dekel Crowdus	WR	5-10	171	So-1L	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
4*	Jalen Geiger	DB	6-1	199	Sr-3L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
4*	JuTahn McClain	RB	5-9	198	Sr-3L	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
5	Anthony Brown	WR	5-10	168	Fr-HS	Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
6*	Jonquis "JQ" Hardaway	DB	6-3	194	So-Tr	Columbus, Ga. (Cincinnati/Central-Phenix City, Ala.)
6*	Dane Key	WR	6-3	195	So-1L	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
7*	Barion Brown	WR	6-1	174	So-1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)
7*	Vito Tisdale	DB	6-1	176	Sr-2L	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
8*	Izayah Cummings	TE	6-3	232	Sr-3L	Louisville, Ky. (Male)
8*	Octavious Oxendine	DL	6-1	276	Sr-3L	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
9*	Tayvion Robinson	WR	5-11	194	%Sr-1L	Virginia Beach, Va. (Virginia Tech/Cox)
9*	Keeshawn Silver	DL	6-4	322	So-Tr	Rocky Mount, N.C. (North Carolina/Rocky Mount)
10	Jantzen Dunn	DB	6-0	182	So-Tr	Bowling Green, Ky. (Ohio State/South Warren)
11	Zion Childress	DB	6-0	201	Jr-1L	Houston, Texas (Texas State/New Caney)
12*	Chance Poore	K	6-2	213	%Sr-4L	Anderson, S.C. (Westside)
12*	Kaiya Sheron	QB	6-3	210	So-Sq	Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)
13*	Devin Leary	QB	6-1	217	Sr-Tr	Sicklerville, N.J. (NC State/Timber Creek)
13*	J.J. Weaver	OLB	6-5	244	Sr-3L	Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)
14	Ty Bryant	DB	6-0	187	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
15	Destin Wade	QB	6-3	223	Fr-RS	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit)
16	Deuce Hogan	QB	6-4	217	Jr-Sq	Southlake, Texas (Iowa/Grapevine Faith Christian)
18	Brandon White	WR	5-9	167	Fr-RS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
19	Shane Hamm	QB	5-11	209	So-Tr	North Jackson, Ohio (Dayton/Hoban)
20	Keaten Wade	OLB	6-5	250	So-1L	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit)
21	Dee Beckwith	WR	6-5	236	Jr-Sq	Florence, Ala. (Tennessee/Florence)
23	Andru Phillips	DB	6-0	187	Jr-2L	Mauldin, S.C. (Mauldin)
24	Elijah Reed	DB	6-3	185	Fr-RS	Louisville, Ky. (Pleasure Ridge Park)
25	Jordan Lovett	DB	6-2	195	So-1L	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
26	Ramon Jefferson	RB	5-10	210	%Sr-Sq	Bronx, N.Y. (Sam Houston State/ Garden City CC/Maine/Truman)
28	Jordan Robinson	DB	6-4	208	So-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Livingstone College/Westwood)
29*	Jackson Schulz	DB	6-2	202	So-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
29*	La'Veil Wright	RB	6-0	214	So-1L	Louisville, Ky. (North Hardin)
31	Maxwell Hairston	DB	6-1	181	So-1L	West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
32	Trevin Wallace	ILB	6-2	241	Jr-2L	Jesup, Ga. (Wayne County)
33	Tomiwa Durojaiye	DL	6-4	278	Fr-RS	Middletown, Del. (Middletown)
34*	Trey Dennis	WR	5-8	138	Jr-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Sayre)
34*	Brady Pierce	DB	6-0	183	So-Sq	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit)
35*	Londyn Craft	DB	6-0	207	%Sr-Sq	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Mississippi State/IMG Academy)
35*	Sean O'Horo	RB	5-11	182	So-Sq	Youngstown, Ohio (Boardman)
37*	Isaac Dixon	RB	5-11	199	So-Sq	Belfry, Ky. (Belfry)
37*	Edward McKee	ILB	6-1	204	So-Sq	Fort Worth, Texas (IMG Academy)
39*	Jackson Smith	K	5-11	204	Fr-RS	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)
39*	Josh Terrell	WR	5-10	189	So-Sq	Fort Worth, Texas (Grapevine Faith Christian)
40	Luke Fulton	ILB	6-4	225	Sr-Sq	Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan State/Cardinal Mooney)
42	Tyreese Fearbry	OLB	6-5	233	Fr-RS	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Perry Traditional Academy)
44	Martez Thrower	ILB	6-2	224	Jr-2L	Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)
45	Jase Bruner	OLB	6-2	227	Sr-Sq	Science Hill, Ky. (Somerset)
45	Chy Rivers	WR	5-8	164	Fr-HS	Baton Rouge, La. (Parkview Baptist School)
47*	Justice Dingle II	FB	6-3	261	%Sr-Sq	Bowling Green, Ky. (Georgia Tech/Bowling Green HS)
47*	Jarard Mosely	DB	6-2	183	So-Sq	West Palm Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Newman)
48	Jack Varga	FB	5-11	222	Sr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
49	Jai Williams	OLB	6-5	214	Jr-Sq	Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)
50*	Darrion Henry-Young	DL	6-4	264	Jr-1L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Ohio State/Princeton HS)
50*	Koby Keenum	OL	6-4	295	Fr-HS	Florence, Ala. (Mars Hill Bible School)
51	Tanner Bowles	OL	6-5	306	Sr-Tr	Glasgow, Ky. (Alabama/Glasgow)



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54	D'Eryk Jackson	ILB	6-1	245	Sr-3L	Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)
55*	Noah Matthews	OLB	6-5	237	Fr-RS	Bridgeville, Del. (Woodbridge)
55*	Clay Perry	LS	6-0	199	Sr-2L	Upton, Ky. (Central Hardin)
56	Deondre Buford	OL	6-3	312	Jr-1L	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)
57	Jonathan Berry	OL	6-5	294	Jr-Sq	Stamping Ground, Ky. (Scott County)
58	Lucas Padgett	OL	6-4	315	Jr-Sq	Birmingham, Ala. (La Cueva)
59	Conner Long	OLB	6-3	213	Jr-Sq	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
62	Jager Burton	OL	6-4	307	So-1L	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
65	Grant Bingham	OL	6-5	321	Fr-RS	Johnson County, Ky. (Johnson Central)
67	Paul Rodriguez	OL	6-5	324	So-Sq	Mason, Ohio (William Mason)
68	Kenneth Horsey	OL	6-3	311	%Sr-4L	Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)
69	Marques Cox	OL	6-5	311	Sr-Tr	Peoria, Ill. (Northern Illinois/Peoria)
70	Nikolas Hall	OL	6-6	314	Fr-RS	Austin, Texas (Akins)
71	Malachi Wood	OL	6-8	283	Fr-HS	Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central)
72	Josh Jones	OL	6-6	343	Jr-Sq	Columbus, Ga. (Central-Phenix City - Ala.)
74	David Wohlabough Jr.	OL	6-6	321	So-Sq	Stow, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)
75	Eli Cox	OL	6-4	311	Sr-3L	Nicholasville, Ky. (West Jessamine)
77	Jeremy Flax	OL	6-6	325	Sr-1L	Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC/Robichaud)
80	Brenden Bates	TE	6-5	251	%Sr-4L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
81	Cole Lanter	WR	5-11	182	So-Sq	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)
82	Khamari Anderson	TE	6-5	238	Fr-HS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
83	Jack Monday	TE	6-1	224	So-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
84	Josh Kattus	TE	6-4	231	So-1L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
85	Jordan Dingle	TE	6-4	238	So-1L	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green HS)
86	Dylan Gary	WR	6-4	198	So-Sq	Sugar Hill, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
90	Tre'Vonn Rybka	DL	6-4	276	Jr-2L	Dickson, Tenn. (Dickson County)
91	Sam Anaele	DL	6-4	286	Jr-Sq	Lagos, Nigeria (McDougle Technical Institute - Fla.)
92	Kahlil Saunders	DL	6-5	285	So-1L	Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)
93	Wilson Berry	P	6-4	213	So-Sq	Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)
95	Jamarius Dinkins	DL	6-5	280	So-1L	Columbus, Ohio (Walnut Ridge)
96	Tommy Ziesmer	DL	6-2	257	Fr-HS	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)
97	Josaih Hayes	DL	6-3	317	Sr-3L	Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)
98	Isaiah Beasley	DL	5-11	292	Sr-Sq	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

NOTES: Class is eligibility for 2023 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 2023 due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Sam Anaele (ah-NEL-lee)  
 Khamari Anderson (kuh-MAR-ee)  
 Barion (bear-EON) Brown  
 Jager (Jagger) Burton  
 Marques (MARK-us) Cox  
 Dekel (da-KEL) Crowdus (CROWD-us)  
 Jamarius (jah-MAR-ee-us) Dinkins  
 Tomiwa (TOE-mee-wah)  
 Durojaiye (durr-oh-JI-yay)  
 Jalen Geiger (GI-ger)  
 Josaih (joe-SIGH-uh) Hayes  
 D'Eryk (dee-ERIC) Jackson

JuTahn (juh-TAWN) McClain  
 Tayvion (TAY-vee-on) Robinson  
 Kaiya (KI-yah) Sheron (Sharon)  
 Deone (dee-ON) Walker  
 Jai (JI) Williams  
 David Wohlabough (WUL-uh-bah)  
 Tommy Ziesmer (ZEES-mer)





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86	Dylan Gary	WR	6-4	198	So-Sq	Sugar Hill, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
4	Jalen Geiger	DB	6-1	199	Sr-3L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
31	Maxwell Hairston	DB	6-1	181	So-1L	West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
70	Nikolas Hall	OL	6-6	314	Fr-RS	Austin, Texas (Akins)
19	Shane Hamm	QB	5-11	209	So-Tr	North Jackson, Ohio (Dayton/Hoban)
6	Jonquis "JQ" Hardaway	DB	6-3	194	So-Tr	Columbus, Ga. (Cincinnati/Central-Phenix City, Ala.)
97	Josaih Hayes	DL	6-3	317	Sr-3L	Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)
50	Darrion Henry-Young	DL	6-4	264	Jr-1L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Ohio State/Princeton HS)
16	Deuce Hogan	QB	6-4	217	Jr-Sq	Southlake, Texas (Iowa/Grapevine Faith Christian)
68	Kenneth Horsey	OL	6-3	311	%Sr-4L	Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)
54	D'Eryk Jackson	ILB	6-1	245	Sr-3L	Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)
26	Ramon Jefferson	RB	5-10	210	%Sr-Sq	Bronx, N.Y. (Sam Houston State/ Garden City CC/Maine/Truman)
72	Josh Jones	OL	6-6	343	Jr-Sq	Columbus, Ga. (Central-Phenix City - Ala.)
84	Josh Kattus	TE	6-4	231	So-1L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
50	Koby Keenum	OL	6-4	295	Fr-HS	Florence, Ala. (Mars Hill Bible School)
6	Dane Key	WR	6-3	195	So-1L	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
81	Cole Lanter	WR	5-11	182	So-Sq	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)
13	Devin Leary	QB	6-1	217	Sr-Tr	Sicklerville, N.J. (NC State/Timber Creek)
59	Conner Long	OLB	6-3	213	Jr-Sq	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
25	Jordan Lovett	DB	6-2	195	So-1L	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
55	Noah Matthews	OLB	6-5	237	Fr-RS	Bridgeville, Del. (Woodbridge)
4	JuTahn McClain	RB	5-9	198	Sr-3L	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
37	Edward McKee	ILB	6-1	204	So-Sq	Fort Worth, Texas (IMG Academy)
83	Jack Monday	TE	6-1	224	So-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
47	Jarard Mosely	DB	6-2	183	So-Sq	West Palm Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Newman)
35	Sean O'Horo	RB	5-11	182	So-Sq	Youngstown, Ohio (Boardman)



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl-Exp.	Hometown (Previous College/High School)
8	Octavious Oxendine	DL	6-1	276	Sr-3L	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
58	Lucas Padgett	OL	6-4	315	Jr-Sq	Birmingham, Ala. (La Cueva)
55	Clay Perry	LS	6-0	199	Sr-2L	Upton, Ky. (Central Hardin)
23	Andru Phillips	DB	6-0	187	Jr-2L	Mauldin, S.C. (Mauldin)
34	Brady Pierce	DB	6-0	183	So-Sq	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit)
12	Chance Poore	K	6-2	213	%Sr-4L	Anderson, S.C. (Westside)
24	Elijah Reed	DB	6-3	185	Fr-RS	Louisville, Ky. (Pleasure Ridge Park)
45	Chy Rivers	WR	5-8	164	Fr-HS	Baton Rouge, La. (Parkview Baptist School)
28	Jordan Robinson	DB	6-4	208	So-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Livingstone College/Westwood)
9	Tayvion Robinson	WR	5-11	194	%Sr-1L	Virginia Beach, Va. (Virginia Tech/Cox)
67	Paul Rodriguez	OL	6-5	324	So-Sq	Mason, Ohio (William Mason)
90	Tre'Vonn Rybka	DL	6-4	276	Jr-2L	Dickson, Tenn. (Dickson County)
92	Kahlil Saunders	DL	6-5	285	So-1L	Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)
29	Jackson Schulz	DB	6-2	202	So-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)
12	Kaiya Sheron	QB	6-3	210	So-Sq	Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)
9	Keeshawn Silver	DL	6-4	322	So-Tr	Rocky Mount, N.C. (North Carolina/Rocky Mount)
39	Jackson Smith	K	5-11	204	Fr-RS	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)
39	Josh Terrell	WR	5-10	189	So-Sq	Fort Worth, Texas (Grapevine Faith Christian)
44	Martez Thrower	ILB	6-2	224	Jr-2L	Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)
7	Vito Tisdale	DB	6-1	176	Sr-2L	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
48	Jack Varga	FB	5-11	222	Sr-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
15	Destin Wade	QB	6-3	223	Fr-RS	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit)
20	Keaten Wade	OLB	6-5	250	So-1L	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit)
0	Deone Walker	DL	6-6	348	So-1L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
32	Trevin Wallace	ILB	6-2	241	Jr-2L	Jesup, Ga. (Wayne County)
13	J.J. Weaver	OLB	6-5	244	Sr-3L	Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)
18	Brandon White	WR	5-9	167	Fr-RS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
49	Jai Williams	OLB	6-5	214	Jr-Sq	Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)
74	David Wohlabaugh Jr.	OL	6-6	321	So-Sq	Stow, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)
71	Malachi Wood	OL	6-8	283	Fr-HS	Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central)
29	La'Vell Wright	RB	6-0	214	So-1L	Louisville, Ky. (North Hardin)
96	Tommy Ziesmer	DL	6-2	257	Fr-HS	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)

NOTES: Class is eligibility for 2023 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 2023 due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Sam Anaele (ah-NEL-lee)  
Khamari Anderson (kuh-MAR-ee)  
Barion (bear-EON) Brown  
Jager (Jagger) Burton  
Marques (MARK-us) Cox  
Dekel (da-KEL) Crowdus (CROWD-us)  
Jamarius (jah-MAR-ee-us) Dinkins  
Tomiwa (TOE-mee-wah)  
Durojaiye (durr-oh-JI-yay)  
Jalen Geiger (GI-ger)  
Josaih (joe-SIGH-uh) Hayes  
D'Eryk (dee-ERIC) Jackson

JuTahn (juh-TAWN) McClain  
Tayvion (TAY-vee-on) Robinson  
Kaiya (KI-yah) Sheron (Sharon)  
Deone (dee-ON) Walker  
Jai (JI) Williams  
David Wohlabaugh (WUL-uh-bah)  
Tommy Ziesmer (ZEES-mer)



## OFFENSIVE PLAYERS BY POSITION

(Note: this is not a depth chart, it is an alphabetical list of players by position; 2022 starters in bold)

## QUARTERBACKS

RETURNING (3)	NOTES
Deuce Hogan, 6-4, 217, Jr-Sq	Saw action in 3 games in '22
Kaiya Sheron, 6-3, 210, So-Sq	Played in 4 games with 1 start in '22
Destin Wade, 6-3, 223, Fr-RS	1st collegiate start was vs. Iowa in the bowl game
<b>SPRING ADDITIONS (2)</b>	
Shane Hamm, 5-11, 209, So-Tr	Transfer from Dayton
Devin Leary, 6-1, 217, Sr-Tr	Transfer from N.C. State
<b>LETTERMEN LOST (1)</b>	
Will Levis	185-283-10, comp. 65.4 percent, 2,406 yards, 19 touchdowns

## RUNNING BACKS

RETURNING (5)	NOTES
JuTahn McClain, 5-9, 198, Sr-3L	59 carries for 278 yds in 10 games
La'Ve'll Wright, 6-0, 214, So-1L	39 carries for 120 yds in 13 games
Isaac Dixon, 5-11, 199, So-Sq	
Ramon Jefferson, 5-10, 210, %Sr-Sq	Missed most of '22 with a knee injury
Sean O'Horo, 5-11, 182, So-Sq	
<b>SPRING ADDITIONS (1)</b>	
Ray Davis, 5-10, 216, Sr-Tr	Transfer from Vanderbilt; rushed 232 times for 1,042 yards and five TDs in 2022
<b>LETTERMEN LOST (3)</b>	
Mike Drennen II	
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	175 carries, 904 yds, 6 TD in '22
Kavosiey Smoke	59 carries, 277 yds, 1 TD in '22

## FULLBACKS

RETURNING (2)	NOTES
Jack Varga, 5-11, 222, %Sr-Sq	
Justice Dingle, 6-3, 261, Sr-%Sq	
<b>SPRING ADDITIONS (0)</b>	
<b>LETTERMEN LOST (0)</b>	

## WIDE RECEIVERS

RETURNING (11)	NOTES
Jordan Anthony, 5-9, 156, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '22
Dee Beckwith, 6-5, 236, Jr-Sq	
Barion Brown, 6-1, 174, So-1L	True Freshman All-American; Freshman All-SEC; 50 catches for 628 yards and 4 TDs; 27.5 KOR avg.
Dekel Crowdus, 5-10, 171, So-1L	4 catches for 82 yds in 10 games
Trey Dennis, 5-8, 150, Jr-Sq	
Dylan Gary, 6-4, 198, So-Sq	
Dane Key, 6-3, 195, So-1L	Freshman All-American HM; 37 catches for 519 yards and a team-high 6 TDs
Cole Lanter, 5-11, 182, So-Sq	
Tayvion Robinson, 5-11, 194, Sr-1L	40 catches for 497 yds and 3 TDs in 11 games with 8 starts
Josh Terrell, 5-10, 189, So-Sq	
Brandon White, 5-9, 167, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '22
<b>SPRING ADDITIONS (2)</b>	
Anthony Brown, 5-10, 168, Fr-HS	
Chy Rivers, 5-8, 164, Fr-HS	
<b>LETTERMEN LOST (4)</b>	
DeMarcus Harris	
Chris Lewis	
Rahsaan Lewis	
Chauncey Magwood	

## TIGHT ENDS

RETURNING (5)	NOTES
Brenden Bates, 6-5, 251, %Sr-4L	22 career receptions for 183 yds and 2 TDs; Played in 11 games with 7 starts in '22
Izayah Cummings, 6-3, 232, Sr-3L	Played in all 13 games with 1 start in '22
Jordan Dingle, 6-4, 238, So-1L	True Freshman All-America; 20 catches for 220 yds and 3 TDs in 13 games, 12 starts
Josh Kattus, 6-4, 231, So-1L	Played in 11 games with 3 starts in '22; 7 catches for 125 yds
Jack Monday, 6-1, 224, So-Sq	
<b>SPRING ADDITIONS (1)</b>	
Khamari Anderson, 6-5, 238, Fr-HS	
<b>LETTERMEN LOST (1)</b>	
Keaton Upshaw	

## OFFENSIVE LINE

RETURNING (12)	NOTES
Jonathan Berry, 6-5, 294, Jr-Sq	
Grant Bingham, 6-5, 321, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '22
Deondre Buford, 6-3, 312, Jr-1L	Has 2 career starts
Jager Burton, 6-4, 307, So-1L	Has 13 career starts
Eli Cox, 6-4, 311, Sr-3L	Has 22 career starts
Jeremy Flax, 6-6, 325, Sr-1L	Has 12 career starts
Nikolas Hall, 6-6, 314, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '22
Kenneth Horsey, 6-3, 311, Sr-4L	Has 33 career starts
Josh Jones, 6-6, 343, Jr-Sq	Missed '22 with injury
Lucas Padgett, 6-4, 315, Jr-Sq	
Paul Rodriguez, 6-5, 324, So-Sq	
David Wohlabaugh Jr., 6-6, 321, So-Sq	Has 1 career start
<b>SPRING ADDITIONS (4)</b>	
Tanner Bowles, 6-5, 306, Sr-Tr	Transfer from Alabama
Marques Cox, 6-5, 311, Sr-Tr	Transfer from Northern Illinois
Koby Keenum, 6-4, 295, Fr-HS	
Malachi Wood, 6-8, 283, Fr-HS	

LETTERMEN LOST (4)	NOTES
Kiyaunta Goodwin	
Tashawn Manning	
Quintin Wilson	
John Young	

## KICKERS

RETURNING (2)	NOTES
Chance Poore, 6-2, 213, %Sr-4L	Has made eight field goals and 32 extra points during his career
Jackson Smith, 5-11, 204, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '22
<b>LETTERMEN LOST (1)</b>	
Matt Ruffolo	Ranks 5th on UK's all-time scoring list with 245 career points

## PUNTERS

RETURNING (1)	NOTES
Wilson Berry, 6-4, 213, So-Sq	Started last four games of '22; 19 punts for 782 yards (41.2)
<b>SPRING ADDITIONS (0)</b>	
<b>LETTERMEN LOST (1)</b>	
Colin Goodfellow	Averaged 41.5 yards per punt in '22





# DEFENSIVE PLAYERS BY POSITION

(Note: this is not a depth chart, it is an alphabetical list of players by position; 2022 starters in **bold**)

## DEFENSIVE LINE

RETURNING (10)	NOTES
Sam Anaele, 6-4, 286, Jr-Sq	Played in just 3 games due to injury in '22
Isaiah Beasley, 5-11, 292, Sr-Sq	
Jamarius Dinkins, 6-5, 280, So-1L	Played in 9 games in '22; 9 tackles
Tomiwa Durojaiye, 6-4, 278, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '22
Josaih Hayes, 6-3, 317, Sr-3L	Played in 11 games with 1 start in '22; 8 tackles and a PBU
Darrion Henry-Young, 6-4, 264, Jr-1L	Played in 5 games in '22
<b>Octavious Oxendine, 6-1, 276, Sr-3L</b>	<b>Started in 7 of 13 games; 22 tackles, 3 QBH, 0.5 TFL</b>
Tre'vonn Rybka, 6-4, 276, Jr-2L	Started in 8 of 12 games played; 19 tackles and a sack
Kahlil Saunders, 6-5, 285, So-1L	Played in 11 games; 13 tackles, 1.0 TFL and a sack
<b>Deone Walker, 6-6, 348, So-1L</b>	<b>True Freshman All-American; All-SEC Freshman Team; Started in 11 of 13 games played; 40 tackles, 4.5 TFL, five QBH, two PBU and a FF</b>
<b>SPRING ADDITIONS (2)</b>	
Keeshawn Silver, 6-4, 322, So-Tr	Transfer from North Carolina
Tommy Ziesmer, 6-2, 257, Fr-HS	

### LETTERMEN LOST (1)

Justin Rogers 35 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks

## OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

RETURNING (6)	NOTES
Tyreese Fearbry, 6-5, 233, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '22
Connor Long, 6-3, 213, Jr-Sq	
Noah Matthews, 6-5, 237, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '22
Keaten Wade, 6-5, 250, So-1L	Played in all 13 games; 16 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, one PBU
<b>J.J. Weaver, 6-5, 244, Sr-3L</b>	<b>Has 120 career tackles, 23.5 TFL, 9.5 sacks, 2 interceptions, 3 FR, 3 FC in 35 career games with 16 starts</b>
Jai Williams, 6-5, 214, Jr-Sq	

### SPRING ADDITIONS (0)

### LETTERMEN LOST (1)

Jordan Wright 62 tackles, 9.5 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 interception, 3 PBU, 8 hurries, 1 FR, 1 FC

## INSIDE LINEBACKERS

RETURNING (6)	NOTES
Jase Bruner, 6-2, 227, Sr-Sq	
Luke Fulton, 6-4, 225, Sr-Sq	
<b>D'Eryk Jackson, 6-1, 245, Sr-3L</b>	<b>Started in 9 of 13 games in '22; Team's leading tackler in '22 with 67</b>
Edward McKee, 6-1, 204, So-Sq	
Martez Thrower, 6-2, 224, Jr-2L	Played in 12 games and had five tackles and a blocked kick
<b>Trevin Wallace, 6-2, 241, Jr-2L</b>	<b>Started in 6 of 12 games played in '22; 54 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 2 INTs and a QBH</b>

### SPRING ADDITIONS (0)

### LETTERMEN LOST (2)

Jacquez Jones 37 tackles in '22  
DeAndre Square 58 tackles in '22

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

RETURNING (13)	NOTES
Alex Afari Jr., 6-2, 214, So-1L	Started in 3 of 13 games played in '22; 21 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 1.0 sack and 1 QBH
Zion Childress, 6-0, 201, Jr-1L	Started in 1 of 13 games played; 34 tackles, 2.0 TFL, 1.0 sack and 2 PBUs
Londyn Craft, 6-0, 207, %Sr-Sq	Missed '22 with a knee injury
Jalen Geiger, 6-1, 199, Sr-3L	Started in first 2 games in '22 before an injury sidelined him
Maxwell Hairston, 6-1, 181, So-1L	Played in 12 games in '22; 2 tackles
<b>Jordan Lovett, 6-2, 198, So-1L</b>	<b>Freshman All-American HM; Started in 11 of 13 games played in '22; 62 tackles, 3 PBUs, 2 INTs, 1.5 TFL</b>
Jarard Mosely, 6-2, 183, So-Sq	
Andru Phillips, 6-0, 187, Jr-2L	Started in 4 of 13 games; 31 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 5 PBUs
Brady Pierce, 6-0, 183, So-Sq	
Elijah Reed, 6-3, 185, Fr-RS	Redshirt in '22
Jordan Robinson, 6-4, 208, So-RS	Redshirt in '22
Jackson Shulz, 6-2, 202, So-Sq	
Vito Tisdale, 6-1, 176, Sr-2L	Missed '22 with a knee injury

### SPRING ADDITIONS (3)

Ty Bryant, 6-0, 187, Fr-HS  
Jantzen Dunn, 6-0, 182, So-Tr Transfer from Ohio State  
Jonquis "JQ" Hardaway, 6-3, 194, So-Tr Transfer from Cincinnati

### LETTERMEN LOST (4)

Tyrell Ajian 31 tackles, 3 PBU in '22  
Taj Dodson  
Keidron Smith 46 tackles, 2 INTs, 5 PBU in '22  
Carrington Valentine 48 tackles, 1 INT, 10 PBU in '22

## LONG SNAPPERS

### RETURNING (1)

Clay Perry, 6-0, 199, Sr-Sq

### LETTERMEN LOST (1)

Cade DeGraw



# POSITIONAL BREAKDOWN

## RETURNING LETTERMEN (37)

### OFFENSE (15)

#### QUARTERBACKS (0)

#### RUNNING BACKS (2)

JuTahn McClain  
Lavell Wright

#### WIDE RECEIVERS (4)

Barion Brown  
Dekel Crowdus  
Dane Key  
Tayvion Robinson

#### TIGHT ENDS (4)

Brenden Bates  
Izayah Cummings  
Jordan Dingle  
Josh Kattus

#### OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (5)

Deondre Buford  
Jager Burton  
Eli Cox  
Jeremy Flax  
Kenneth Horsey

### DEFENSE (20)

#### DEFENSIVE LINEMEN (7)

Jamarius Dinkins  
Josaih Hayes  
Darrion Henry-Young  
Octavious Oxendine  
Tre'vonn Rybka  
Kahlil Saunders  
Deone Walker

#### OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS (2)

Keaten Wade  
J.J. Weaver

*Kentucky returns eight "Super Seniors" (seniors who took advantage of the extra year of eligibility due to COVID-19). They are: Brenden Bates, Londyn Craft, Justice Dingle, Kenneth Horsey (pictured right), Ramon Jefferson, Chance Poore, Tayvion Robinson and Jack Varga*

#### INSIDE LINEBACKERS (4)

Luke Fulton  
D'Eryk Jackson  
Martez Thrower  
Trevin Wallace

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS (7)

Alex Afari (S)  
Zion Childress (S)  
Jalen Geiger (S)  
Maxwell Hairston (CB)  
Jordan Lovett (S)  
Andru Phillips (S)  
Vito Tisdale (NB)

(lettered in 2020 and 2021)

### SPECIAL TEAMS (2)

#### SPECIALISTS (2)

Chance Poore (K)  
Clay Perry (LS)

### LOST LETTERMEN (24)

#### OFFENSE (13)

Mike Drennen II (WR)  
(lettered in 2020)  
Kiyaunta Goodwin (OL)  
DeMarcus Harris (WR)  
Will Levis (QB)  
Rahsaan Lewis (WR)  
Chris Lewis (WR)  
Chauncey Magwood (WR)  
Tashawn Manning (OL)  
Christopher Rodriguez (RB)  
Kavosiey Smoke (RB)  
Keaton Upshaw (TE)

(lettered in 2019 and 2020, 2022)

Quintin Wilson (OL)  
John Young (OL)

#### DEFENSE (9)

Tyrell Ajian (DB)  
Taj Dodson (DB)  
Jacquez Jones (ILB)  
William Nalty (ILB)  
Justin Rogers (DL)  
Keidron Smith (DB)  
DeAndre Square (ILB)  
Carrington Valentine (DB)  
Jordan Wright (OLB)

#### SPECIALISTS (2)

Colin Goodfellow (P)  
Matt Ruffolo (PK)

### RETURNING STARTERS (16)

#### OFFENSE (8)

Brenden Bates (TE)  
Jager Burton (LG)  
Jordan Dingle (TE)  
Eli Cox (C)  
Jeremy Flax (RT)  
Kenneth Horsey (LT)  
Dane Key (WR)  
Tayvion Robinson (WR)

#### DEFENSE (5)

Tre'vonn Rybka (DE)  
Deone Walker (DT)  
J.J. Weaver (OLB)  
D'Eryk Jackson (MLB)  
Jordan Lovett (FS)

#### SPECIALISTS (3)

Wilson Berry (P)  
(started last four games of '22)  
Chance Poore (K)  
Clay Perry (LS)

### LOST STARTERS (13)

#### OFFENSE (3)

Will Levis (QB)  
Christopher Rodriguez (RB)  
Tashawn Manning (OL)

#### DEFENSE (7)

Tyrell Ajian (S)  
Jacquez Jones (ILB)  
Justin Rogers (DL)  
DeAndre Square (ILB)  
Keidron Smith (DB)  
Carrington Valentine (DB)  
Jordan Wright (OLB)

#### SPECIALISTS (3)

Cade Degraw (SNAP)  
Colin Goodfellow (P)  
Matt Ruffolo (PK)





## 2023 SPRING NOTES

- UK football's all-time winning coach, Mark Stoops enters his school-record 11th season and is the second-longest tenured head coach in the SEC behind Alabama's Nick Saban, and the ninth-longest tenured head coach at the same school in the NCAA FBS.
- The 2023 spring roster features 93 players, 783 returning and 15 newcomers.
- A total of 37 letterwinners return in 2023, including 15 starters (eight defense and five offense and two specialists).
- The roster includes eight "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: Brenden Bates, Londyn Craft, Justice Dingle, Kenneth Horsey, Ramon Jefferson, Chance Poore, Tayvion Robinson and Jack Varga.
- Fifteen players, including eight transfers, will see their first action in a Kentucky uniform after enrolling in early January. They are:
  - RB Ray Davis (Vanderbilt)
  - WR Anthony Brown
  - DB JQ Hardaway (Cincinnati)
  - DL Keshawn Silver (North Carolina)
  - DB Jantzen Dunn (Ohio State)
  - QB Devin Leary (NC State)
  - DB Ty Bryant
  - QB Shane Hamm (Dayton)
  - WR Chy Rivers
  - OL Koby Keenum
  - OL Tanner Bowles (Alabama)
  - OL Marques Cox (Northern Illinois)
  - TE Khamari Anderson
  - DL Tommy Ziesmer
- The Kentucky football team finished the 2022 season 7-6 overall and 3-5 in the SEC. The Cats advanced to their school-record seventh straight bowl appearance, facing Iowa in the TransPerfect Music City Bowl.

### SEVEN HOME GAMES HIGHLIGHT 2023 SCHEDULE

- Seven home games highlight Kentucky's football schedule in 2023. The Wildcats will begin the season with three straight home games at Kroger Field, which includes a visit from nearby foe Eastern Kentucky.
- The schedule, which is a combination of four nonconference games and eight conference games, features home appointments against Ball State, Eastern Kentucky, Akron, Florida, Missouri, Tennessee and, for the first time since 2015, Alabama.

- The road trips include stops at Vanderbilt, Georgia, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Louisville.
- The Wildcats open conference play in week four, traveling to Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee, on Sept. 23. They will then return home to defend its two-game winning streak against Florida on Sept. 30. The following week, Kentucky will travel to Georgia in Athens, Georgia, on Oct. 7, before returning to the Bluegrass to host Missouri on Oct. 14.
- UK will enjoy a bye on Oct. 22, then play host to Tennessee on Oct. 28. Turning the page into November, Kentucky has a date at Mississippi State in Starkville, Mississippi, on Nov. 4, then will turn around and play host to Alabama on Nov. 11, its final home game of 2023. The Wildcats will conclude its regular season with back-to-back road games at South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina, on Nov. 18, followed by its regular finale at Louisville on Nov. 25.

### COACHING CHANGES

- Jay Boulware was named the running backs coach and special teams coordinator on Dec. 12, 2022. He brings more than 25 years of coaching experience to Lexington after most recently serving as an offensive intern in the National Football League for the Pittsburgh Steelers, working specifically with the running backs, including UK's all-time leading rusher, Benny Snell Jr. Before the Steelers, he served as the associate head coach for special teams and tight ends coach at Texas, his alma mater.
- Liam Coen returned as Kentucky's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach on Jan. 10. He previously served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Kentucky during the 2021 season before spending the 2022 season as the offensive coordinator for the Los Angeles Rams.
- Stoops also announced during the offseason the promotion of C.J. Conrad from graduate assistant to a quality control coach for offense and the hiring of quality control coach for special teams Mike Priefer Jr.
- Conrad was promoted to a quality control coach for offense after serving as an offensive graduate assistant since 2020. The former Kentucky tight end played for the Wildcats from 2015-18 and signed with the New York Giants practice squad following his UK career in 2019.



- Priefer's name might be familiar to National Football League aficionados as his father Mike Priefer has almost two decades of pro coach experience, including the last four as the special teams coordinator for the Cleveland Browns. His grandfather, Chuck Priefer, was a longtime college and NFL coach, including a special teams coach with the San Diego Chargers and Detroit Lions.

### FOUR CURRENT CATS SET TO GRADUATE IN MAY AND AUGUST; 12 ALREADY EARNED DEGREES

- Kentucky has four current players who are on track to earn an undergraduate degree this May or August. They are:
  - Sam Anaele - Communication (August)
  - Luke Fulton - Business Administration
  - Jalen Geiger - Health, Society and Population
  - Jack Varga - Business Administration
- UK currently boasts 12 players on its 2023 roster who have already earned an undergraduate degree. They are:
  - Brenden Bates
  - Tanner Bowles (Alabama)
  - Eli Cox
  - Marques Cox (Northern Illinois)
  - Londyn Craft (Miss. State)
  - Ray Davis (Vanderbilt)
  - Justice Dingle
  - Jeremy Flax
  - Kenneth Horsey
  - Ramon Jefferson (Sam Houston State)
  - Devin Leary (NC State)
  - Chance Poore



### FOUR INVITED TO NFL COMBINE

- Four Wildcats, quarterback Will Levis, offensive lineman Tashawn Manning, running back Chris Rodriguez Jr. and defensive back Carrington Valentine, participated in the 2023 National Football League Scouting Combine in Indianapolis.
- Kentucky has had at least four players invited to the NFL Scouting Combine three straight seasons and four of the last five.
- A total of 37 players have been invited to the Combine since head coach Mark Stoops' arrival in 2013 and 28 players since 2019.
- The Wildcats are looking to have multiple players drafted for the fifth straight year. In 2022, Kentucky had four players (Wan'Dale Robinson, Joshua Paschal, Luke Fortner and Darian Kinnard) selected. In 2021, six players (Jamin Davis, Kelvin Joseph, Quinton Bohanna, Brandin Echols, Landon Young and Phil Hoskins) were selected, which tied for the fourth-most in school history and the most since 1979 (eight). 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 NFL Draft is scheduled to begin Thursday, April 27 in Kansas City.

### TWO WILDCATS WIN SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP WITH KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

- Two Kentucky Wildcats, defensive lineman Phil Hoskins and offensive lineman Darian Kinnard, earned a Super Bowl ring as the Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Philadelphia Eagles. Kinnard is on the 53-man roster, while Hoskins was on the practice squad throughout the playoff run.
- Kinnard, who played at Kentucky from 2018-21, is in his rookie season with the Chiefs. During his Wildcat career, the Knoxville, Tennessee native, played in 46 career games with 39 consecutive starts. He was an essential component for the "Big Blue Wall" which has been under consideration for the Joe Moore Award, given to the nation's top offensive line, four of the last five seasons, including finalists in 2021.
- Hoskins played at Kentucky from 2017-20 and is in his second season in the NFL. The Toledo, Ohio, native played one season with the Carolina Panthers after being drafted in the seventh round by as the 232nd overall pick in the 2021 National Football League Draft. He was picked up by the Chiefs in January of 2023. He saw action in eight games with the Panthers, totaling six tackles and one sack.
- Overall, 16 Wildcats have won a total of 18 Super Bowl championship rings.





## HEAD COACH MARK STOOPS / 11TH SEASON / IOWA, 1989

*"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, in December 2021*

The 2022 season marked yet another year of achievement for Coach Mark Stoops and the Kentucky football program.

When the Wildcats took on Iowa in the TransPerfect Music City Bowl in December of 2022, it extended a school-record streak of seven-consecutive bowl games, all under Stoops. Kentucky reached the postseason by posting a 7-5 record, the sixth-consecutive season (not including the Covid-shortened 2020 season) that UK has won at least seven games.

Stoops has personal milestones as well as he enters his 11th season at Kentucky, longest term of any coach in school history. The Wildcats' victory at Florida in 2022 was Stoops' 61st win, breaking the school record of 60 held by Paul "Bear" Bryant.

Called "the best program builder in all of college football" a year ago by ESPN analyst Tom Luginbill, Stoops' success hasn't come easily.

Inheriting a program that was 2-10 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 54-33 (.621) mark since.

In addition to this season's achievements, a partial accounting of Stoops' exploits features:

- Four straight bowl wins – the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, 2022, the 2020 Gator Bowl, the 2019 Belk Bowl and the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, 2019 – first time in school history that UK won four straight bowls
- A school-record 20-game win streak against non-conference competition (2018-22), which was the nation's longest active streak until being broken.
- 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)



**Mark Stoops has 66 wins in the Blue and White, surpassing the school record of 60 set by Paul "Bear" Bryant.**

**Under Stoops, 22 players have been drafted in the NFL, including 13 defensive players.**



**STOOPS AND CO. MAKING A HIT IN RECRUITING**

In 10 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 11 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 was UK’s highest-rated class in the available history of recruiting rankings. (Note: these rankings were based on UK’s 20 signees, 19 high school and one junior college, and did not include four-year college transfers Tashawn Manning and Tayvion Robinson.)

Outlet	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Rivals	#29	#17	#35	#29	#26	#30	#30	#20	#45	#10	#27
ESPN	#36	#20	#43	#34	#30	#36	#36	#23	#40	#13	#34
247Sports	#41	#23	#38	#34	#29	#38	#34	#22	#39	#11	#31

Several of Stoops’ players have also 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.

Off the field, Stoops has been active in fundraising and events for the UK Children’s Hospital and he was named Honorary Coach of the 2022 National Good Works Team.

The bountiful crop of victories and honors are the fruit of the last seven 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.

Stoops followed with the Covid-shortened 2020 season that was capped by a Gator Bowl win over No. 23 North Carolina State.

The momentum continued in 2021 with another 10-win season -- the second under Stoops and only the fourth in school history -- capped by a dramatic come-from-behind win over Iowa in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl.

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 Cornelius 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 joined the UK staff in 2022 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 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 Buchanan, 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
<b>Florida</b>	<b>3-7</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>0-10</b>
Georgia Tech	0-1
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>1-1</b>
Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe	2-0
<b>Louisville</b>	<b>5-4</b>
LSU	1-1
<b>Miami (Ohio)</b>	<b>2-0</b>
Middle Tennessee	1-0
<b>Mississippi State</b>	<b>4-6</b>
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>7-3</b>
Murray State	1-0
New Mexico State	2-0
North Carolina State	1-0
<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Northwestern	0-1
Ohio	1-0
<b>Ole Miss</b>	<b>0-3</b>
Penn State	1-0
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>7-3</b>
Southern Miss	1-1
<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>2-8</b>
Tennessee-Martin	2-0
Texas A&M	0-1
Toledo	1-0
<b>Vanderbilt</b>	<b>7-3</b>
Virginia Tech	1-0
Western Kentucky	0-1
<b>Youngstown State</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>66-59</b>

**STOOPS' PROGRAM RECORDS**

Most Wins By A Head Coach, School History		
1.	66	Mark Stoops (2013-Present)
2.	60	Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
3.	47	Fran Curci (1973-1981)
4.	41	Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
	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 Home		
1.	46	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)





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	Gator
2021	Kentucky	Head Coach	10-3	5-3	Citrus
2022	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	3-5	Music City
<b>Overall</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>		<b>66-59</b>	<b>32-50</b>	

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
W. Robinson	2022	2	11	43	Giants
Josh Paschal	2022	2	14	46	Lions
Luke Fortner	2022	3	1	65	Jaguars
Darian Kinnard	2022	5	2	145	Chiefs

All 17 of the draftees have spent at least one season in the NFL and all but one has seen action in a regular-season game.



**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
<b>246</b>		<b>374</b>		

**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
<b>350</b>		<b>375</b>		

**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
<b>296</b>		<b>329</b>		

**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
<b>390</b>		<b>407</b>		

**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
<b>332</b>		<b>367</b>		

**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
<b>346</b>		<b>219</b>		

**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
<b>353</b>		<b>251</b>		

**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
<b>240</b>		<b>285</b>		

**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, 2020 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 Lewis, Josh Paschal and Chris Rodriguez Jr.

\* indicates night game

**2022 – Won 7, Lost 6**

37	Miami (Ohio)*	13	Lexington	Sept 3
26	Florida*	16	Gainesville	Sept 10
31	Youngstown State	0	Lexington	Sept 17
31	Northern Illinois*	23	Lexington	Sept 24
19	Ole Miss	22	Oxford	Oct 1
14	South Carolina*	24	Lexington	Oct 8
27	Mississippi State*	17	Lexington	Oct 15
44	Tennessee*	6	Knoxville	Oct 29
21	Missouri	17	Columbia	Nov 5
21	Vanderbilt	24	Lexington	Nov 12
6	Georgia	16	Lexington	Nov 19
13	Louisville	26	Lexington	Nov 26

**TRANSPERFECT MUSIC CITY BOWL**

0	Iowa	21	Nashville	Dec 31
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**COACH:** Mark Stoops  
**CAPTS:** Will Lewis, Jordan Wright, Chris Rodriguez Jr., Deandre Square, JJ Weaver, Jacquéz Jones, and Kenneth Horsey

\* indicates night game







# ASSISTANT COACHES



## FRANK BUFFANO

### SAFETIES

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. In 2022, he also was the co-special teams coordinator.

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
2021-2022	Safeties/Co-Special Teams Coordinator	Kentucky



## JAY BOULWARE

### RUNNING BACKS/SPECIAL TEAMS

Jay Boulware is the newest member to Kentucky's coaching staff. Hired on Dec. 12, 2022, he brings a plethora of success to the Commonwealth as he has more than 25 years of coaching experience and has been a part of 16 teams that advanced to bowl games. Most recently, he served as an offensive intern in the National Football League for the Pittsburgh Steelers, working specifically with the running backs, including UK's all-time leading rusher, Benny Snell Jr.

Before the Steelers, he served as the associate head coach for special teams and tight ends coach at Texas, his alma mater, helping the No. 19 Longhorns finish 7-3 overall and capture the Alamo Bowl title in 2020.

He also spent seven years at Oklahoma, working under then-head coach Bob Stoops from 2013-16 and Lincoln Riley from (2017-19) and had stints at Auburn, Utah, Stanford, Arizona and Northern Illinois.

Boulware was an offensive lineman at Texas before entering the coaching ranks.

1994-95	Student Assistant	Texas	Sun ('94), Sugar ('95)
1996	Graduate Assistant	Texas	Fiesta ('96)
1997-2000	Tight Ends/Co-Offensive Line	Northern Illinois	
2001-03	Tight Ends/Running Backs/Offensive Line	Arizona	
Summer of 2004	NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Program	San Francisco 49ers	
2004	Running Backs	Stanford	
2005-06	Tight Ends/Co-Special Teams	Utah	Emerald ('05), Armed Forces ('06)
2007-08	Running Backs/Special Teams	Iowa State	
2009-12	Tight Ends/Special Teams	Auburn	Outback ('09), BCS Championship ('10), Chick-fil-A ('11)
2013-19	Running Backs/Special Teams	Oklahoma	Sugar ('13), Russell Athletic ('14), Orange ('15), Sugar ('16), Rose ('17), Orange ('18), Peach ('19)
Summer of 2014	NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Program	New Orleans Saints	
2020	Assoc. Head Coach/Tight Ends/Special Teams	Texas	Alamo ('20)
2021	Offensive Intern	Pittsburgh Steelers	



## LIAM COEN

### OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QBS

Liam Coen is in his second season at Kentucky, the first in his current term as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He returned to the Bluegrass in 2023 after serving one season as the offensive coordinator with the Los Angeles Rams.

Before Kentucky, Coen spent three years on the Rams' staff from 2018-20. He served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2018 and 2019 before taking on assistant quarterbacks coach in 2020, when he helped Jared Goff post his fourth-consecutive season with 3,800 or more passing yards.

Coen played collegiate football at UMass and had an illustrious career as a four-year starter at quarterback from 2005-08. He set nearly every career UMass passing record, including most yards gained (11,031), highest passing efficiency (152.92), completion percentage (63.9), completions (830) and touchdowns (90).

2010	Quarterbacks Coach	Brown
2011	Quarterbacks Coach	Rhode Island
2012-13	Quarterbacks Coach	Brown
2014-15	Pass Game Coord./QBs Coach	UMass
2016-17	Offensive Coordinator, QBs	Maine
2018-19	Assistant Wide Receivers Coach	Los Angeles Rams
2020	Assistant Quarterbacks Coach	Los Angeles Rams
2021	Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks Coach	Kentucky
2022	Offensive Coordinator	Los Angeles Rams
2023-present	Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks Coach	Kentucky



## CHRIS COLLINS

### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Chris Collins enters his third 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 letterwinner 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



**VINCE MARROW**

**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/TIGHT ENDS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR**

Vince Marrow, aka the “Big Dawg,” enters his 11th 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 10 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



**BRAD WHITE**

**DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS**

Brad White is in his sixth season at Kentucky as the outside linebackers coach and fifth 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





## SCOTT **WOODWARD**

### WIDE RECEIVERS

Scott Woodward is in his third 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



## 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.

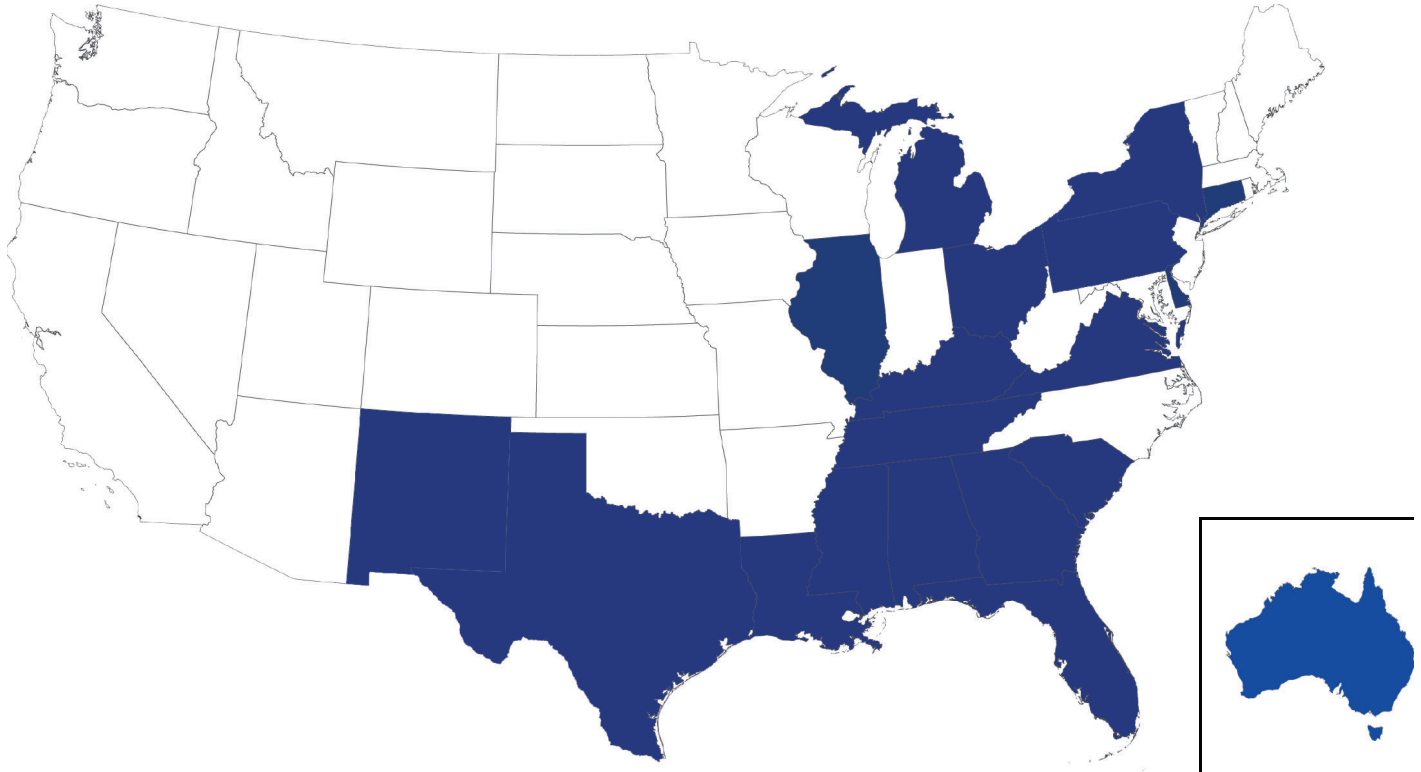
2007	Graduate Assistant - Offensive Line/Special Teams	Troy
2008	Offensive Line	Henderson State
2009	Offensive Line	Colquitt County High School
2010-11	Graduate Assistant - Offensive Line	Louisiana Tech
2012	Assistant Offensive Line	Louisiana Tech
2013-14	Offensive Line	California
2015-17	Offensive Line/Run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





# CATS ON THE MAP

The 2023 Spring Football roster is comprised of 20 different states and Australia



**Alabama (4)**

Birmingham Lucas Padgett  
 Florence Dee Beckwith  
 Koby Keenum  
 Huntsville Kahlil Saunders

**California (1)**

San Francisco Ray Davis

**Delaware (2)**

Bridgeville Noah Matthews  
 Middletown Tomiwa Durojaiye

**Florida (3)**

Miami Sam Anaele  
 Sanford Kenneth Horsey  
 West Palm Beach Jarard Mosely

**Georgia (6)**

Columbus Josh Jones  
 JQ Hardaway  
 Dublin D'Eryk Jackson  
 Jesup Trevin Wallace  
 Rochelle Martez Thrower  
 Sugar Hill Dylan Gary

**Illinois (2)**

Lake Forest Jai Williams  
 Peoria Marques Cox

**Kentucky (31)**

Belfry Isaac Dixon  
 Bowling Green Jordan Dingle  
 Justice Dingle  
 Jantzen Dunn  
 Vito Tisdale  
 Danville Cole Lanter

Glasgow  
 Lexington

Louisville

Nicholasville  
 Paintsville  
 Radcliff

Richmond  
 Science Hill  
 Somerset  
 Stamping Ground  
 Upton

**Louisiana (1)**

Baton Rouge Chy Rivers

**Michigan (5)**

Detroit Khamari Anderson  
 Deondre Buford  
 Jeremy Flax  
 Deone Walker  
 West Bloomfield Maxwell Hairston

Jackson Smith  
 Tommy Zismer  
 Tanner Bowles  
 Ty Bryant  
 Jager Burton  
 Dekel Crowder Jr.  
 Trey Dennis  
 Dane Key  
 Jack Monday  
 Izayah Cummings  
 Elijah Reed  
 Jackson Schulz  
 Jack Varga  
 J.J. Weaver  
 Lavell Wright

Eli Cox  
 Grant Bingham  
 Isaiah Beasley  
 Jordan Lovett  
 Octavious Oxendine  
 Malachi Wood  
 Jase Bruner  
 Kaiya Sheron  
 Jonathan Berry  
 Clay Perry

**Mississippi (2)**

Horn Lake Josaih Hayes  
 Tylertown Jordan Anthony

**New Jersey (1)**

Sicklerville Devin Leary

**New Mexico (1)**

Rio Rancho Londyn Craft

**New York (1)**

Bronx Ramon Jefferson

**North Carolina (1)**

Rocky Mount Keeshawn Silver

**Ohio (14)**

Cincinnati Alex Afari  
 Brenden Bates  
 Darriion Henry-Young  
 Josh Kattus  
 Brandon White  
 Columbus Jamarius Dinkins  
 Fairfield JuTahn McClain  
 Ironton Angelo Washington  
 Mason Paul Rodriguez  
 North Jackson Shane Hamm  
 Springfield Anthony Brown  
 Stow David Wohlabaugh Jr.  
 Youngstown Luke Fulton  
 Sean O'Horo

**Pennsylvania (1)**

Pittsburgh Tyrese Fearby

**South Carolina (4)**

Anderson Andru Phillips  
 Chance Poore  
 Columbia Jalen Geiger  
 Jordan Robinson

**Tennessee (5)**

Dickson Tre'vonn Rybka  
 Nashville Barion Brown  
 Spring Hill Brady Pierce  
 Destin Wade  
 Keaten Wade

**Texas (5)**

Austin Nik Hall  
 Fort Worth Edward McKee  
 Josh Terrell  
 Houston Zion Childress  
 Southlake Deuce Hogan

**Virginia (1)**

Virginia Beach Tayvion Robinson

**AUSTRALIA (1)**

Maribyrnong Wilson Berry





# 2023 SOCIAL MEDIA ROSTER

Name	Twitter	Instagram
Alex Afari	AlexAfari8	afari_2
Sam Anaele	Ebukasammie	samanaele91
Khamari Anderson	espn_mar05	khamari15anderson
Jordan Anthony	jordananthony_6	dareal.6ix
Brenden Bates	BatesBrenden	brenden_bates_
Isaiah Beasley	isaiahbeasleyy	isaiahbeasleyy
Dee Beckwith	beckwith2	2beck_
Jonathan Berry	j_berry64	J_berry10
Wilson Berry	Wilsonberry61	n/a
Grant Bingham	GrantBingham2	grant_bingham65_
Tanner Bowles	TBowles51	tannerbowles_
Anthony Brown	anthonybrown_	anthonybrown
Barion Brown	BarionBrown	ba7ion
Jase Bruner	Jasebruner1	bruner.1
Ty Bryant	Ty_Bryant32	ty_bryant
Deondre Buford	Deondrebuford56	n/a
Jager Burton	Jager_burton	jagerburton
Zion Childress	ZionChildress	freecchamp
Eli Cox	Elicox59	elicox75
Marques Cox	MonsterMarq	marquescox
Londyn Craft	n/a	n/a
Dekel Crowdus	n/a	dekel.crowdus
Izayah Cummings	IzayahCummings	izayahcummings
Ray Davis	MrHeisman7	hbk_ray
Trey Dennis	Trey3dennis	treywdennis
Justice Dingle	Justicedingle21	justicedingle52
Jordan Dingle	Jordandingle21	jordandingle21
Jamarius Dinkins	Spider55k	spideroffthatdawg
Isaac Dixon	isaac_dixon3	isaac.dixon_3
Jantzen Dunn	JantzenDunn	@antzen.Dunn
Tomiwa Durojaiye	TomiwaDurojaiye	bigtomi_
Tyrese Fearbry	FearbryTyrese	tyrese_42
Jeremy Flax	FlaxNotFlex	biggflax
Luke Fulton	Lukefulton_11	lfulton.10
Dylan Gary	Dylangary23	dylangary19
Jalen Geiger	jalengeiger	jalengeiger
Maxwell Hairston	Mhairston22	mhairston22
Nik Hall	nikolashall6	the_nh70
Shane Hamm	Shane_Hamm7	shane_hamm7
JQ Hardaway	Jhardaway_24	jq_1516_
Josaih Hayes	josaihayes	josaihayes
Darrion Henry-Young	darrion_henry	iamdhenry
Deuce Hogan	deucehogan	deucehogan
Kenneth Horsey	Work_horse68	kennethhorsey68
D'Eryk Jackson	Derykjakson4	derykjakson
Ramon Jefferson	Jefferson1Ramon	ramonjefferson26
Josh Jones	almightybugg	bu_gg
Josh Kattus	Jkattus	joshkattus84
Koby Keenum	keenum_koby	thekobykeenum
Dane Key	DaneKey6	dane6k_
Cole Lanter	coelanterr	coelanterr
Devin Leary	DevinLeary1	d_leary1
Jordan Lovett	Jordan_Lovett1	n/a
Noah Matthews	_noahhhhh	n/a
JuTahn McClain	JuTahn	jutahn
Edward McKee	emckee33	emckee2
Jack Monday	JackHMonday	jack_monday7
Jarard Mosely	jarardmosely	jarardmosely

Sean O'Horo	sean_ohoro	seanohoro6
Octavious Oxendine	Octaviousoxend1	octavius8us
Lucas Padgett	Lucas_padgett71	lucas_padgett58
Clay Perry	Clayperry12	clay.perry_
Andru Phillips	AndruPhillips	druphillips_
Brady Pierce	brady_pierce13	bradypierce_13
Chance Poore	Chance_poore16	chance_poore12
Elijah Reed	E_Reed2022	eli_reed24
Chy Rivers	chy_rivers	chyriders
Tayvion Robinson	RobinsonTayvion	tayvionrobinson
Jordan Robinson	n/a	jayyrob_
Paul Rodriguez	PaulRod67	paul.rodriguez67
Tre'vonn Rybka	trevonnrybka	trevonnrybka
Kahlil Saunders	Kahlil_Saunders	theofficial_kahlil
Jackson Schulz	JacksonSchulz9	Jackson_schulz_
Kaiya Sheron	Kaiyasheron2	kaiyasheron
Keeshawn Silver	keeshawn_	keeshawn
Jackson Smith	jacksonsmith27	jackson.smith14
Josh Terrell	joshterrell21	joshterrell_
Martez Thrower	ThrowerMartez	_martezthrower
Vito Tisdale	vitotisdale7	ykvito
Jack Varga	Jack_varga22	jackvarga22
Destin Wade	Destinwade1	destin.wade
Keaten Wade	keatenwade	keatenwade
Deone Walker	deonewalker51	deonewalker51
Trevin Wallace	WallaceTrevin	wallacetrevin
J.J. Weaver	jjtimee	jjtimee
Brandon White	Bwhite3	brandonw6ix
Jai Williams	JaiWilliams_9	jaiwilliams_
David Wohlabough	WohlaboughDavid	david_wohlabough
Malachi Wood	_BIGMAL_67	_BIGMAL_67
La'Vell Wright	Lavell3421	vell.wright
Tommy Ziesmer	tommy_ziesmer	tommyziesmer





# 2023 PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

## Breakdown by Class

### Super Seniors (8)

Brenden Bates  
Londyn Craft  
Justice Dingle  
Kenneth Horsey  
Ramon Jefferson  
Chance Poore  
Tayvion Robinson  
Jack Varga

### Seniors (19)

Isaiah Beasley  
Tanner Bowles  
Jase Bruner  
Eli Cox  
Marques Cox  
Izayah Cummings  
Ray Davis  
Jeremy Flax  
Luke Fulton  
Jalen Geiger  
Josaih Hayes  
D'Eryk Jackson  
Devin Leary  
JuTahn McClain  
Octavious Oxendine  
Clay Perry  
Keeshawn Silver  
Vito Tisdale  
J.J. Weaver

### Juniors (15)

Sam Anaele  
Jonathan Berry  
Deondre Buford  
Zion Childress  
Trey Dennis  
Darrion Henry-Young  
Deuce Hogan  
Josh Jones  
Lucas Padgett  
Andru Phillips  
Jordan Robinson  
Tre'Vonn Rybka  
Martez Thrower  
Trevin Wallace  
Jai Williams

### Sophomores (30)

Alex Afari Jr.  
Wilson Berry  
Barion Brown  
Jager Burton  
Dekel Crowdus Jr.  
Jordan Dingle  
Jamarius Dinkins  
Isaac Dixon  
Janzten Dunn  
Dylan Gary  
Maxwell Hairston  
Shane Hamm  
JQ Hardaway  
Josh Kattus  
Dane Key  
Cole Lanter  
Jordan Lovett  
Jarard Mosely

Jack Monday  
Sean O'Horo  
Brady Pierce  
Paul Rodriguez  
Kahlil Saunders  
Jackson Schulz  
Kaiya Sheron  
Josh Terrell  
Keaten Wade  
Deone Walker  
David Wohlabaugh  
La'Ve'll Wright

### r-Freshmen (10)

Jordan Anthony  
Grant Bingham  
Tomiwa Durojaiye  
Tyrese Fearby  
Nikolas Hall  
Noah Matthews  
Elijah Reed  
Jackson Smith  
Destin Wade  
Brandon White

### Freshmen (7)

Khamari Anderson  
Anthony Brown  
Ty Bryant  
Koby Keenum  
Chy Rivers  
Malachi Wood  
Tommy Ziesmer

### From the Portal (8)

Sr - Bowles - Alabama  
Sr - Cox - Northern Ill.  
Sr - Davis - Vanderbilt  
So - Dunn - Ohio State  
So - Hamm - Dayton  
So - Hardaway - Cincinnati  
Sr - Leary - NC State  
So - Silver - North Carolina

### Coming in June (12)

Fr - DB Nasir Addison  
Fr - DB Jeremiah Anglin Jr.  
Fr - WR Ardell Banks  
Fr - LB Jayvant Brown  
Fr - TE Jakob Dixon  
Fr - DL Tavion Gadson  
Fr - LB Grant Godfrey  
Fr - TE Tanner Lemaster  
Fr - WR Shamar Porter  
Fr - DL Austin Ramsey  
Fr - DB Avery Stuart  
Fr - RB Jamarion Wilcox



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ALEX  
**AFARI JR.**

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 214 • Sophomore-1L  
Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West)

### 2022 (Freshman)

- Played in all 13 games with three starts
- Totaled 21 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack and one quarterback hurry
- Charted his first collegiate sack in the season opener vs. Miami Ohio ... Totaled six tackles in his debut and also shared a tackle for loss in addition to the sack
- Led UK with five tackles in the win over Youngstown State ... Also had a tackle for loss
- Earned his first collegiate start and recorded three tackles in the win over Northern Illinois

### 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 had 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 a two-year letter winner in basketball as a small forward
- Selected UK over Michigan State and Cincinnati

### Personal

- Last name rhymes with "safari"
- Born in Pordenone, Italy
- Son of Mary Acheampong who originated from Ghana
- Has two brothers, David and Sam
- Brother, David, is Lakota West's second all-time leading rusher who played two seasons at Miami (Ohio) before transferring to Northern Colorado in 2022
- Major is pre-communication

### Alex Says

- His nickname is "A2"

- He chose Kentucky because of the people
- Three words to describe him are humble, respectful and funny
- The one thing most people don't know about him is that he speaks fluent Twi (a dialect of the Akan language spoken in southern and central Ghana)
- His favorite family recipe that he likes to eat and make is jollof rice

### AFARI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
2022	DB	13-3	21	1.0-5	3.0-10	0/0	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>13-3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1.0-5</b>	<b>3.0-10</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

### AFARI'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. Miami (OH)	6	1.0-5	1.5-7	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	5	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	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
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1.0-5</b>	<b>3.0-10</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

### AFARI'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Tackles:** 6, vs. Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022  
**Sacks:** 1.0, vs. Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022  
**Tackle for Loss:** 1.5, vs. Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022 (7 yards)  
**Quarterback hurry:** 1, vs. Louisville, Nov 26, 2022



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SAM  
**ANAELE**

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 286 • Junior-SQ  
Lagos, Nigeria (McDougle Technical Institute)

### 2022 - Sophomore

- Missed the first seven games dealing with an injury
- Got his first action of the season at Tennessee and also saw action vs. Louisville and Iowa
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2022)

### 2021 - r-Freshman

- Played 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 DE
- The No. 16 player in talent-rich state of Florida according to Rivals
- Selected to the 2020 Under Armour All-America Game
- Timed at 4.9 in the 40-yard dash
- Had 38 total tackles, 19 tackles for loss and seven sacks as a senior at McDougale Technical Institute Preparatory
- Coached by Norman Richards
- Picked Kentucky over Miami, South Florida, Florida, Colorado and others

### Community Cats

- Real Men Read (2021) – Volunteered to read to a group of first graders at Yates Elementary three times during the season
- Volunteered at Brenda Cowan Elementary (2020)

### Personal

- Named is pronounced Sam “ah-NEL-lee”
- Born in Lagos, Nigeria
- Son of Steven Anaele
- Began athletic career on the basketball court and has only been playing football six years
- On track to graduate in August '23 with a degree 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 way 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
2021	DE	3-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.0-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>

### ANAELE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int	QBH
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Uofl	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.0-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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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## KHAMARI ANDERSON

### TIGHT END

6-5 • 238 • Freshman-HS  
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)

### 2023 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee

### High School

- A four-star prospect by Rivals.com, the No. 7 player in Michigan and No. 17 tight end
- Rated as a three-star prospect by 247Sports Composite and the No. 5 player in Michigan and No. 23 tight end
- ESPN lists him as a three-star and the No. 9 player in the state and No. 13 overall tight end
- Chosen as an Under Armour All-American, the first tight end in school history to earn the honor
- A versatile athlete who played tight end, wide receiver and defensive end for head coach Marvin Rushing at Cass Tech
- Caught 25 passes for 339 yards and five touchdowns, helping lead the Technicians to a 9-4 overall record
- Named First-Team All-Detroit by the *Detroit News*
- Elected to the 2022 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association 11-player Dream Team as a wide receiver
- Honor roll student
- Rejoins high school teammate Deone Walker
- Chose UK over Alabama, Cincinnati, Michigan and Pitt

### Personal

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Kimberly and Raheem Anderson
- Has two older brothers, Kameron and Raheem
- Older brother, Raheem Anderson II, currently is a sophomore offensive lineman at Michigan
- Majoring in kinesiology

### Khamari Says

- He chose Kentucky because it has a family atmosphere and it fit academically and athletically
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a physical therapist
- Three words to describe him are passionate, competitive and focused
- His favorite family recipe to make is mac and cheese
- The best advice he's ever received is "live in the moment"



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## JORDAN ANTHONY

### WIDE RECEIVER

5-9 • 156 • Freshman-RS  
Tylertown, Miss (Tylertown)

### 2023 (r-Freshman)

- Switched jersey numbers from No. 13 to No. 10
- Highlights from his indoor track season: silver medalist in the 60-meter dash at the NCAA Championships with a time of 6.55 seconds ... Received first-team All-America honors for that performance ... Notched personal-best 6.54 seconds in the NCAA preliminaries ... Southeast Region Men's Track Athlete of the Year ... SEC silver medalist in the 60m ... Second-team All-SEC ... Broke the UK freshman record in the 60m and moved to No. 2 on the UK all-time performers' list ... Won the 60m at the McCravy Memorial and Texas Tech Red Raider Open in January

### 2022 (Freshman)

- Redshirt season
- Two-sport athlete at Kentucky in football and track & field
- Won the U-20 National Track 200-meter title with a personal-record 20.34 seconds, defeating a decorated field of college sprinters at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon in June of 2022
- Played in two games vs. Youngstown St. and Louisville

### 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
- 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 was deemed the "fastest high schooler in the world" after finishing with a 10.14 in the 100- and 20.34 in the 200-meters at the U20 Championship in April of 2022
- 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
- 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 Named Gatorade Mississippi Track and Field Athlete of the Year in 2021 and 2022
- 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, Memphis, Houston and Boston College

**Community Cats**

- Visited Kentucky Children's Hospital (2022)

**Personal**

- Born in Palmdale Lancaster, California
- Son of Carvah Magee and the late Robert Jones
- Has four siblings, Ja'Kobi Magee, Journee Jones, Daunique Shields and Derrick Bowie
- Major is undecided

**Jordan Says**

- He chose Kentucky because of his relationship with the coaching staff
- In 10 years he hopes to be a professional football player and an Olympian
- What motivates him to work hard is everything he learned from his dad who has passed away in 2021
- Three words to describe him are fast, funny, and outgoing
- One thing he will never do again is run a 400-meter race



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**BRENDEN BATES**

**TIGHT END**

6-5 • 251 • %Senior-4L  
Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)

**2023 - %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 letwinner who has seen action in 45 career games with 13 starting assignments
- Has totaled 22 career receptions for 183 yards and two scores

**2022 - Senior**

- Played in 11 games with seven starts in 2022, missing the last two games of the season with a shoulder injury
- Finished the season with 10 receptions (sixth-highest on the team) for 99 yards and one score
- Hauled in his second-career touchdown on a six-yard reception in the first quarter vs. Miami (Ohio), his only reception of the game
- Had two catches for a career-best 47 yards in the win over Youngstown State
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2022)

**2021 - Junior**

- 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
- Graduated in August with a degree in consumer economics and family financial counseling ... Currently working on a second degree in communication

**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
2022	TE	11-7	10	99	9.9	1	23
<b>Totals</b>		<b>45-13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>

**BATES' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Miami Ohio	1	6	1	6
at Florida*	1	11	0	11
vs. YSU	2	46	0	23
vs. NIU*	2	7	0	5
at Ole Miss*	2	10	0	6
vs. USC*	2	19	0	18
vs. Miss. State*	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL		DNP		
vs. Iowa		DNP		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>

**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





## BATES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>

## 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

## BATES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Receptions:** 2, 7x, last vs South Carolina, Oct 8, 2022  
**Receiving yards:** 46, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022 (2 receptions)  
**Long reception:** 23, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022  
**Receiving touchdowns:** 1, twice, last vs Miami Ohio, Sept 22, 2022



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## ISAIAH BEASLEY

### DEFENSIVE LINE

5-11 • 292 • Senior-SQ  
 Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

### 2022 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2022)

### 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
- On track to graduate in December of '23 with a degree in 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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## DEE BECKWITH

### WIDE RECEIVER

6-5 • 236 • Junior-SQ  
 Florence, Ala. (Tennessee/Florence)

### 2022 - Sophomore

- Played in three games vs. Youngstown State, Tennessee and Missouri
- Saw his first action at UK in the win over Youngstown State ... Had two carries for eight yards
- Got a career-high three carries for 13 yards at No. 3 Tennessee

### 2021 - r-Freshman (Tennessee)

- Saw action in two games at Kentucky (11/05) and vs. South Alabama (11/20)
- Had one carry for 2 yards vs. South Alabama

### 2020 - Freshman (Tennessee)

- Redshirt season
- Played in the final three games of the season on special teams while also seeing limited action at running back
- Had one carry in season finale vs. No. 5 Texas A&M (12/19)
- Saw first action at running back, logging two career carries for 24 yards in win at Vanderbilt (12/12)
- Ran over defenders on both carries against the Commodores
- Made collegiate debut against No. 6 Florida (12/5), seeing action on special teams

### High School

- A versatile player who starred at Florence High School, playing quarterback, running back and receiver
- As a senior, totaled 1,055 rushing yards, 589 passing yards and 526 receiving yards to go along with 27 total touchdowns
- A first-team All-State honoree who was a finalist for 7A Back of the Year and rated the No. 7 player in Alabama on the ASWA Super 12 All-State team
- Led Florence to a 7-5 record and the second round of the 2019 Class 7A playoffs, helping the Falcons to their first playoff win in five years
- 2019 Times Daily (Florence, Ala.) Player of the Year for Class 4A-7A
- A multi-sport athlete who also ran track and played basketball

### Personal

- Born in Florence, Alabama
- Son of Dave and Carolyn Beckwith
- Has two brothers, Camryn and Dave
- Brother, Camryn, also played football at Tennessee for one season
- Major is community and leadership development

### Dee Says

- His nickname is "Dee"
- He chose Kentucky because of his relationship with Coach Stoops and he liked the city of Lexington
- One word to describe him on the field is "versatile"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that his real name is Damarcus
- After his football career he would like to be diesel mechanic; he is currently building his own custom truck

### BECKWITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2020	3-0	3	25	8.3	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
2021	2-0	1	2	2.0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2022	3-0	5	21	4.2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>





**BECKWITH'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	2	8	0	5	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	3	13	0	7	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**BECKWITH'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (UT)**

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Ala.	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**BECKWITH'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (UT)**

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	2	24	0	12	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas A&M	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**BECKWITH'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

Rush attempts: 3, at Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022  
 Rush yards: 24, at Vanderbilt, Dec 12, 2021 (2 carries)  
 Long rush: 12, at Vanderbilt, Dec 12, 2021



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**JONATHAN BERRY**

**OFFENSIVE LINE**

6-5 • 294 • Junior-SQ  
 Stamping Ground, Ky. (Scott County)

**2022 - Sophomore**

- Practiced with the team

**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 community and leadership development

**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 • 213 • Sophomore-SQ  
 Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)

**2022 - r-Freshman**

- Starting punter in the last four games of the season (Vanderbilt, Georgia, Louisville and Iowa) after Colin Goodfellow's season-ending injury at the end of the Missouri game
- Totaled 19 punts for 782 yards (41.2) with six punts inside the 20-yard line, two punts of 50-plus yards and seven punts were fair catches
- Got his first punt of the season in the fourth quarter at Missouri, a 35-yarder, for injured Colin Goodfellow
- Had his best game as a Wildcat against No. 1 Georgia, punting three times for a 46.7-yard average ... Boomed a career-long 53-yarder in the third quarter
- Had three punts for a 42.7-yard average, including a 39-yarder to the one-yard line late in the game in the win over Louisville

**2021 - Freshman**

- Had four punts for 148 yards (37.0) with one punt inside 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
- Also had two punts for a 77 yards (38.5) vs. Missouri
- 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

**Community Cats**

- God's Pantry (2022) - Volunteered to pack food bags for a food drive

**Personal**

- Born in Ballarat, Victoria
- Son of Jason and Louise Berry
- Has three brothers, Jordan, Lachlan and Oscar
- Has one son, Leo, born in July of 2022
- Older brother, Jordan, played football at Eastern Kentucky and recently was the punter for the Minnesota Vikings and the Pittsburgh Steelers ... Younger brother, Oscar, currently plays basketball at the University of North Florida
- Majoring in kinesiology
- Currently 24 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"

**BERRY'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	TBs	FC	Inside 20	Long	50+
2021	2	4	148	37.0	0	4	1	39	0
2022	5	19	782	41.2	0	7	6	53	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2</b>

**BERRY'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
at Missouri	1	35	35.0	35	1
vs. Vanderbilt*	2	70	35.0	40	2
vs. Georgia*	3	140	46.7	53	0
vs. UofL*	3	128	42.7	47	1
vs. Iowa*	10	409	40.9	51	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6</b>

**BERRY'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. ULM*	2	71	35.5	39	1
vs. Missouri*	2	77	38.5	39	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>

**BERRY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

Punts: 10, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 Punt Yards: 409, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 Single-game Avg: 46.7, vs Georgia, Nov 19, 2022  
 Long Punt: 53, vs Georgia, Nov 19, 2022  
 Tackles: 1, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022





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GRANT BINGHAM

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

2022 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2022
- Redshirt season

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

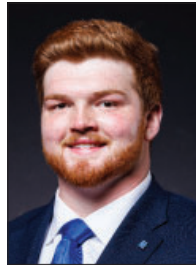
Personal

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

- Major is pre-integrated strategic communication

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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TANNER BOWLES

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 306 • Senior-Tr Glasgow, Ky. (Alabama/Glasgow)

2023 - Senior

- Mid-year enrollee
- Transferred to Kentucky in January after playing in 19 games in his career for Alabama during his four years in Tuscaloosa

2022 - Junior (Alabama)

- Appeared in 12 games, playing at left tackle on offense and seeing time on special teams
- Alabama finished No. 5 nationally with an 11-2 overall record ... The Tide won the SEC Western Division and defeated Kansas State in the Sugar Bowl

2021 - Sophomore (Alabama)

- Earned playing time in one game as a sophomore, playing 19 snaps in a win over New Mexico State
- Part of an Alabama squad ranked No. 2 nationally, ending the season at 13-2 after a loss to Georgia in the CFP national championship game
- Won the SEC Western Division and SEC Championship game over Georgia

2020 - r-Freshman (Alabama)

- Played in five games off the bench on a Tide team that won the national championship with a 31-14 victory over Notre Dame in the Rose Bowl
- Helped the Tide go undefeated at 13-0 and win the SEC Western Division Championship and the SEC Championship game over Florida
- Earned two snaps as a reserve at Tennessee, three plays against Kentucky, seven at LSU and a season-high 14 at Arkansas

2019 - Freshman (Alabama)

- Redshirt season
- Earned his first playing time in an Alabama uniform, coming off the bench in the home opener against New Mexico State on the PAT/FG unit

- Alabama finished No. 8 nationally and defeated Michigan in the Citrus Bowl

High School

- Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals and 247Sports and the No. 6 player in the state of Kentucky at his time of commitment
- Also got four stars from ESPN as the No. 3-ranked player in Kentucky for the 2019 recruiting cycle
- Coached by Jeff Garmon at Glasgow
- Earned Region Player of the Year in 2018 by the Fourth Region Athletic Directors Association
- District Player of the Year in both 2017 and 2018
- Played on the Kentucky squad in the 2018 Best of the Bluegrass All-State Game
- A second-team all-state selection across all classes as a junior in 2017 by the Kentucky high school coaches
- Participated on the track & field team in the shot put and discus as a sophomore and junior
- Had offers from Florida State, LSU, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Louisville coming out of high school in addition to UK and Alabama

Personal

- Born in Glasgow, Kentucky
- Son of Ashley William and Matt Bowles
- Has one older brother, Hunter
- Father, Matt, was a pitcher on UK's baseball team from 1991-95, while brother, Hunter, was a tight end at Louisville from 2012-16
- Graduated from Alabama in December of 2022 with a degree in operations management and a minor in real estate ... Currently working on an undergraduate certificate in business

Tanner Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to own land and develop it
- One thing most people don't know about him is that actor Johnny Depp and Florida football coach Billy Napier are his cousins
- Three words to describe him are disciplined, introvert and ginger
- His hidden talent is playing the guitar and singing
- His go-to karaoke song is "Nose on the Grindstone" by Tyler Childers



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ANTHONY BROWN

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 168 • Freshman-HS Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)

2023 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- A four-star prospect as evaluated by ESPN, 247sports.com and Rivals.com



- Rated nationally as the No. 55 wide receiver and the No. 9 prospect in the state of Ohio by Rivals.com
- Four-year letterwinner under head coach Maurice "Moe" Douglass, a former Wildcat
- Named first-team All-Greater Western Ohio Conference as a senior
- Helped lead the Wildcats to 13-2 record and a spot in the state championship game by totaling 83 catches for 1,626 yards with a conference-high 20 touchdowns
- Averaged a conference-high 19.6 yards per catch and led the GWOC with 126 points
- Also had a conference-high eight kick returns for 215 yards for 26.9 yards per return and a touchdown and 15 punt returns for 249 yards, averaging 16.6 yards per return
- Rushed 16 times for 99 yards
- Led the Wildcats to a GWOC championship with a 6-1 league record
- Advanced to the Division I state title game, where he caught six passes for 106 yards and a touchdown vs. Cleveland St. Ignatius
- As a junior, led the conference with 57 receptions for 822 yards receiving and averaged 14.4 yards per catch with seven touchdowns
- Earned honorable mention All-Ohio in 2021
- An all-around athlete who also ran track and was on the basketball team
- Also had offers from Cincinnati, Michigan, Oklahoma and Penn State

#### Personal

- Born in Springfield, Ohio
- Son of Phyllis Stephens, Michael Brown and step father Anthony Williams
- Has four siblings, Michael, Makenzie, Izaiah and Zarik
- Brother, Michael Brown-Stephens, is wide receiver at Minnesota
- Nephew of Grammy Award winner John Legend
- Major is pre-communication

#### Anthony Says

- Nickname is "AB"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a collegiate coach
- His sports hero is Davante Adams because of his route running
- Three words to describe him are laid back, athletic and observant
- If he could go back in time and change one thing he would start workouts at a younger age



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BARION  
BROWN

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 174 • Sophomore-1L  
Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)

#### 2023 - Sophomore

- Switched jersey numbers from No. 2 to No. 7

#### 2022 - Freshman

- First-Team True Freshman All-America (PFF)
- First-Team True Freshman All-America (On3.com)
- First-Team True Freshman All-America (247sports)
- Second-Team Freshman All-America (The Athletic)
- Third-Team Freshman All-America (College Football News)
- Fourth-Team All-America (Phil Steele)
- Second-Team All-SEC - KR (Phil Steele)
- Fourth-Team All-SEC -WR (Phil Steele)
- Freshman All-SEC Team (Coaches)
- Midseason True Freshman All-American (247 Sports and On3.com)
- SEC co-Freshman of the Week (10/3)
- SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (9/5)
- SEC co-Freshman of the Week (9/26)
- First Wildcat to win a SEC weekly award three times in a single season since Lynn Bowden Jr. in 2019
- Ranked tied for second nationally and led the SEC with one kickoff return for a touchdown
- Ranked fourth nationally and second in the SEC in kick return average (27.5)
- Ranked 24th nationally and third in the SEC combined kick return yardage (440)
- Ranked fourth in the SEC in kick returns (16)
- Played in all 13 games with seven starting assignments
- Recorded a team-best 50 catches for a team-high 628 yards, averaging 12.6 yards per catch with four scores (second-highest)
- Concluded the season the freshman record holder for most receiving yards in a season with 628 and most pass receptions in a season with 50
- His four touchdowns receiving are the second-most touchdown receptions by a freshman in program history ... Teammate Dane Key holds the record with six
- Caught 10 passes for 145 yards, season highs in both categories, vs. No. 1 Georgia ... Also caught UK's lone touchdown, an 8-yard aerial in the fourth quarter ... The 10 catches were the most by a UK freshman since Chad Scott had 10 vs. South Carolina in 2000 ... The 145 yards were the second-most by a Wildcat freshman, Garrett Johnson had 154 at Florida in 2014 ... The 145 yards also were the second-most for a Wildcat vs. a No. 1-ranked team (Rick Kestner had 185 in the win vs. Ole Miss in 1964)
- Caught seven passes for 62 yards in the win over Mississippi State

- Accounted for a career-best 245 all-purpose yards with only five touches at Ole Miss ... Caught two passes for 81 yards, including a 51-yard catch-and-run that put UK in scoring position on the last possession ... Also had three kickoff returns for 164 yards, an average of 54.7 yards ... His 164 kickoff return yards set a new single-game freshman record ... In the first quarter, he set up a touchdown with an 85-yard kickoff return ... Earned SEC co-Freshman of the Week honors
- Caught four passes for 102 yards and his first two UK receiving touchdowns in his first career start vs. Northern Illinois ... Had a 70-yard catch-and-run for a touchdown in the third quarter that is his longest of the season ... Named SEC co-Freshman of the Week (9/26), his second SEC honor this season
- Just the second UK freshman with 100 yards and two receiving touchdowns in the same game, also Garrett Johnson at Florida in 2014
- Named SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (9/5) after scoring his first career touchdown on a 100-yard kickoff return out of halftime in his collegiate debut vs. Miami (Ohio) ... Became the first UK player to score on a kickoff return and a 100-yard kickoff return since Derrick Locke vs. Louisville on Sept. 19, 2009 ... Marked the 19th time in program history that a UK player has scored on a kickoff return ... 15 players have accomplished the feat ... Six Wildcats have had 100-yard KO returns, done a total of seven times (Derrick Locke twice) ... First UK freshman with a kickoff return touchdown since Kio Sanford in 1994 ... Also caught three passes for 45 yards

#### High School

- A five-star prospect who ranked 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
- Earned 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 excelled 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
- Named Track Player of the Year
- Chose Kentucky over Alabama, TCU and LSU

#### Personal

- Name is pronounced "BEAR-ee-ON"
- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of Shomika Brown and Barry Moore
- Has one brother, Erion
- Major is community and leadership development





Barion Says

- His nickname is "B7"
• He chose Kentucky because he just loved everything about it
• One word to describe him on the field is "unbelievable"
• Other than playing football, his dream job is to become a coach
• If he could eat one meal for the rest of his life it would be pizza

BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos, G-GS, Rec, Yds, Avg, TD, KR, Yds, TD, PR, Yds, TD. Totals: 13-7, 50, 628, 12.6, 4, 16, 440, 1, 7, 28, 0.

BROWN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec, Yds, TD, Long, Att, Yds, TD, Long, Avg. Totals: 50, 628, 4, 70, 4, -2, 0, 3, -0.2.

BROWN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Table with columns: Opponent, KR, Yds, Avg, Long, TD, PR, Yds, Avg, Long, TD. Totals: 16, 440, 27.5, 100, 1, 7, 28, 4.0, 13, 0.

BROWN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 10, vs Georgia, Nov 19, 2022
Receiving yards: 145, vs Georgia, Nov 19, 2022 (10 receptions)
Receiving touchdowns: 2, vs Northern Illinois, Sept 24, 2022
Long reception: 70, vs Northern Illinois, Sept 24, 2022
Rush attempts: 2, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022
Rush yards: 3, at Florida, Sept 10, 2021 (1 carry)
Long rush: 3, at Florida, Sept 10, 2021
Rushing TDs: n/a
Kick returns: 3, at Ole Miss, Oct 1, 2022
Kick return yards: 164, at Ole Miss, Oct 1, 2022
Long return: 100, vs Miami Ohio, Sept 22, 2022
Kick return touchdowns: 1, vs Miami Ohio, Sept 22, 2022 (100 yards)
Punt returns: 3, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022
Punt return yards: 11, vs South Carolina, Oct 8, 2022
Long punt return: 13, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022
All purpose yards: 245, at Ole Miss, Oct 1, 2022



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JASE BRUNER

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 227 • Junior-SQ
Science Hill, Ky. (Somerset)

2022 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
• Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
• Dean's list (Fall 2022)

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 letterwinner 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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TY BRYANT

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 187 • Freshman-HS
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2023 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- Rated a consensus three-star recruit by all of the major recruiting sites
• Named the 2022 Paul Hornung Award winner as Kentucky's top prep player
• A versatile performer who saw action at defensive back, wide receiver, punt returner, kick returner, gunner on punts and placekick holder
• Helped lead the Broncos to a 15-0 record and the Class 5A state championship
• Part of four straight district titles, three straight region titles and two Class 5A runner-up teams before winning title as a senior





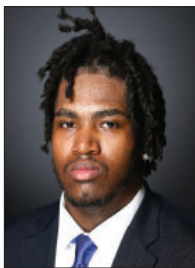
- Was named Most Valuable Player in the title game, in which he had an interception and two tackles on offense while rushing nine times for 42 yards and a touchdown on offense
- Totaled 64 rushes for 498 yards and 12 touchdowns
- Also had three punt returns for touchdowns
- Defensively, had 22 tackles, including three tackles for loss, a forced fumble and two interceptions
- Frederick Douglass' all-time leader in tackles with 273
- Named to Kentucky Sports Radio's 2022 Kentucky High School All-State Team
- Named to the Lexington Herald-Leader's Class of the Commonwealth 31st annual team
- Earned Associated Press first-team All-State defense in 2021
- 2021 Courier-Journal all-state honorable mention defense
- Reunites with high school teammates Jager Burton, Dekel Crowdus and Dane Key
- Coached by Nate McPeek
- A five-year letterwinner on the Bronco's baseball team as a middle infielder
- Excelled in the classroom with a 4.3 GPA ... Member of the Beta Club
- Also had offers from Air Force, Cincinnati, Louisville, Tennessee and others

**Personal**

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Anglea Coleman and Cisco Bryant
- Has one brother, Jordan Taylor
- Father, Cisco, played at Kentucky for Coach Jerry Claiborne from 1983-85 ... Cisco was a big-play performer at wide receiver, with 29 career catches for 482 yards (16.6 yards per catch) and six touchdowns
- Major is pre-communication

**Ty Says**

- He chose Kentucky because it's home and it is his dream school
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports television analyst / broadcaster
- The best advice he's ever received is from his dad "never settle"
- Three words to describe him are chill, competitive and hard working
- His motivation to work hard is his niece and nephew



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DEONDRE  
BUFORD

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 312 • Junior-1L  
Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)

**2022 - Sophomore**

- Saw action in all 13 games with two starts

- Earned his first career start at right tackle vs. South Carolina and also started against No. 1 Georgia

**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**

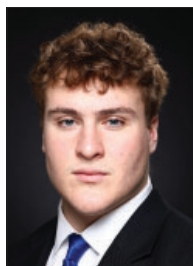
- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2020)

**Personal**

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

**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 • 307 • Sophomore-1L  
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

**2022 - r-Freshman**

- Freshman All-SEC Team
- First Wildcat offensive linemen to earn Freshman All-SEC honors since Logan Stenberg in 2016

- Recorded his first collegiate start at left guard and remained in that starting spot in all 13 games
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

**2021 - Freshman**

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in four games (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 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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ZION CHILDRESS

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 201 • Junior-1L  
Houston, Texas (Texas State/New Caney)

2022 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with his first career start coming against No. 1 Georgia
- Totaled 34 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, a sack and two pass breakups
- Had a season-high nine tackles in his starting debut against top-ranked Georgia
- Followed that performance with five tackles, his first career sack and a PBU in the win over Louisville
- Appeared in 24 games with 14 starts in two seasons at Texas State

2021 - r-Freshman (Texas State)

- Played in all 12 of the Bobcats' games with eight starting nods
- Tallied 74 tackles (41 solo), 1.5 tackles for loss, an interception, five pass breakups and two forced fumbles
- Ranked 17th in the Sun Belt in total tackles, 10th in the conference in solo tackles, and third on the team in tackles
- Was one of three Bobcats to intercept a pass, tied for second on team in forced fumbles and third on the team in pass breakups

2020 - Freshman (Texas State)

- Played in 12 games with six starts at nickel back
- Recorded 61 tackles to tie for fifth among team leaders
- Ranked third on the team with 35 solo stops
- Broke up four passes and recovered a fumble against SMU
- Recorded a career-best nine tackles at No. 11-ranked BYU
- Tallied seven stops at Georgia Southern
- Had six tackles against SMU and Boston College

High School

- Three-star prospect out of Houston's New Caney High School where he starred as the school's quarterback for two years and wide receiver for two years
- Two-time District 9-5A-I Overall Most Valuable Player
- Two-time First-Team All-State
- Montgomery County Player of the Year
- Ran for nearly 3,000 yards and had 21 touchdown passes as a senior
- Also was a four-year letter winner in basketball and track & field

Personal

- Born in Houston, Texas
- Son of Cynthia and Deric Childress
- Has two siblings, Deric Jr. and C'Nai
- Cousins R.J. Jackson (WR) and Marcus Jackson (QB) played college football at LSU and TCU, respectively
- Major is communication

Zion Says

- His nickname is "Champ"
- He chose Kentucky because it offered him the best opportunity to fulfill his dreams
- One word to describe him on the field is "ballhawk"
- Three words to describe him are smart, passionate, and caring
- His favorite family recipe to make and eat is gumbo

CHILDRESS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2020*	S	12-6	61	0-0	0.5-0	0/1	0	0	4
2021*	S	12-8	74	0-0	1.5-7	2/0	1	1	5
2022	S	13-1	34	1.0-10	2.0-12	0/0	0	0	3
at UK		13-1	34	1.0-10	2.0-12	0/0	0	0	3
Totals		37-15	169	1.0-10	4.0-19	2/1	1	1	12

\*at Texas State

CHILDRESS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
vs. Miami OH	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	4	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. USC	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	5	1.0-10	1.0-10	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Iowa	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
Totals	34	1.0-10	2.0-12	0/0	0	0	3

CHILDRESS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (TEXAS STATE)

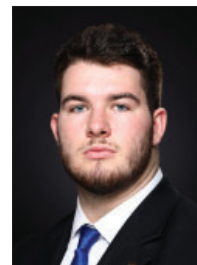
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
vs. Baylor*	7	0-0	1.0-0	1/0	1	0	0
at FIU*	8	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0	0
vs. UIW*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-0	0
at Eastern Mich.*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. South Alabama	6	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Troy	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at Georgia St.	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisiana	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. ULM*	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Ga. Southern*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	2
at Coastal Carolina*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Arkansas St.*	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	74	1.5-7	0-0	2/0	1	1-0	5

CHILDRESS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (TEXAS STATE)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
vs. SMU	6	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
vs. UTSA	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at ULM	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Boston College	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Troy*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at South Alabama*	5	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. BYU*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Louisiana	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Appalachian St.*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at Ga. Southern*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas State	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Coastal Carolina*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	61	0-0	0.5-0	0/1	0	0	4

CHILDRESS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 11, vs ULM, Nov 6, 2021  
 Tackle for loss: 1.0, 3x, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 (10 yards)  
 Sacks: 1.0, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 (10 yards)  
 Fumble Caused: 1, twice, last vs. FIU, Sept 11, 2021  
 Fumble Recovery: 1, SMU, Sept 5, 2020  
 Pass breakups: 2, vs Georgia Southern, Nov 13, 2021  
 Interceptions: 1, vs. UIW, Sept 18, 2021



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ELI COX

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 311 • Senior-3L  
Nicholasville, Ky. (West Jessamine)

2022 - Junior

- Has played in 30 career games with 22 starting assignments
- Outland Trophy Watch List





- Named to the Comeback Player of the Year Award Watch List
- Started at center in all 13 games

### 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
- Graduated in May of 2022 with a degree in integrated strategic communication with a

business minor ... Currently working on a second degree in media arts studies

- One of three representatives for UK football on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the second straight year (2021-22) ... Also elected to the SEC Football Leadership Council in 2022 and 2023 ... Elected chair of the Leadership Council in 2023

### 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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MARQUES  
COX

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 311 • Senior-Tr  
Peoria, Ill. (Northern Illinois/Peoria)

### 2023 - Senior

- Mid-year enrollee
- Transferred to Kentucky after five seasons at Northern Illinois (2018-2022)
- Started in 34 of 36 career games
- Only allowed three sacks in over 1,000 snaps at NIU according to PFF

### 2022 - Junior (Northern Illinois)

- Started in four games at left tackle before missing the final eight due to a season-ending injury at Kroger Field in a loss to Kentucky
- Named to Phil Steele's 2021 All-Mid-American Conference Team

### 2021 - Sophomore (Northern Illinois)

- Named to Phil Steele's All-MAC fourth team after starting all 14 games at left tackle
- Part of an offensive line that helped the Huskies garner the fourth-best offensive rushing attack in FBS with 241.4 yards/game
- NIU gave up just 10 sacks in 14 games to rank second in the country
- The Huskies' 319 firsts downs ranked 14th nationally and NIU was 12th in red zone offense
- Helped clear the way for 13 100-yard rushing games by four different backs during the year
- Protected QB Rocky Lombardi's blindside as the Huskie quarterback threw for a career-high 532 yards and three touchdowns on 35-of-57 passing at Kent State (11-3)
- The Huskie offense remained on the field for more than 40 minutes twice on the year

### 2020 - Freshman (Northern Illinois)

- Started in six games at left tackle
- Anchored a line that helped the NIU offense average 365.7 yards of total offense per game
- Played a key role in helping tailback Harrison Waylee to back-to-back 110-yard rushing games to end the season
- Provided protection on Ross Bowers' 300-yard passing game at Ball State (11-18), a season-best passing for NIU

### 2019 - r-Freshman (Northern Illinois)

- Started in 10 of 12 games played as a key member of the offensive line and a special teams contributor
- Member of an offensive line that led NIU to a season-high 274 rushing yards vs. Akron (10-26)
- NIU tallied a season-high 510 yards of total offense at Ohio (10-12), the first 500-yard games since 2017, and averaged 7.2 yards a play
- One of two freshman to starting on the Huskie offensive line
- Charted two tackles

### 2018 - Freshman (Northern Illinois)

- Redshirt season

### High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by 247Sports coming out of high school and the 32nd-ranked player in Illinois
- Named first team All-State by the Champaign News-Gazette
- Selected to the All-State Offense by EdgyTim
- Earned All-Big Twelve Conference accolades as a senior while also picking up All-Area accolades from the Peoria Journal-Star his junior and senior years
- Started at tackle for a record-setting offense at Peoria that scored 805 points, including 91 rushing TDs, and gained 7,753 total yards
- As a defensive lineman, registered 73 total tackles and 13 sacks ... Intercepted one pass and blocked a field goal his senior year
- Important part of the Peoria High School team that won the first Class 5A State Football Championship in school history in 2016
- Coached by Tim Thornton
- Also participated in wrestling and track and field at Peoria High School
- Finished sixth in the 285-pound weight class at the 2018 state wrestling championship

### Personal

- Name is pronounced "Marcus"
- Born in Peoria, Illinois
- Son of Ruthie and Gregory Cox
- Has two brothers, Maurice and Martez
- Graduated from NIU in May of 2022 with a degree in marketing with a professional sales certificate ... Currently working on an undergraduate certificate in business

### Marques Says

- His nickname is "Big Marq"
- He chose Kentucky because the people were amazing and it felt like home
- His dream job is to be a stay-at-home dad
- Three words to describe him are nice, funny and respectful



- His favorite family recipe to make is his mom Ruthie's chicken and potatoes



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LONDYN CRAFT

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 207 • %Senior-Sq  
Albuquerque, N.M. (Mississippi State/IMG Academy)

2023 - %Senior

- Received an extension of eligibility to allow a sixth season due injury in 2022

2022 - %Senior

- Came to Kentucky as a graduate transfer
- Spent four seasons at Mississippi State, seeing action in 20 career games with eight starts
- Began his career as a walk-on with the Bulldogs in 2017
- Missed the season with a knee injury

2021 - Senior (Mississippi State)

- Saw limited action due to injury

2020 - Junior (Mississippi State)

- Appeared in 10 games with eight starts
- One of 26 Bulldogs to make their first career start in 2020
- Tied for No. 89 nationally and No. 7 in the SEC in fumbles recovered (1)
- Made his first career start at LSU and had four tackles
- Picked up his first career fumble recovery at Arkansas in the second quarter, preventing the Razorbacks from scoring at the goal line ... Added two tackles
- Finished with a career-high seven tackles at Georgia and recorded his first career tackle for loss, ending with 1.5

2019 - Sophomore (Mississippi State)

- Saw action in six games
- Recorded first career tackle at Arkansas

2018 - r-Freshman (Mississippi State)

- Appeared in two contests
- Made collegiate debut vs. Stephen F. Austin

2017 - Freshman (Mississippi State)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Prepped at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida under head coach Kevin Wright
- As a senior, recorded 44 tackles and 1.0 tackle for loss and collected two pass break-ups
- Made one fumble recovery and ran 47 yards for a touchdown
- As a junior, made 44 tackles

Personal

- Son of Endia and Douglas Craft

- Father, Douglas, played college football at Southern and went on to play seven seasons (1993-99) in the Canadian Football League and saw time with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks and Indianapolis Colts
- Graduated from Mississippi State in May of 2021 with a degree in youth development and family studies ... Currently working on a undergraduate certificate in business

Londyn Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the coaching staff and he loved the city of Lexington
- Most people don't know that he's been growing out his hair for five years
- Three words to describe him are calm, cool, and collected
- What motivates him to work hard are his parents and because he wants to be legendary one day
- The best advice he's ever received is "gain control of your money or the lack of it will control you"

CRAFT'S CAREER STATISTICS									
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2018*	DB	2-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2019*	DB	6-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2020*	DB	10-8	56	0-0	1.5-3	0/1	0	0	2
2021*	DB	2-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>20-8</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1.5-3</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

\*at Mississippi State

CRAFT'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (MSU)							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Texas A&M	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

CRAFT'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (MSU)							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
at LSU*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas*	2	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
at Kentucky*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Texas A&M*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Alabama*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt			DNP				
at Georgia*	7	0-0	1.5-3	0/0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tulsa*	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1.5-3</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

CRAFT'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (MSU)							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
at Louisiana	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Kansas State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Arkansas	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Abilene Christian	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

CRAFT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 10, vs Tulsa, Dec 31, 2020  
 Tackle for loss: 1.5, at Georgia, Nov 21, 2020 (3 yards)  
 Fumble Recovery: 1, vs Arkansas, Oct 3, 2020  
 Pass breakups: 2, vs Tulsa, Dec 31, 2020



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DEKEL CROWDUS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 171 • Sophomore-1L  
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2022 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in 10 games and had four catches for 82 yards
- Got his first collegiate catch and totaled two receptions for 17 yards in the win over Youngstown State
- Had one catch for a career-long 50 yards in the win over Mississippi State

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 undecided

**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

**CROWDUS' CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2022	WR	10-0	4	82	20.5	0	50
<b>Totals</b>		<b>10-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>

**CROWDUS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	2	17	0	12
vs. NIU	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	1	50	0	50
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	15	0	15
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>

**CROWDUS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

Receptions: 2, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022  
 Receiving yards: 50, vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022 (1 reception)  
 Receiving TDs: n/a  
 Long reception: 50, vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022



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IZAYAH CUMMINGS

TIGHT END

6-3 • 232 • Senior-3L  
 Louisville, Ky. (Male)

**2022 - Junior**

- Saw action in all 13 games with one starting assignment vs. Miami (Ohio)
- Had his first career rush for 23 yards at Ole Miss

- Also got a punt return for three yards vs. Youngstown State
- Recorded a tackle vs. Iowa in the bowl game
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

**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 management
- One of three representatives for UK football on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

**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**

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Long	Avg
2020	WR	9-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	TE	12-2	14	195	13.9	3	31	0	0	0	0
2022	TE	13-1	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	0	23
<b>Totals</b>		<b>35-3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>

**CUMMINGS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Long
vs. Miami OH*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	1	23	23
vs. USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>

**CUMMINGS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD	Long
vs. ULM	1	7	0	7
vs. Missouri*	1	15	0	15
vs. UTC	1	31	1	31
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	3	22	0	10
at Miss. State	1	5	0	5
vs. Tennessee	4	75	1	28
at Vanderbilt	2	27	1	22
vs. NMST	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	1	13	0	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>





CUMMINGS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

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
Rush attempts: 1, at Ole Miss, Oct 1, 2022
Rush yards: 23, at Ole Miss, Oct 1, 2022 (1 carry)
Long rush: 23, at Ole Miss, Oct 1, 2022
Rushing TDs: n/a
Punt Return: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022
Punt Return Yards: 3, vs Youngstown State, Sept. 17, 2022
Tackles: 1, twice, last vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022



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RAY DAVIS

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 216 • Senior-Tr
San Francisco, Calif. (Vanderbilt/Temple Blair Academy)

2023 - %Senior

- Mid-year enrollee
Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Vanderbilt (2021-22) and two at Temple (2019-20)
Has played in 31 career games, 16 games at Temple and 15 at Vanderbilt, with 24 career starts
Ended the 2022 season ranked 30th on the NCAA's active career rushing yards list with 2,497 yards
Has 2,936 career all-purpose yards

2022 - Senior (Vanderbilt)

- Named fourth-team All-SEC Team by Phil Steele
Semifinalist for Comeback Player of the Year after missing all but three games in 2021 with a knee injury
Returned to rush 232 times for 1,042 yards and five touchdowns in 12 games
Became the 10th Commodore all-time to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season
Had five 100-yard rushing games, with a career-high 167 yards vs. South Carolina
Ranked fourth in the SEC and 33rd nationally in rushing yards per game (86.8)
Also showed his receiving ability during the season with 29 catches for 169 yards and three TDs
Finished sixth in the SEC at 100.92 all-purpose yards per game

2021 - Junior (Vanderbilt)

- Rushed for 211 yards and a touchdown in three games before suffering a season-ending injury week three
Went for 93 yards in win at Colorado State
Posted a touchdown against Stanford

2020 - Sophomore (Temple)

- Played in the first four games of the season, ending with rushing for 323 yards and a touchdown (Navy, USF, Memphis and Tulane)
Caught 12 passes for 62 yards (5.2 yards/reception)

2019 - Freshman (Temple)

- Played in 12 games with five starting assignments
Earned a varsity letter
Named First-Team Freshman All-America by Pro Football Focus, rushing for 936 yards on 193 carries for eight touchdowns
Averaged 78.0 rushing yards/game during freshman campaign
Caught 15 passes for 181 yards and two scores
Had three 100-yard rushing games, including 157 yards against East Carolina and a 135-yard, 2 TD performance against Georgia Tech that earned American Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors
In Temple debut, rushed for 60 yards and a touchdown and caught two passes for 78 yards and a score vs. Bucknell
Reset the single-game rushing high against East Carolina with 157

High School

- Played running back and defensive back for coach Jim Saylor at Blair Academy in Blairstown, N.J.
Played in 33 career games and rushed for 4,815 yards and 59 touchdowns on 375 carries
Also tallied 80 tackles and six interceptions over his four years as a defensive back
Helped the Buccaneers to a 5-3 mark as a senior
An all-around athlete who also participated in basketball, baseball and track for the Lions

Personal

- Full name is Re'Mahn Walter Zhamar Jamar Davis but goes by Ray
Born in San Francisco, California
Biological parents are Jessica Blazer and Raymond Davis
Guardians are Lora Banks and Greg Ley
Has 14 siblings
Graduated from Vanderbilt in December of 2022 with a degree in communications studies ... Currently working on a undergraduate certificate in business

Ray Says

- He chose Kentucky because of its great running backs tradition and the passion of the Big Blue Nation
Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to work at ESPN
One thing most people don't know about him is that he grew up in the foster care system
The highlight of his life so far as been being a light for children in foster care
Besides playing football, he is also really good at writing poems

DAVIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Att., Yds., Avg., TD, LG, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, LG. Totals: 31-21 547 2497 4.6 15 55 61 439 7.2 5 51

\*at Temple
! at Vanderbilt

DAVIS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (VU)

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Totals: 232 1042 5 45 29 169 3 24

DAVIS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (VU)

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Totals: 44 211 1 26 5 27 0 11

DAVIS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (TU)

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Totals: 78 323 1 30 12 62 0 14

DAVIS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (TU)

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Totals: 193 936 8 55 15 181 2 51

DAVIS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 30, vs Florida, Nov 19, 2022
Rush yards: 167, vs South Carolina, Nov 5, 2022 (20 carries)
Long rush: 51, vs Bucknell, Aug 31, 2019
Rushing touchdowns: 2, vs Georgia Tech, Sept 28, 2019
Receptions: 5, 3x, last vs Tennessee, Nov 26, 2022
Receiving yards: 78, vs Bucknell, Aug 31, 2019 (2 receptions)
Long Reception: 51, vs Bucknell, Aug 31, 2019
All-Purpose yards: 172, vs South Carolina, Nov 5, 2022



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TREY DENNIS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-8 • 138 • Junior-SQ  
Lexington, Ky. (Sayre)

**2022 - Sophomore**

- Practiced with the team

**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 • 238 • Sophomore-1L  
Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green HS)

**2022 - r-Freshman**

- Freshman All-SEC Team
- Honorable Mention Freshman All-American (CFN)
- Dean's List (Fall 2022)
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Played in all 13 games with 12 starts
- Totaled 20 catches (fourth-highest on the team) for 220 yards (fourth-highest) and three scores
- Recorded two catches for 11 yards in his first collegiate start in the season opener vs. Miami (Ohio)
- Caught three passes for 30 yards and a score at Ole Miss ... Hauled in a 17-yard touchdown pass to tie the game in the third quarter, his first career collegiate scoring reception
- Hauled in the second score of his career on a 16-yard touchdown pass from Kaiya Sheron vs. South Carolina
- Had career highs with four catches for 44 yards at No. 3 Tennessee ... Caught a season-long 24-yard pass for a first down on UK's first touchdown drive of the game
- Had three receptions for 35 yards and a touchdown in the win over Missouri ... His receiving TD in the third quarter marked the third TD receiving of his career, which ties Derek Abney (2000) and Tommy Cook (2001) for the second-most touchdowns receiving by a freshman in program history

**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)

**Community Cats**

- Volunteered with the Kentucky Children's Hospital at the Barbasol mini golf event (2021)
- Volunteered for the My New Kentucky Home Special Olympics event (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
- 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 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
2022	TE	13-12	20	220	11.0	3	24
<b>Totals</b>		<b>17-12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>

**DINGLE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Miami OH*	2	11	0	11
at Florida*	2	29	0	19
vs. YSU*	0	2	0	2
vs. NIU	1	19	0	19
at Ole Miss*	3	30	1	17
vs. USC*	1	16	1	16
vs. Miss. State*	1	2	0	2
at Tennessee*	4	44	0	24
at Missouri*	3	35	1	17
vs. Vanderbilt*	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	1	8	0	8
vs. UofL*	1	18	0	18
vs. Iowa*	1	6	0	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>





## 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>

## DINGLE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Receptions:** 4, at Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022  
**Receiving yards:** 44, at Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022 (4 receptions)  
**Receiving TDs:** 1, 3x, last at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022  
**Long reception:** 31, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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## JUSTICE DINGLE II

### FULLBACK

6-3 • 261 • %Senior-SQ  
 Bowling Green, Ky. (Georgia Tech/  
 Bowling Green HS)

### 2022 - Senior

- Moved from outside linebacker to fullback
- Has seen action in 33 career games (19 at Ga Tech, 13 at UK)
- Played in nine games this season
- Had first career catch for a career-best 10 yards in the win over Youngstown State
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

### 2021 - Junior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Georgia Tech ... Totaled eight career tackles, three fumble recoveries and a tackle for loss at Ga Tech
- Played in four games (ULM, NMST, Louisville and Iowa) and had 1 tackle
- 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
- Has a daughter, Nova Reign Dingle
- Graduated in December '22 with a degree in communication ... Currently working on a second undergraduate degree in community leadership and development

### 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

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	FC/FR	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
2018*	LB	4-0	1	0-0	0/0				
2019*	DL	11-1	6	1.0-8	0/3				
2020*	DL	4-0	1	0-0	0/0				
2021	DL	4-0	1	0-0	0/0				
2022	FB	9-0	0	0-0	0/0	1	10	0	10
<b>at UK</b>	<b>13-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32-1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.8-8</b>	<b>0/3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	

\*at Georgia Tech

## JU. DINGLE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Miami OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	10
vs. NIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

## JU. DINGLE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Clemson	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Boston College	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Notre Dame	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
at Clemson	0	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
vs. South Florida*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. The Citadel	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Temple		DNP				
vs. North Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Duke	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Miami (FL)	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Pittsburgh	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
at Virginia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	1.0-8	0-0	0/1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. Alcorn State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at UCF	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Pitt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Clemson	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>





**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  
 Receptions: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022  
 Receiving yards: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022 (1 reception)  
 Long reception: 10, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022



**95**  
**JAMARIUS**  
**DINKINS**

**DEFENSIVE LINE**

6-5 • 280 • Sophomore-1L  
 Columbus, Ohio (Walnut Ridge)

**2022 - r-Freshman**

- Saw action in nine games and had nine tackles, a sack and a tackle for loss
- Charted a career-high three tackles at No. 3 Tennessee
- Got his first career tackle for loss in the win over Louisville
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

**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-integrated strategic communication

**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**

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FC/FR	INT	PBU
2021	DE	3-0	1	0.5-2	0-0	0/0	0	0
2022	DE	9-0	9	1.0-1	1.0-1	0/0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>12-0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.5-3</b>	<b>1.0-1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**DINKINS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

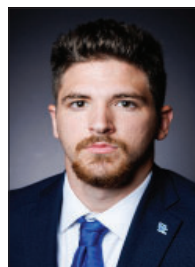
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. Miami (Ohio)	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. YSU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. UofL	1	1.0-1	1.0-1	0/0	0	0
vs. Iowa	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.0-1</b>	<b>1.0-1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**DINKINS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. ULM	1	0.5-2	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NMST	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.5-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**DINKINS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

Tackles: 3, at Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022  
 Sacks: 0.5, vs. ULM, Sept 4, 2021  
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 (1 yard)



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**ISAAC**  
**DIXON**

**RUNNING BACK**

5-11 • 199 • Freshman-HS  
 Belfry, Ky. (Belfry)

**2022 - Freshman**

- Practiced with the team

**High School**

- Five-year letterwinner and four-year starter at Belfry High School under the guidance of head coach Philip Haywood
- Reclassified to the incoming Class of 2022 after using Kentucky's free COVID year
- As a super senior in 2021, swept the Kentucky Mr. Football Awards from both the Kentucky Football

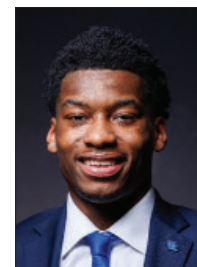
- Coaches Association and the Associated Press, while also being named to the All-State First Team Offense
- Ranked third in the state with 1,986 yards rushing, averaging 10.1 yards on 196 carries, while scoring 29 touchdowns ... Also caught three passes for 184 yards receiving and three more touchdowns ... Added 46 total tackles, a team-high four interceptions and one touchdown on defense in 2021
- In the 2021 3A State Championship game, rushed for 376 yards and five touchdowns, including a game-winning, 62-yard run with less than five minutes to play in Belfry's 33-28 win over Paducah Tilghman
- Helped the Pirates to the 2019 3A State Championship title and, after beginning the season 0-5, led the Pirates to the 2021 3A State Championship title
- Named a 2019 and 2020 All-State Honorable Mention
- Also ran track and field for two years and played basketball for one year at Belfry High School

**Personal**

- Born in Belfry, Kentucky
- Son of Brigitte Dixon
- Has two brothers, Billy and Stephen, and two sisters, Micah and Shannon
- Major is community and leadership development

**Isaac Says**

- One word to describe himself on the field is "exciting"
- Besides football, one other thing he is good at is bowling
- His favorite thing about football is the sound of the fans
- What motivates him is seeing his growth and development
- The best piece of advice he has received is, "You can do anything for one minute"



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**JANTZEN**  
**DUNN**

**DEFENSIVE BACK**

6-0 • 182 • Sophomore-Tr  
 Bowling Green, Ky. (Ohio State/South Warren)

**2023 - Sophomore**

- Mid-year enrollee
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Ohio State (2021-2022)
- Saw action in six total games
- Played on Ohio State teams who qualified for the CFP New Years Six in both of his seasons in Columbus
- Ranked as a top-10 safety in the transfer portal by 247 sports

**2022 - r-Freshman (Ohio State)**

- Appeared in four games vs. Notre Dame, Arkansas State, Wisconsin and Penn State in a special teams role





2021 - Freshman (Ohio State)

- Redshirt season
- Played in two games vs. Akron and Rutgers

High School

- Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals and 247Sports and the No. 2 player in the state and No. 15 safety nationally coming out of high school
- A two-way player at cornerback, safety and wide receiver for head coach Brandon Smith at South Warren
- Earned first-team All-State by the Courier-Journal after leading a defense at South Warren that allowed just 10.7 points per game and helped the Spartans go 10-2 overall and reach the second round of the Class 5A playoffs
- Named third-team All-State by the Courier-Journal as junior in 2019 ... Totaled 37 tackles and an interception on defense ... Six of his 19 receptions went for touchdowns as South Warren finished 10-2
- As a sophomore in 2018, played in all 15 games for South Warren as it went 15-0 and win the Class 5A state championship ... Recorded 30 tackles, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries, one of which went for a touchdown ... Also had four receptions for 68 yards and one touchdown
- Four-year letterwinner in track & field at South Warren where he won the Class 3A Regional 2 long jump and high jump and placed fifth in the state championship in the long jump
- Attended Riverwood International Charter School in Sandy Springs, Georgia as a freshman before moving to Kentucky

Personal

- Born in Atlanta
- Son of Sonja Breeze and Mitchell Dunn
- Step-father is Calvin Breeze and step-mother is Chasity Rodgers
- Siblings are Jada Dunn and Jonah Dunn
- Dad, Mitchell, played basketball at Miami from 1994-95
- Major is community and leadership development

Jantzen Says

- His nickname is "J.D."
- He chose Kentucky because it's home
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- The best advice he's ever received is "control the controllables"
- His favorite family recipe to make is spaghetti

DUNN'S CAREER STATISTICS									
Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.	
2021*	2-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
2022*	4-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\*at Ohio State

DUNN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (OSU)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Notre Dame	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas St.	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Wisconsin	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

DUNN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (OSU)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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TOMIWA DUROJAIYE

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-4 • 278 • Freshman-RS  
Middletown, Del. (Middletown)

2022-Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2022
- Played in three games vs. Miami (Ohio), Youngstown State and Iowa
- Dean's List (Fall 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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TYRESE FEARBRY

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 233 • Freshman-RS  
Pittsburgh, Pa. (Perry Traditional Academy)

2022 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games vs. Miami (Ohio), Youngstown State and Iowa
- Charted his first career tackle in the win over Youngstown State
- Got a PBU in the bowl game vs. Iowa

High School

- 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, while 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

Personal

- Name is pronounced Tyrese "FEAR-bree"
- Born in Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Son of Terrance Fearbry, Leslie Fearbry and Brandi White
- Has nine siblings





- Major is undecided

**Tyrese Says**

- His nickname is "Reese"
- He chose Kentucky because of the winning culture
- Three words to describe him are tall, goofy, and funny
- Besides playing football, he is also very good at cooking
- His favorite family recipe to make and eat is yams

**FEARBRY'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	Pos	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF/FR	PBU	QBH	INT	Blk
2022	OLB	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**FEARBRY'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH	Blk
vs. Miami OH	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**FEARBRY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

Tackles: 1, vs Youngstown, Sept 17, 2022  
 Pass breakup: 1, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022



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**JEREMY FLAX**

**OFFENSIVE LINE**

6-6 • 325 • Senior-1L  
 Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC/Robichaud)

**2022 - Junior**

- Played and started in 12 of UK's 13 games at right tackle
- Earned his first collegiate start at offensive tackle vs. Miami Ohio and stayed in the starting position
- Did not see action vs. South Carolina with injury

**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**

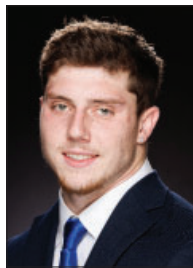
- Dressed up as Santa Clause and gave out gifts to kids for the Woodhill Community Center Holiday Party (2021)

**Personal**

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Sandra Flax
- Has one brother, Isaiah
- Graduated in December of '22 with a degree in community leadership and development ... Currently working on an undergraduate certificate in social work

**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 • 225 • Senior-SQ  
 Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan State/  
 Cardinal Mooney)

**2022 - Junior**

- Saw action on special teams in six games
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2022)

**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
- Set to graduate in May '23 with a degree in 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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**DYLAN GARY**

**WIDE RECEIVER**

6-4 • 198 • Sophomore-SQ  
 Sugar Hill, Ga. (North Gwinnett)

**2022 - Freshman**

- Practiced with the team





High School

- Two-year letterwinner and one-year starter at North Gwinnett High School under head coach Bill Stewart
As a starter at wide receiver his senior season, averaged 16.2 yards per reception and 49.9 yards per game, making 37 catches for 600 yards and five touchdowns through 12 games in 2021
That same season, he was named to the All-County Team and the 8A All-Region Offensive First Team in football
Was also a three-year varsity basketball player and two-year track athlete at North Gwinnett
Named a 2022 8A All-Region First Team selection in basketball
Aided in the North Gwinnett basketball team's three straight regional championship titles and two straight Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Elite 8 appearances

Personal

- Born in Sugar Hill, Georgia
Son of Willie and Sam Gary
Has two sisters, Victoria and Averie
Comes from a family of athletes as dad, Willie, played defensive back at Kentucky from 1997-01 ... Was a 1997 Freshman All-America First Team selection by The Sporting News and a team captain in 2000 ... Went on to play for the St. Louis Rams in 2001 ... Mom, Sam, ran track at Tennessee from 1998-2002, competing in the 100-, 200- and 400-meters
Major is pre-integrated strategic communication

Dylan Says

- One thing most people don't know about him is he likes to watch anime
He chose Kentucky because of the great campus
One word to describe himself on the field is "tough"
His sports hero is his dad because he's a hard worker
In just a few words, he would describe head coach Mark Stoops as "pretty funny"



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JALEN GEIGER

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 199 • Senior-3L
Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)

2022 - Junior

- Changed jersey number from No. 34 to No. 4
Named to SEC Community Service Good Works Team
AFCA Good Works Team nominee
Wuerffel Trophy nominee
Had a career-high tying four tackles in the season opener vs. Miami Ohio
Had three tackles vs. Florida before leaving the game with a season-ending knee injury that required surgery

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

- Mentor at Liberty Elementary (2021 - present) - growing up in a military family, Jalen attended six different schools from kindergarten through 12th grade and knows a thing or two about what it feels like to be the new kid in class and how hard it can be to make new friends. Because of his background, Jalen has a passion for helping elementary school-age kids so they don't feel alone. He uses his platform as a football player to help kids in need and in 2021, found a mentorship opportunity at Liberty Elementary in Lexington, Kentucky. He visited the school on several occasions, playing with the kids and talking to them about learning and trusting their teachers. He plans to use his platform in 2022 to spread a message about anti-bullying and being kind.
Real Men Read (2021) - Volunteered to read to a group of first graders at Yates Elementary three times during the season

- Citrus Bowl Volunteer Project (2021) - Volunteered to mentor children in the Orlando area at an amusement park ... Paired up with one of the students and began a friendship with him and talked to him about the importance of school because he was not doing well in the classroom
Belk Bowl Volunteer Project (2020) - Volunteered to pack food bags for people in the Charlotte area with food and/or home insecurities in the community
God's Pantry (2020) - Volunteered to pack food bags for food insecurity elementary students in the Lexington area to take home for the weekends
Lighthouse Ministries (2020) - Volunteered to prepare, clean and serve meals to the homeless

Personal

- Last name is pronounced "GI-ger"
Born in Columbia, South Carolina
Son of Tony and Ramona Geiger
Tony was a Chief Warrant Officer (CW3) in the Army for 21 years with five combat deployments, while mom, Ramona, retired as a First Sergeant (E-8) after 25 years of service with three combat deployments in the Army
Siblings are Eriq and Ja'nia
Brother, Eriq, played football at Bowling Green from 2009-12
On track to graduate in May '23 with a degree in 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

Table with 8 columns: Year, G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds, TFL-Yds, FF/FR, INT, QBH, PBU. Rows include 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and Totals.

GEIGER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 7 columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows include vs. Miami OH\*, at Florida\*, and Totals.

GEIGER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 7 columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, INT, QBH, PBU. Rows include vs. ULM, vs. Missouri, vs. UTC, at South Carolina, vs. Florida, and vs. LSU.





**GEIGER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME**

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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1.0-6</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1-31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**GEIGER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

**Tackles:** 4, twice, last vs Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022  
**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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**MAXWELL  
HAIRSTON**

**DEFENSIVE BACK**

**6-1 • 181 • Sophomore-1L  
West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)**

**2022 - r-Freshman**

- Played in 12 games and totaled two tackles
- Got a career-best two tackles in the win over Youngstown State

**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
- 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
- Picked Kentucky over offers from Arkansas, Minnesota, Purdue, Rutgers, Virginia Tech
- 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 community leadership and development

**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"

**HAIRSTON'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	INT	PBU	QBH
2022	DB	12-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>12-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**HAIRSTON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. Miami	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. St.	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at UT	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**HAIRSTON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

**Tackles:** 2, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022



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**NIKOLAS  
HALL**

**OFFENSIVE LINE**

**6-6 • 314 • Freshman-RS  
Austin, Texas (Akins)**

**2022 - Freshman**

- Redshirt season

**High School**

- A four-star recruit and No. 92 nationally by on3com, which also listed him as the No. 8 offensive tackle nationally and No. 22 in the state of Texas
- Rivals listed him as the No. 65 offensive tackle in 2022 class
- Coached by Joey Saxe
- Became the first Akins player to sign with a Division I program
- Earned first-team All-State and All-District
- Named an Adidas All-American
- Nominee for Austin Offensive Player of the Year
- 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
- Picked Kentucky over offers from Texas A&M, Ole Miss, Arizona State and Oklahoma State

**Personal**

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Candice Shipp and Antonio Hall
- Has two younger brothers, Noah and Antonio Hall Jr.
- 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
- Cousin, Ronnie Harris, was an Olympic Gold Medalist in the 1968 Summer Olympics
- Has a son, Josiah Carter Hall
- Major is undecided

**Nik Says**

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports agent
- He chose Kentucky because everything just felt right
- One thing most people don't know about him is he doesn't like to play video games
- One word to describe him on the field is "freak"
- Speaks a little bit of French





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SHANE  
HAMM

QUARTERBACK

5-11 • 209 • Sophomore-Tr  
North Jackson, Ohio (Dayton/Hoban)

2023 - Sophomore

- Mid-year enrollee
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Dayton where he played in seven games

2022 - r-Freshman (Dayton)

- Played in seven games
- Completed 63 of 112 passes for 701 yards and six scores with four interceptions
- Team's second-leading rusher with 92 carries for 423 yards and three touchdowns
- Averaged 4.6 yards per carry
- Helped UD finish with an 8-3 overall record, including 5-3 in the Pioneer Football League
- The Flyers finish tied for second place with Davidson behind St. Thomas but were not eligible for the FCS playoffs as a transitional institution

2021 - Freshman (Dayton)

- Redshirt season
- Named 2021 Scout Team Offensive Player of the Year

High School

- Four-year starter at quarterback for perennial powerhouse Archbishop Hoban
- Played for head coach Tim Tyrrell
- Led the Knights to an impressive 50-3 overall record and three state championship titles in his prep career, passing for a school-record 8,815 yards in his career
- Ranks 12th all-time in passing yards in the state of Ohio
- His 83 career touchdowns rank 20th in the state
- Completed 85 of 121 passes (70 percent completion rate) for 1,750 yards with 16 touchdowns and just two interceptions in his covid-shortened senior season in 2020
- Broke the single-season school records for passing yards and touchdowns
- Earned second-team All-Ohio honors as a senior
- Named the offensive MVP of the Blue-Gray All-American Bowl in Arlington, Texas

Personal

- Born in Warren, Ohio
- Son of Tim and Shawna Hamm
- Siblings are Taylor and Tori
- Grew up on a thoroughbred horse farm in Warren, Ohio
- Major is undecided

Shane Says

- He chose Kentucky so he could compete at the highest level of college football

- Three words to describe him are outgoing, winner and hard worker
- His favorite family recipe to make is chicken piccata
- The best advice he's ever received came from his mom, "bet on yourself"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he enjoys working on cars

HAMM'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Lg	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg
2022*	7-0	91	422	3	48	63	112	4	56.2	701	6	58
Totals	7-0	91	422	3	48	63	112	4	56.2	701	6	58

\*at Dayton

HAMM'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (DAYTON)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Rush	Yds	TD	Long
at Butler	2-7-0	41	0	39	3	23	0	16
at Marist	11-19-0	105	1	39	12	12	0	17
vs. Stetson	11-18-0	122	0	58	12	44	1	14
vs. Valparaiso	12-19-3	137	1	32	24	125	0	26
at Presbyterian	6-14-1	55	1	16	10	74	1	47
vs. Morehead St.	12-18-0	118	3	39	13	112	0	48
at Davidson	9-17-0	123	0	47	17	32	1	17
Totals	63-112-4	701	6	58	91	422	3	48

HAMM'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 19, vs Valparaiso, Oct 29, 2022  
 Pass completions: 12, twice, last vs Morehead St, Nov 12, 2022  
 Pass yards: 137, vs Valparaiso, Oct 29, 2022  
 Pass TDs: 3, vs Morehead St., Nov 12, 2022  
 Long pass: 58, vs Stetson, Oct 22, 2022  
 Total offense plays: 43, vs Valparaiso, Oct 29, 2022 (19 rush, 24 pass)  
 Total offense yards: 262, vs Valparaiso, Oct 29, 2022 (125 rush, 137 pass)  
 Rush attempts: 24, vs Valparaiso, Oct 29, 2022  
 Rush yards: 125, vs Valparaiso, Oct 29, 2022  
 Long rush: 48, vs Morehead St, Nov 12, 2022  
 Rushing TDs: 1, at Davidson, Nov 19, 2022



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JQ  
HARDAWAY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-3 • 194 • Sophomore-Tr  
North Jackson, Ohio (Dayton/Hoban)

2023 - Sophomore

- Mid-year enrollee
- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at the University of Cincinnati (2022), his true freshman season
- Rated as the No. 9 overall player in the transfer portal by 247sports

2022 - Freshman

- Played 11 games for the Bearcats
- Totaled a sack, four unassisted tackles and seven total tackles

- Had a season-best game vs. Temple where he logged three total tackles in the game
- Earned preseason true freshman All-America team honors from ESPN.com

High School

- Consensus four-star recruit
- Four-year letterwinner at defensive back and wide receiver in high school
- Played senior year at Phenix City (Ala.) Central for head coach Patrick Nix
- Spent three seasons at Hardaway High School in Columbus, Georgia for head coach Michael Woolridge
- Rated among the Top 10 players in the talent-rich state of Alabama and among the Top 15 defensive backs in the country
- Led Central to a runner-up finish in the 2021 Alabama Class 7A State Championship
- Named first-team All-State by the Alabama Sports Writers Association as a senior in 2021
- Selected to play in the 2022 Under Armour All-America Game
- Was an honorable mention All-State selection by the Atlanta Journal Constitution as a junior in 2020 at Hardaway
- Had 28 scholarship offers coming out of high school

Personal

- First name is Jonquis but goes by "JQ"
- Born in Columbus, Georgia
- Son of Kawana Green and Gary Hardaway
- Has one younger brother, Xavier
- Major is health promotion with a minor in coaching

JQ Says

- His nickname is "JQ"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach or TV analyst
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is not a morning person
- Three words to describe him are funny, tall and loving
- Besides playing football, he's also really good at video games

HARDAWAY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	INT	PBU	QBH
2022	DB	11-0	7	1.0-4	2.0-5	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	11-0	7	1.0-4	2.0-5	0/0	0	0	0	

HARDAWAY'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (UC)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. Arkansas	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Kennesaw St.	0	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miami (OH)	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Indiana	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tulsa	1	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
vs. South Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at SMU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Navy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Temple	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tulane	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	7	1.0-4	2.0-5	0/0	0	0	0





**HARDAWAY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

Tackles: 3, vs Temple, Nov 19, 2022  
 Sacks: 1, vs Miami (OH), Sept 17, 2022  
 Tackles for loss: 1, vs Miami (OH), Sept 17, 2022



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**JOSIAH HAYES**

**NOSE GUARD**

6-3 • 317 • Senior-3L  
 Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)

**2023 - Senior**

- Switched jersey numbers from No. 99 to No. 97

**2022 - Junior**

- Saw action in 11 games with one start
- Totaled eight tackles and a PBU
- Recorded his first pass breakup in the win over Miami Ohio in the season opener
- Got a season-best two tackles vs. Northern Illinois

**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 Thomas Roger and Wilson Hayes
- Siblings are Nema Hendrix, Savanna Hawkins, and Isaiah Hayes
- Major is sociology

**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
2022	11-1	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29-2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1.5-5</b>	<b>1.0-5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**HAYES' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Miami OH	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss			DNP					
vs. USC*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	1	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. Vanderbilt			DNP					
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1.5-5</b>	<b>1.0-5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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  
 Pass Breakup: 1, vs Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022



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**DARRION HENRY-YOUNG**

**DEFENSIVE LINE**

6-4 • 264 • Junior-1L  
 Cincinnati, Ohio (Ohio State/Princeton HS)

**2022 - Sophomore**

- Played in five games vs. Youngstown State, South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisville and Iowa
- Saw his first action at UK vs. Youngstown State and recorded a tackle and a career-high tying sack

**2021 - r-Freshman (Ohio State)**

- Played in two games for the Buckeyes vs. Tulsa and Akron

**2020 - Freshman (Ohio State)**

- Redshirt season
- Played in two games for the Buckeyes vs. Nebraska in the season opener and against Rutgers
- Charted his first career sack vs. Nebraska

**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 community and leadership development

**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





## HENRY-YOUNG'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF	FR	QBH
2020*	2-0	1	1.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021*	2-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2022	5-0	1	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0
at UK	5-0	1	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.0-13</b>	<b>1.0-9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\*at Ohio State

## HENRY-YOUNG'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	1	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.0-9</b>	<b>1.0-9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## HENRY-YOUNG'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Tulsa	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## HENRY-YOUNG'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Nebraska	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Rutgers	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## HENRY-YOUNG'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Tackles:** 1, twice, last vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022  
**Tackles for loss:** 1.0, twice, last vs Youngstown St., Sept 17, 2022 (4 yds)  
**Sacks:** 1.0, twice, last vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022 (4 Yards)



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## DEUCE HOGAN

### QUARTERBACK

6-4 • 217 • Junior-Sq  
 Southlake, Texas (Iowa/  
 Grapevine Faith Christian)

### 2022 - Sophomore

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2022
- Saw action in three games vs. Miami (Ohio), Florida and Iowa
- Completed 6-of-7 passes for 19 yards all coming vs. Iowa in the bowl game

### 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

## HOGAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Lg	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg
2021*	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	85.7	19	0	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

\*at Iowa

## HOGAN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Rush	Yds	TD	Long
vs. Miami OH	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	6-7-0	19	0	11	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6-7-0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## HOGAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Pass attempts:** 7, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
**Pass completions:** 6, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
**Pass yards:** 19, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
**Pass TDs:** n/a  
**Long pass:** 19, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022



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## KENNETH HORSEY

### OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 311 • %Senior-4L  
 Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)

### 2023 - %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 37 career games with 33 straight starting assignments

### 2022 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Elected one of seven team captains
- Preseason Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- Preseason Second-Team All-SEC (Media)
- Preseason Third-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Preseason HM All-America (Pro Football Network)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Did not play vs. Georgia

### 2021 - Junior

- 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**

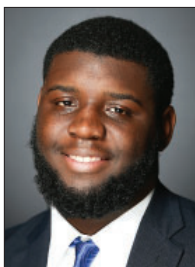
- Is an advocate for heart health after having open heart surgery in 2018
- Participated in American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day (2020-2023)
- Participated in the 2021 Central Kentucky Heart Walk Digital Experience (2021)
- Coordinated and planned a hands-only CPR training for the UK Football 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 Kenyse Horsey and Ora-Monet Hughes
- Graduated in December '21 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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D'ERYK JACKSON

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 245 • Senior-3L  
Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)

**2022 - Junior**

- Played in all 13 games with nine starting assignments, eight straight
- Team's leading tackler with 67
- Finished with 4.0 tackles for loss (fourth-highest) and two pass breakups

- Got his first career tackle for loss and pass breakup at Ole Miss
- Charted a career-high 2.0 tackles vs. South Carolina
- Had five tackles and a PBU in the win over Mississippi State
- Led the Wildcats with a career-high 14 tackles, including four solo stops and one-half tackle for loss at No. 3 Tennessee
- Had at least eight tackles in four of his last six games
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

**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
- On track to graduate in December of '23 with a degree in 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	
2022	ILB	13-9	67	0-0	4.0-11	0/0	0	2	0	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>26-10</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4.0-11</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>2-8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	

JACKSON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH			
vs. Miami OH*	5	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0	0			
at Florida	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0			
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0			
vs. NIU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0			
at Ole Miss	3	0-0	1.0-5	0/0	1	0	0			
vs. USC*	6	0-0	2.0-5	0/0	0	0	0			
vs. Miss. St.*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0			
at Tennessee*	14	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0	0			
at Missouri*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0			
vs. Vandy*	9	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0			
vs. Georgia*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0			
vs. UofL*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0			
vs. Iowa*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4.0-11</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			

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			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>1</b>			

JACKSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH			
at Auburn	1	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	1-5	0			
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0			
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0			





## JACKSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NC Stae	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>0</b>

## JACKSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Tackles:** 14, at Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022  
**Tackles for loss:** 2.0, vs South Carolina, Oct 8, 2022 (5 yards)  
**Interceptions:** 1, twice, last vs Iowa, Jan 1, 2022  
**Quarterback hurry:** 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021  
**Pass breakups:** 1, twice, last vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022



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## RAMON JEFFERSON

### RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 215 • %Senior-Sq  
 The Bronx, N.Y. (Sam Houston State/  
 Garden City CC/Maine/Truman)

### 2023 - %Senior

- Will return for the 2023 season after being granted an extension of eligibility waiver by the NCAA to allow for a sixth season

### 2022 - %Senior

- Missed the season with a knee injury suffered in the opening series vs. Miami Ohio
- Had two carries for 10 yards in the season opener vs. Miami Ohio before being sidelined with injury
- The former FCS All-American was one of the top rushers in the FCS last two seasons at Sam Houston State in Huntsville, Texas and had a long and winding road to Lexington ... Began his football career at Maine where he was coached under former UK offensive coordinator Liam Coen ... Transferred to Garden City Community College in Kansas for one season and then transferred to Sam Houston State for two seasons
- Dean's List (Fall 2022)

### 2021 - Senior (Sam Houston State)

- Amassed 1,907 yards on 299 carries in 22 games in two seasons
- Helped the Bearkats win the FCS Championship during the spring of 2021
- For the '21 spring season, was named All-Southland Conference second team after rushing for 752 yards (sixth in the FCS) with seven touchdowns
- Averaged 75.2 yards per game and had three rushes of over 30 yards, making him the first Bearkat since 2017 with multiple 30-yard rushes in the same season
- In the fall season, rushed for 1,155 yards and had 13 touchdowns
- Named an Associated Press FCS second-team All-American

- First-team All-Western Athletic Conference

### 2020 - Junior (Sam Houston State)

- FCS postponed its 2020 season due to COVID-19

### 2019 - Sophomore (Garden City CC)

- Named to the All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference second team offense after rushing for 994 yards and 13 scores in 11 games
- His rushing yardage and rushing TDs were each second in the KJCCC
- Did not lose a fumble in 168 carries for the season

### 2018 - r-Freshman (Maine)

- Saw action in 12 games with seven starting assignments for the Black Bears
- Totaled 1,037 rushing yards on 182 carries with eight touchdowns
- Averaged 86.4 yards per game and 5.7 yards per carry
- Notched six receptions for 50 yards and a touchdown
- Helped lead Maine to the semifinals of the FCS playoffs
- Named the Thurlow Cooper Offensive Rookie of the Year

### 2017 - Freshman (Maine)

- Redshirted season
- Coached by under former UK offensive coordinator Liam Coen

### High School

- Shined at Harry S Truman High School where he was a two-time all-conference, two-time all-city, NYSSWA all-state selection
- Helped lead Harry S Truman to back-to-back PSAL Bowls
- Amassed an impressive 5,456 total yards and 52 career touchdowns

### Personal

- Born in The Bronx, New York
- Son of Dawn Jones and Wayne Jefferson
- Graduated from Sam Houston State in May of '22 with a degree in humanities and social sciences ... Currently working on a master's degree in sport leadership

### Ramon Says

- His nickname is "X"
- He chose Kentucky because of the winning culture and the tradition
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can play the saxophone
- His dream job is to own his own private sports performance business
- One thing he will never do again is drink Ensure before a workout

## JEFFERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2018+	12-7	182	1,037	5.7	8	64	6	50	8.3	1	51
2020*	10-8	126	752	6.0	7	59	5	37	7.4	0	15
2021*	12-10	173	1,155	6.7	13	70	0	0	0	0	0
2022	1-0	2	10	5.0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
<b>UK</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35-25</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>

+ at Maine  
 \*at Sam Houston State

## JEFFERSON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Miami OH	2	10	0	8	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## JEFFERSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (SAM HOUSTON STATE)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at N. Arizona*	11	143	1	45	0	0	0	0
vs. SE Missouri*	11	153	2	70	0	0	0	0
at C. Arkansas*	22	104	1	24	0	0	0	0
vs. S. F. Austin*	19	61	0	11	0	0	0	0
vs. Lamar	3	11	1	5	0	0	0	0
vs. Jacksonville St.*	14	110	2	33	0	0	0	0
at Tarleton*	23	173	0	25	0	0	0	0
vs. Dixie State*	8	76	1	23	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	15	55	2	17	0	0	0	0
at Abilene C.*	14	86	1	18	0	0	0	0
vs. UIW*	22	166	2	48	0	0	0	0
vs. Montana St.*	11	17	0	5	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## JEFFERSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (SAM HOUSTON STATE)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southeast-ern La.*	12	139	1	59	1	6	0	6
vs. Nicholls*	13	53	0	24	0	0	0	0
at Lamar*	6	46	0	49	0	0	0	0
at Northwestern State	18	107	0	21	0	0	0	0
vs. McNeese	11	38	1	13	0	0	0	0
at UIW*	13	92	1	22	2	21	0	15
vs. Monmouth*	9	95	2	56	0	0	0	0
vs. N. Dakota St.*	13	26	1	8	2	10	0	6
vs. James Madison*	15	60	1	10	0	0	0	0
at S. Dakota St.*	16	96	0	17	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>

## JEFFERSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME (MAINE)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. UNH*	12	74	0	49	1	2	0	2
at WKU	12	60	0	22	1	51	1	51
at C. Michigan	11	64	0	27	0	0	0	0
at Yale	5	23	0	9	0	0	0	0
at William & Mary*	14	80	1	24	1	-8	0	0



**JEFFERSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME (MAINE)**

vs. UAlbany	19	93	1	12	1	3	0	3
at Towson*	14	121	3	64	0	0	0	0
at Richmond*	18	53	0	15	1	-1	0	0
vs. Elon*	25	130	0	23	0	0	0	0
vs. Jacksonville State	26	186	2	42	0	0	0	0
at Weber State*	15	88	1	45	1	3	0	3
at Eastern Washington*	11	65	0	28	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>

**JEFFERSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

**Rush attempts:** 26, vs Jacksonville State, Dec 1, 2018  
**Rush yards:** 186, vs Jacksonville State, Dec 1, 2018 (26 carries)  
**Long rush:** 70, vs Southeast Mo. State, Sept 11, 2021  
**Rushing TDs:** 3, at Towson, Nov 3, 2018  
**Total TDs:** 3, twice, last vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021  
**Receptions:** 2, twice, last vs North Dakota State May 2, 2021  
**Receiving yards:** 51, at Western Kentucky, Sept 8, 2018  
**Long reception:** 51, at Western Kentucky, Sept 8, 2018  
**Receiving TDs:** 1, at Western Kentucky, Sept 8, 2018  
**Tackles:** 1, twice, last vs Tarleton, Oct 30, 2021



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**JOSH JONES**

**OFFENSIVE LINE**

**6-6 • 343 • Junior-SQ**  
**Columbus, Ga. (Central-Phenix City, Ala.)**

**2022 - Sophomore**

- Missed the season with injury

**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 U.S. culture and business practices

**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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**JOSH KATTUS**

**TIGHT END**

**6-4 • 231 • Sophomore-1L**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio (Arch Bishop Moeller)**

**2022 - Freshman**

- Saw action in 11 games with three starts
- Missed the bowl game with injury and had off season surgery
- Totalled seven catches for 125 yards, averaging 17.9 yards per reception
- Had at least one reception in his final four games
- Had two receptions for a career-high 76 yards in the win over Louisville ... Had a career-long, 70-yard catch on Kentucky's second drive of the game, setting the Wildcats up for their first touchdown of the game
- Got his first collegiate start and playing time at Florida ... Also started vs. Mississippi State and against Louisville
- Dean's list (Fall 2022)

**High School**

- 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
- Reunites with former Moeller standouts at UK, tight end Brenden Bates and defensive back Carrington Valentine

- Also a three-year letter winner as a power forward in basketball
- Chose UK over Michigan, Northwestern, Louisville and Cincinnati

**Community Cats**

- Volunteered to at the Kentucky Children's Hospital, visiting with the kids and playing games (2022)

**Personal**

- Name is pronounced Josh "KAT-us"
- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Lisa and Eric Kattus
- Has two younger brothers, Tucker and Justin
- Dad, Eric Kattus, was a tight end at Michigan from 1982-85 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
- Major is undecided

**Josh Says**

- Nickname is "Big Katt"
- He chose Kentucky because he loved the coaching staff and it felt like home
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is a great pickleball player
- Three words to describe him are enthusiastic, leader, and loyal
- The best advice he's ever received is "work hard even when no one is watching"

**KATTUS' CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2022	TE	11-3	7	125	17.9	0	70
<b>Totals</b>		<b>11-3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>

**KATTUS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Florida*	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	10	0	10
vs. Vanderbilt	2	10	0	8
vs. Georgia	2	29	0	16
vs. UofL	2	76	0	70
vs. Iowa		DNP	(Injury)	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>

**KATTUS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

**Receptions:** 2, 3x, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022  
**Receiving yards:** 125, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 (2 rec.)  
**Receiving TDs:** n/a  
**Long reception:** 70, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022





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KOBY KEENUM

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-4 • 295 • Freshman-HS  
Florence, Ala. (Mars Hill Bible School)

2023 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- Four-star prospect by Rivals
- The second-ranked center in the nation by Rivals and the 21st-ranked prospect in Alabama by the same service
- Finalist for the 2021 Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 2A Lineman of the Year honor
- Helped Mars Hill Bible to the 2022 AHSAA Class 3A Playoffs with 80-plus pancakes and a 10-2 record in the fall as an offensive tackle... That stretch included going 6-0 in Alabama's Class 3A Region 8
- After the season, helped Alabama defeat Mississippi in the 36th annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game in December
- Two-time first-team All-State selection and Lineman of the Year finalist
- First football player in Mars Hill Bible history to commit to a Power 5 program
- Coached by Darrell Higgins
- Also played varsity baseball, helping the Panthers win the 2019 state championship
- Chose Kentucky over Mississippi State, Penn State, North Carolina and Louisville

Personal

- Born in Huntsville, Alabama
- Son of Carl and Natalie Keenum
- Has one sister, Julia
- Father, Carl, was a long snapper at North Alabama
- Left-handed
- Major is undecided

Koby Says

- Nickname is "Bighurt"
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best place for him to get developed
- After football, his dream job is to own his own hunting lodge
- Three words to describe him are funny, chill and outgoing
- His sports hero is Kobe Bryant because of how he carried himself and how he trained



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DANE KEY

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 195 • Sophomore-1L  
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2022 - Freshman

- Honorable Mention Freshman All-American (CFN)
- Midseason True Freshman All-American (247 Sports)
- Dean's list (Fall 2022)
- Started in 12 of 13 games played
- Totaled 37 catches for 519 yards (third-highest on the team) and a team-high six scores
- Set a new UK single-season freshman record for touchdown receptions with six
- Recorded a TD catch in the first three games of his collegiate career, the first Wildcat to do so since La'Rod King in 2011
- Caught four passes for 53 yards and his first career touchdown, on a one-yard catch, in his college debut vs. Miami (Ohio) ... Became the first true freshman to start the opener at wide receiver since Keenan Burton in 2003
- Hauled in three passes for 83 yards and a touchdown in the win at Florida ... Caught a career-long 55-yard scoring pass
- Had season highs with six catches for 90 yards in the win over Youngstown State, including a three-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter
- Caught four passes for 53 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winner, in Kentucky's 21-17 win at Missouri
- Led UK with a career-high-tying six receptions for 47 yards vs. Iowa in the bowl game

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 McPeek

- Also a centerfielder on the baseball team three seasons
- Earned Academic Freshman of the Year
- Reunites at UK with Frederick Douglass teammates Dekel Crowdus 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 with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs and Denver Broncos
- Major is communication

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 motivated

KEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2022	WR	13-12	37	519	14.0	6	55
Totals		13-12	37	519	14.0	6	55

KEY'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Miami OH*	4	53	1	45
at Florida	3	83	1	55
vs. YSU*	6	90	1	29
vs. NIU*	2	15	0	9
at Ole Miss*	2	28	0	14
vs. USC*	2	22	0	13
vs. Miss. State*	1	31	0	31
at Tennessee*	1	8	0	8
at Missouri*	4	54	2	39
vs. Vanderbilt*	1	29	0	29
vs. Georgia*	2	23	0	12
vs. UofL*	3	37	1	15
vs. Iowa*	6	47	0	15
Totals	37	519	6	55

KEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 6, twice, last vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
Receiving yards: 90, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022 (6 receptions)  
Receiving TDs: 2, at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022  
Long reception: 55, at Florida, Sept 10, 2022





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COLE  
LANTER

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 182 • Sophomore-Sq  
Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)

### 2022 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2022
- Practiced with the team
- Dean's list (Fall 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

### Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack meals for those in need in Africa at Grace Christian Church (2022)

### 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 community and leadership development

### 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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DEVIN  
LEARY

QUARTERBACK

6-1 • 217 • Senior-TR  
Sicklerville, N.J. (NC State/Timber Creek)

### 2023 - Senior

- Mid-year enrollee
- Transferred to Kentucky after four playing seasons at NC State (2019-2022)
- Widely regarded as the top quarterback to enter the transfer portal
- Has played in 30 career games with 26 starting assignments
- Left NC State ranked sixth in school history with 6,807 career passing yards and fourth in career completion percentage (.602)
- Was 17-9 as a starter at NC State

### 2022 - Senior (NC State)

- Named Atlantic Coast Conference Preseason Player of the Year in 2022
- Went 118 for 193 in six games with 1,265 yards, 11 TDs and a 61 percent completion rate before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury vs. Florida State
- NC State was 5-1 and ranked in the top-15 of both The Associated Press and Coaches' Poll at the time of his injury
- One of 25 semifinalists for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award

### 2021 - Junior (NC State)

- Generated 3,433 passing yards, completing 283 of 431 passes for 35 passing touchdowns and just five interceptions in 12 games
- Named NC State's winner of the Governor's Award for Most Valuable Player, the Ken McNeill Award for comeback from injury and the Torry Holt Award for Offensive MVP

- Named to the Manning Award midseason list, the Davey O'Brien QB Class of 2021 and the Johnny Unitas finalist list
- Set a new school single-season record with 35 passing touchdowns - he broke the previous mark of 34 held by Philip Rivers (2003)
- Ranked third in the league in passing efficiency with a 157.1 mark - the second-best mark for a season in school history
- 3,433 passing yards ranks sixth in the Wolfpack single-season record book
- Boasted a .657 completion percentage the third-best mark in school history
- ACC leader in touchdown passes thrown against league competition with 27 (two more than any other ACC QB)
- The only QB in school history to throw for four or more TDs against five ACC opponents in the same season and the only player to throw for four or more in three consecutive games
- Had thrown 228 straight passes without an INT - the third-longest streak in school history and the longest current streak in the FBS - before throwing a pick on a end-of-half hail mary at FSU
- Completed a career-high 37 passes at Wake Forest, attempted a career-high 59
- Named the Walter Camp FBS Offensive Player of the Week following the win over Clemson ... Also named a Manning Star of the Week, the Davey O'Brien National QB of the Week and the ACC QB of the week
- Threw for four TDs - including two in overtime - and completed 73.7% of his throws in the win over the ninth-ranked Clemson

### 2020 - Sophomore (NC State)

- Saw action in four games with three starts
- Completed 66 of 110 passes for 890 yards and eight scores
- Expected starter at quarterback heading into fall camp, but after being contract traced for more than two weeks, he missed crucial practice time
- Came off the bench in game two at Virginia Tech and then started the next three games - all three Wolfpack wins
- Suffered a fractured fibula in the second half of the win over Duke and underwent surgery the following day, ending his season
- Posted a .600 completion percentage for the season - the No. 14 mark in school history
- Turned in a 148.33 efficiency mark - second only to Philip Rivers and Don Buckey for a single season in school history
- Averaged 6.95 yards per play in 2020, the sixth-best single season mark in school history
- Named to the Davey O'Brien Great 8 List and was a Manning Award Star of the Week for his performance at Pitt ... Also named the ACC QB of the Week
- Vs. Pitt, became the first Wolfpack QB with 330+ passing yards, 4 passing TDs and no INTs in a game since Russell Wilson in 2009 ... Threw for a career-high 336 yards on 28 of 44 passing and four touchdown passes - including the game-winner with 0:23 left on the clock ... Got the ball down with 1:44 left on the clock and no timeouts and drove the offense 75 yards for the winning score ... Was 6 of 9 for 74 yards on that final drive
- Did not play in UK's win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl



2019 - r-Freshman (NC State)

- Played in eight games with five starts as a redshirt freshman
• Completed 101 of 210 passes with eight touchdowns
• First redshirt freshman to start at QB for NC State since Russell Wilson in 2010 when he started the last five games of the season
• Posted his season high in terms of passing yards (259), TD passes (3) and his long pass (55) while coming in off the bench at BC

2018 - Freshman (NC State)

- Redshirt season

High School

- A four-year letterwinner and three-year starter at Timber Creek Regional for head coach Rob Hinson
• Helped lead the Chargers to an impressive 46-5 record during his four seasons, including winning the 2016 and 2017 state championships
• Finished his prep career as the state of New Jersey's all-time leader in passing yards (9,672) and touchdown throws (117)
• Completed 566 of 910 passes for 9,672 yards and 117 touchdowns
• Also rushed for 525 career yards and 11 TDs
• Named the Gatorade Player of the Year in New Jersey as both a junior and senior
• Earned his team's Most Valuable player award three straight seasons
• Played in the Polynesian Bowl in Hawaii
• Took part in both the Elite 11 and The Nike Opening Finals after his junior season
• Also a two-year letterwinner on the baseball team in 2015 and 2016

Personal

- Born in Voorhees, New Jersey
• Son of Glen and Lorie Leary
• Siblings are Andrew, Shannon, Donovan and Riley
• Younger brother, Donovan, is a redshirt freshman quarterback at Illinois
• Writes left-handed but learned to throw with his right because he used his right-handed brother's baseball glove as a kid
• Graduated from NC State in December of 2022 with a degree in sport management ... Currently working on an undergraduate certificate in business

Devin Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a high school football coach
• One thing most people don't know about him is that he writes left-handed but throws right-handed
• Three words to describe him are humble, competitive and passionate
• One thing he will never do again is Navy SEAL/ Marine training
• The highlight of his life so far has been watching his little brother emerge as a Division I quarterback

LEARY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with 13 columns: Year, G-GS, Rush, Yds, TD, Lg, Comp, Att, Int, Pct, Yds, TD, Lg. Rows include 2019\*, 2020\*, 2021\*, 2022\*, and Totals.

\*at NC State

LEARY'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (NCS)

Table with 11 columns: Opponent, Comp.-Att.-Int., Yds, TD, Long, Rush, Yds, TD, Long. Rows include at ECU\*, vs. CSU\*, vs. TTU\*, vs. UConn\*, at Clemson\*, vs. FSU\*, and Totals.

LEARY'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (NCS)

Table with 11 columns: Opponent, Comp.-Att.-Int., Yds, TD, Long, Rush, Yds, TD, Long. Rows include vs. USF\*, at MSU\*, vs. Furman\*, vs. Clemson\*, vs. LT\*, at BC\*, at MIA\*, vs. UofL\*, at FSU\*, at WF\*, vs. SYR\*, vs. UNC\*, and Totals.

LEARY'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (NCS)

Table with 11 columns: Opponent, Comp.-Att.-Int., Yds, TD, Long, Rush, Yds, TD, Long. Rows include at VT, at Pitt\*, at UVa\*, vs. Duke\*, and Totals.

LEARY'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (NCS)

Table with 11 columns: Opponent, Comp.-Att.-Int., Yds, TD, Long, Rush, Yds, TD, Long. Rows include at FSU, vs. SYR, at BC, @ WF\*, vs. Clemson\*, vs. UofL\*, at GT\*, vs. UNC\*, and Totals.

LEARY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 59, at Wake Forest, Nov 13, 2021
Pass completions: 37, at Wake Forest, Nov 13, 2021
Pass yards: 408, at Wake Forest, Nov 13, 2021
Pass TDs: 4, 8x, last vs. UConn, Sept 24, 2022
Long pass: 79, at Boston College, Oct 16, 2021
Total offense plays: 63, at Wake Forest, Nov 13, 2021 (4 rush, 59 pass)
Total offense yards: 406, at Wake Forest, Nov 13, 2021 (-2 rush, 408 pass)
Rush attempts: 12, vs Louisville, Nov 16, 2019
Rush yards: 29, at Virginia, Oct 10, 2020
Long rush: 20, at Virginia, Oct 10, 2020
Rushing TDs: 2, vs Charleston Southern, Sept 10, 2022



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CONNOR LONG

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 213 • Junior-SQ
East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)

2022 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

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

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack meals for charity (2022)
• Volunteered with My New Kentucky Home

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 African American and Africana studies



**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

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 195 • Sophomore-11  
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

**2022 - r-Freshman**

- Honorable Mention Freshman All-American (CFN)
- Saw action in all 13 games, starting the last 11
- Second on the team in tackles with 62 tackles
- Also had three pass breakups, a team-high tying two interceptions, a quarterback hurry and 1.5 tackles for loss
- Had three tackles and a his first career PBU in his first collegiate start vs. Youngstown St.
- Recorded seven tackles in the win over Florida
- Charted his first career tackle for loss against South Carolina
- Got a career-high eight tackles at No. 3 Tennessee
- Totaled seven tackles and generated his first career interception vs. No. 1 Georgia
- Got six tackles and a 36-yard interception return in the win over Louisville
- Marked the second straight interception of his career after intercepting a pass against top-ranked Georgia

**2021 - Freshman**

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. ULM and recorded one tackle at safety
- 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 health promotion

**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"

**LOVETT'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2021	DB	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2022	DB	13-11	62	0-0	1.5-3	0/0	1	2-34	3
<b>Totals</b>		<b>14-11</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1.5-3</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2-34</b>	<b>3</b>

**LOVETT'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Miami Ohio	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU*	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss*	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. USC*	5	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Tennessee*	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0	0
vs. Uofl.*	6	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	1-34	0
vs. Iowa*	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1.5-3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2-34</b>	<b>1</b>

**LOVETT'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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**LOVETT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

Tackles: 8, at Florida, Oct 29, 2022  
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs South Carolina, Oct 8, 2022 (2 yards)  
 Pass breakups: 1, 3x, last vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 Interception: 1, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 (34 yards)  
 Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022



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NOAH  
MATTHEWS

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 237 • Freshman-RS  
Bridgeville, Del. (Woodbridge)

**2022 - Freshman**

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in four games
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Miami Ohio
- Also played vs. Youngstown State, at Ole Miss and vs. Iowa in the bowl game

**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
- Also a three-year letter winner as a small forward on the basketball team
- Chose Kentucky over Illinois

**Personal**

- Born in Seaford, Delaware
- Son of Christel Matthews
- Mom, Christel, threw the discus at Delaware State from 1992-96
- Uncle, Aaron Matthews, played basketball at Villanova and Delaware State
- Major is undecided

**Noah Says**

- He chose Kentucky because of the culture and the down to earth people
- The one thing most people don't know about him is that he loves the stock market





- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- Besides football, he's also good at swimming
- His sports hero is Aaron Donald because he's not the biggest but he works the hardest and is the most dominant



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## JUTAHN MCCLAIN

### RUNNING BACK

5-9 • 198 • Senior-3L  
Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)

#### 2023 - Senior

- Switched jersey numbers from No. 17 to No. 4
- Has seen action in 30 career games

#### 2022 - Junior

- Saw action in 10 games with one start (his first collegiate start vs. Iowa) and had 59 carries (tied for second on the team) for 278 yards (second-most on the team) along with 18 receptions for 100 yards and a score
- Due to injury, missed the first two games and also did not play at Missouri
- Had a 10-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter, his first score of the season, vs. South Carolina
- Totaled three catches for a season-best 48 yards in the win over Mississippi State ... Also had 30 yards rushing, giving him a career-high 78 all-purpose yards
- Caught a career-high five passes vs. No. 1 Georgia
- Had a career-high-tying 10 carries for 50 yards in the win over Louisville
- Also had a career-high-tying 10 carries (for 40 yards) in the bowl game vs. Iowa

#### 2021 - Sophomore

- 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
- 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, Qjersten McClain, and Jumahl McClain
- On track to graduate in December of '23 with a degree in 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
2022	10-1	59	278	4.7	0	28	18	100	5.6	1	31
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30-1</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>

#### MCCLAIN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Miami OH	6	16	0	6	0	0	0	0
at Florida				DNP				
vs. YSU				DNP				
vs. NIU	3	15	0	9	1	5	0	5
at Ole Miss	5	21	0	17	1	7	0	7
vs. USC	3	19	0	11	1	10	1	10
vs. Miss. State	9	30	0	15	3	48	0	31
at Tennessee	4	20	0	16	3	15	0	8
at Missouri				DNP				
vs. Vanderbilt	6	55	0	28	1	7	0	7
vs. Georgia	3	12	0	9	5	1	0	6
vs. UofL	10	50	0	16	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	10	40	0	12	3	7	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>

#### 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
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>

#### 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### MCCLAIN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Rush attempts:** 10, 4x, last vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
**Rush yards:** 69, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (10 carries)  
**Long rush:** 28, vs Vanderbilt, Nov 12, 2022  
**Reception:** 5, vs Georgia, Nov 19, 2022  
**Receiving yards:** 48, vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022  
**Receiving touchdowns:** 1, twice, last vs South Carolina, Oct 8, 2022  
**Long reception:** 31, vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022  
**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:** 78, vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022





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EDWARD  
MCKEE

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 204 • Sophomore-SQ  
For Worth, Texas (IMG Academy)**2022 - Freshman**

- Practiced with the team

**High School**

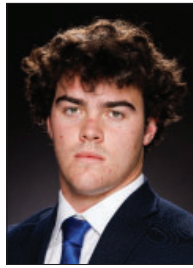
- Spent his first two years at All Saints' Episcopal School under head coach Aaron Beck, before becoming a two-year starter his junior and season years at IMG Academy under head coach Kyle Brey
- As a sophomore at All Saints', he helped his team reach the 2020 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) Semifinals
- As a two-year starter at IMG Academy, he helped guide his teams to an 8-4 record his junior season and an 11-1 record his senior season
- During his senior season at IMG Academy, he made 58 tackles and nine sacks, to go with three forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries
- Also played baseball his freshman year at All Saints'
- Two-year member of the National Honor Society his freshman and sophomore years- at All Saints'
- Picked Kentucky over Miami, TCU, South Florida, Montana and Coastal Carolina

**Personal**

- Born in Fort Worth, Texas
- Son of Jason and Ro Rynd
- Has four brothers, Walker and Jackson Rynd and Miller and Henry McKee
- Brother, Walker, played wide receiver at Ole Miss in 2016
- Major is undecided

**Edward Says**

- His nickname is "ED"
- One thing most people don't know about him is hunting is his passion
- His dream job is to own a big business
- One word to describe himself on the football field is "amped"
- His sports hero is Lawrence Taylor "The Goat"



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JACK  
MONDAY

TIGHT END

6-1 • 224 • Sophomore-SQ  
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)**2022 - Freshman**

- Mid-season enrollee in January of 2022
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Youngstown St.

**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

**Community Cats**

- Volunteered with My New Kentucky Home (2022)

**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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JARARD  
MOSELY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 183 • Sophomore-SQ  
West Palm Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Newman)**2022 - Freshman**

- Practiced with the team

**High School**

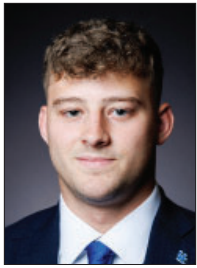
- Played and started just one year of high school football at wide receiver at Cardinal Newman High School
- Coached by Jack Daniels
- As a senior in 2021, helped guide the Crusaders to a 9-4 record with 640 yards receiving and five touchdowns
- A star on the basketball court before deciding to focus on football ... four-year letterwinner on the Cardinal Newman basketball team, eclipsing 1,000 career points on Senior Night on Feb. 1, 2022
- Also excelled in the classroom and the community as a four-year honor roll student with over 100 hours of community service
- Chose Kentucky over Tennessee State

**Personal**

- Born in Riviera Beach, Florida
- Son of Keith and Marsha Mosely
- Has one brother Jordan and one sister Keiana
- Cousin, Terry Jackson, played running back at Florida (1995-99) before being drafted in the fifth round of the 1999 NFL Draft to the San Francisco 49ers where he spent seven seasons
- Major is undecided

**Jarard Says**

- His nickname is "Rod"
- One thing most people don't know about him is he likes to play golf and if money were no option he'd play golf all day, every day
- One way to describe himself on the field is, "a diamond in the rough"
- The best advice he has ever received is to bet on yourself
- His sports hero is LeBron James because of his accomplishments off the court



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SEAN O'HORO

RUNNING BACK

5-11 • 182 • Sophomore-SQ Youngstown, Ohio (Boardman)

2022 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year letterman and starter at Boardman High School under head coaches Joe Ignazio (2019, 2020) and Seth Antram (2021)
• Two-dimensional football player, performing at both running back and safety for the Spartans
• Through just nine games his senior season, he rushed for 967 yards and scored seven touchdowns, while he also recorded 51 tackles, including seven tackles for loss on defense
• Named to the All-American Conference (AAC) Defensive First Team (safety) and All-Northeast Inland District Offensive Second Team (running back) his senior season and an All-District Honorable Mention his junior season
• Was also a four-year letterwinner on the wrestling team, where he set the school record for most career wins at 167
• Named the AAC Most Valuable Wrestler and AAC First Team selection with his 45-4 record in 2021-22
• Won the AAC Championship in his weight class all four years in high school

Personal

- Born in Boardman, Ohio
• Son of Patrick and Nicole O'Horo
• Has one brother, Michael, and one sister, Kathryn
• Brother Michael plays quarterback at Saginaw Valley State (2019 – present) ... Sister Kathryn is a pitcher on the Clarion softball team (2021 – present)
• Major is undecided

Sean Says

- His nickname is "Irish assassin," and he received the name during his high school wrestling career
• If he could go back in time and change one thing, he would start football earlier
• The best piece of advice he has ever been given is, "hard work pays off"
• The most daring thing he has ever done is jumped off a bridge
• His sports hero is his brother, Michael, because he has showed him what it takes to be successful on and off the field



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OCTAVIOUS OXENDINE

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-1 • 276 • Senior-3L Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

2022 - Junior

- Comeback Player of the Year Award Watch List
• Started in seven of 13 games played
• Totaled 22 tackles, three quarterback hurries and 0.5 tackles for loss
• Had two tackles in the opener vs. Miami (Ohio), his first game back after knee surgery from last season
• Recorded four tackles and a career-high two quarterback hurries in the win at Florida

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 teammate of fellow Wildcat Isaiah Beasley

- 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 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

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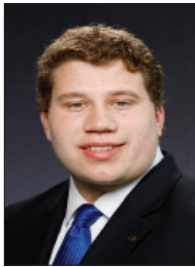


**OXENDINE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME**

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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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: 2, at Florida, Sept 10, 2022



**58**

LUCAS  
**PADGETT**  
 OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 315 • Junior-SQ  
 Birmingham, Ala. (La Cueva - N.M.)

**2022 - Sophomore**

- Practiced with the team

**2021 - Freshman**

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

**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

**Community Cats**

- Packed meals for countries struggling with starvation with Grace Christian Meal Pack (2022)
- Volunteered with My New Kentucky Home Special Olympics event (2021)

**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



**55**

CLAY  
**PERRY**  
 LONG SNAPPER

6-0 • 199 • Senior-2L  
 Upton, Ky. (Central Hardin)

**2022 - Junior**

- Saw action in 11 games as the snapper on the punt team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

**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 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

- On track to graduate in December of '23 with a degree in business administration

**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



**23**

ANDRU  
**PHILLIPS**  
 DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 187 • Junior-2L  
 Mauldin, S.C. (Mauldin)

**2022 - Sophomore**

- Played in all 13 games with four starting assignments
- Totaled 31 tackles, 1.5 TFL and five PBUs (tied for second on the team)
- Earned his first career start and had five tackles and a pass break up in the win over Miami (Ohio) in the season opener
- Had four tackles and a career-high two PBUs against No. 3 Tennessee
- Totaled a career-best six tackles in the win over Missouri, including his first career TFL (1.5) and a PBU
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

**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

**Community Cats**

- Volunteered to read to students at Yates Elementary on four different occasions (2022)

**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
- On track to graduate in December of '23 with a degree in 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

### PHILLIPS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2020	4-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2021	9-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2022	13-4	31	0-0	1.5-3	0/0	0	5	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26-4</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1.5-3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

### PHILLIPS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Miami OH*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
at Florida	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
at Ole Miss	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. USC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	2	0
at Missouri	6	0-0	1.5-3	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1.5-3</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

### PHILLIPS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

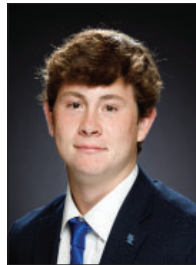
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### PHILLIPS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. USC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### PHILLIPS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022  
 Tackles for loss: 1.5, at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022 (3 yards)  
 Pass breakups: 2, vs Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022



# 34

## BRADY PIERCE

### DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 183 • Sophomore-SQ  
Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit)

### 2022 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

### High School

- Hails from Spring Hill, Tennessee where he lettered four years for Coach Brian Coleman at Summit High School
- Summit went 41-4 his final three seasons and were the 2020 5A state champion
- Was a two-time all-state and three-time all-region selection
- An all-around player who saw action at safety, receiver, punter, holder and quarterback

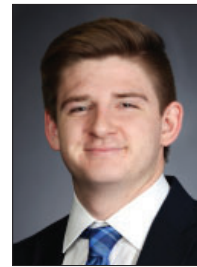
- Scored 20 total touchdowns, rushed for 430 yards, had 1,100 receiving yards
- Also made 137 tackles and had five INTs
- Was a three-sport athlete, also playing basketball and baseball
- Has played with fellow UK teammates Destin and Keaton Wade since he was 6-years old
- Picked UK over Ole Miss, Tennessee and WKU

### Personal

- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of Chris and Andrea Pierce
- Siblings are Andrew and Dillon
- Comes from a family of athletes as father, Chris, was a punter/kicker at Southern Miss (1994-96); mother, Andrea, was a softball player (second base) at Notre Dame (1992-96); Brother, Andrew, is currently a defensive back at Mount St. Joseph
- Major is pre-finance

### Brady Says

- His nickname is "BP"
- He chose Kentucky because of the coaching staff
- One word to describe him on the field is "hungry"
- His hobbies including fishing, kayaking, playing basketball, baseball and swimming
- One thing he will never try again is sour cream



# 12

## CHARLEY "CHANCE" POORE

### KICKER

6-2 • 213 • %Senior-4L  
Anderson, S.C. (Westside High School)

### 2023 - %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

### 2022 - Senior

- Saw action in all 13 games, handling kickoffs and serving as the holder on field goals
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's list (Fall 2022)

### 2021 - Junior

- Played in all 13 games
- Has a streak of three straight made FGs
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

### 2020 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 11 games
- 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

- Saw action in nine games







- 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
- Graduated in December of '22 with two degrees - business economics and consumerism economic family financial planning ... Currently working on a master's degree in finance

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8-14</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>46</b>

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>8-14</b>	<b>46</b>

**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-RS**  
 Louisville, Ky. (Pleasure Ridge Park)

**2022 - Freshman**

- Redshirt season
- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2022
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Youngstown State and also saw action vs. Vanderbilt, Louisville and Iowa

**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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**CHY RIVERS**

**DEFENSIVE BACK**

**5-8 • 164 • Freshman-HS**  
 Baton Rouge, La. (Parkview Baptist School)

**2023 - Freshman**

- Mid-year enrollee

**High School**

- Three-year letterwinner and starter for head coach Stefan Lefors at Parkview Baptist School
- A versatile player who saw action at running back, wide receiver, quarterback, defensive back, linebacker, kick returner and punt returner
- Totaled 58 total tackles, including 49 solo and also had 600 yards receiving and 300 yards rushing for the Eagles as a senior... Totaled 1,000 yards as a kick returner and punt returner
- Helped Parkview go 29-12 during his prep career Advanced to the state championship game as a freshman with an 8-2 mark
- Named second-team All-District honors as a kick returner his sophomore season
- Lettered one season in track & field
- Picked UK over LSU, Grambling and Jackson State

**Personal**

- Full name is Chy'lon Rivers
- Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Son of Charla and Charles Rivers
- Has one sister, Carter
- Cousins are Dak Prescott, Keenan Lewis and Warrick Dunn
- Major is undecided

**Chy Says**

- His nickname is "Chy"
- He chose Kentucky because he loved the atmosphere and energy
- After football, his dream job is to be a trainer or physical therapist
- Three words to describe him are genuine, honest and fun
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can sing





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JORDAN ROBINSON

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-4 • 208 • r-Sophomore-RS  
Columbia, S.C. (Livingstone College/Westwood)

2022 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first action at UK vs. Youngstown State and also saw action vs. Vanderbilt, Louisville and Iowa

2021 - Freshman (Livingstone College)

- Started in all 10 games as a true freshman for Livingstone College, a Division II school located in Salisbury, N.C.
- Played his first full season as a defensive back, a position he moved to as a high school senior
- Recorded 26 tackles, two interceptions and six pass breakups for the Blue Bears
- Chose Kentucky over Appalachian State and Oregon State

High School

- Originally played wide receiver in high school before moving to defensive back to start his senior year
- Played in only four games and totaled two interceptions in 2020 before COVID-19 shut down the season ... Earned a spot on the All-Region team
- Named Westwood's best defensive back award
- Did not play as a junior due to a broken collarbone
- Played his freshman season at Lower Richland HS before transferring to Westwood
- Also an honor roll student

Personal

- Born in Columbia, South Carolina
- Son of Daysha and Donnell Robinson
- Siblings are Logan and McKenzie
- Major is pre-communication

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "J-Rob"
- He chose Kentucky because of the opportunity to play in the SEC and he loved the city of Lexington
- One word to describe him on the field is "fearless"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports analyst
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can play the drums



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TAYVION ROBINSON

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 1947 • %Senior-1L  
Virginia Beach, Va. (Virginia Tech/Cox)

2023 - %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 47 career games with 44 starts
- Has 153 career receptions for 2,052 yards and 11 touchdowns (10 receiving, one punt return TD) ... Also has 62 punt returns for 617 yards
- Has two 100-yard games in his career, both at UK

2022 - Senior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Virginia Tech
- Mid-year enrollee in January of 2022
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Played in 11 games with eight starts
- Did not play vs. Mississippi State or Louisville with injury
- Totaled 40 catches (second on the team) for 497 yards (third-most) and three touchdowns in 2022 ... Also had eight rushes for 38 yards and 15 punt returns for 83 yards
- Had a streak of catching a pass in 35 consecutive games ... Ended vs. No. 1 Georgia on Nov. 19
- Set career highs with seven catches for 147 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Northern Illinois ... His 69-yard catch-and-run in the second quarter was the longest play of his collegiate career and his first touchdown at Kentucky
- Caught a career-high-tying six passes for 136 yards in his UK debut vs. Miami Ohio ... Most receiving yards for any Wildcat in his first game at UK (the previous record was Wan'Dale Robinson's 125 yards in the 2021 season opener ... Tied for the third-most in a season opener by a Wildcat
- Eclipsed 100 receiving yards in the first half of his Kentucky debut (five catches for 123 yards)
- Playing the previous three seasons at Virginia Tech, his previous career bests were six catches for 98 yards
- Had a career-high four rushing attempts at Florida
- Preseason Second-Team All-SEC, PR (Phil Steele)
- Preseason Third-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- Preseason Third-Team All-SEC, WR (Phil Steele)

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
- On track to graduate in December of '23 with a degree in community and leadership development

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 calm 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
2022	WR	11-8	40	497	12.4	3	69	15	83	26	0
<b>at UK</b>		<b>11-8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>47-44</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2052</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1</b>

\*at Virginia Tech

**ROBINSON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg.
vs. Miami OH*	6	136	0	45	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	1	0	0	0	4	11	0	6	2.7
vs. YSU*	6	66	0	22	1	5	0	5	5.0
vs. NIU*	7	147	2	69	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	4	16	1	8	1	5	0	5	5.0
vs. USC	1	27	0	27	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State				DNP					
at Tennessee*	4	11	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	5	49	0	25	1	12	0	12	12.0
vs. Georgia*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL				DNP					
vs. Iowa*	5	27	0	11	1	5	0	5	5.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.8</b>

**ROBINSON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.**

Opponent	PR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
vs. Miami OH*	2	25	12.5	23	0
at Florida*	2	8	4.0	8	0
vs. YSU*	3	15	5.0	15	0
vs. NIU*	2	6	3.0	4	0
at Ole Miss*	1	0	0.0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State				DNP	
at Tennessee*	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	2	4	2.0	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

**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 Va.*	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					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3.6</b>	

**ROBINSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.**

Opponent	PR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
vs. UNC	1	-1	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	2	60	30.0	59	0
at West Virginia	3	10	3.3	5	0
vs. Richmond	3	66	22.0	60	1
vs. Notre Dame	2	15	7.5	12	0
vs. Pitt	3	17	5.7	17	0
vs. Syracuse	2	46	23.0	40	0
at Georgia Tech	2	31	15.5	24	0
at Boston College	1	12	12.0	12	0
vs. Duke	3	73	24.3	43	0
at Miami (FL)	2	-1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1</b>

**ROBINSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg.
vs. NC State*	4	40	1	19	0	0	0	-	0.0
at Duke*	2	85	0	56	1	10	0	10	10.0
at UNC*	4	45	1	33	0	0	0	-	0.0
vs. BC*	2	29	0	20	1	12	0	12	12.0
at Wake Forest*	3	32	0	13	0	0	0	-	0.0
at Louisville*	2	53	0	42	1	28	0	28	28.0
vs. Liberty*	4	46	0	17	0	0	0	-	0.0
vs. Miami (FL)*	5	42	0	12	1	5	0	5	5.0
at Pitt*	4	69	0	39	0	0	0	-	0.0
vs. Clemson*	3	53	0	48	0	0	0	-	0.0
vs. Virginia*	5	98	1	60	1	-7	0	-	0.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9.6</b>

**ROBINSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.**

Opponent	PR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
vs. NC State	4	20	5.0	20	0
at Duke	1	-17	0.0	-17	0
at UNC	1	4	4.0	4	0
at Wake Forest	1	-4	0.0	-4	0
at Louisville	1	1	1.0	1	0
vs. Liberty	2	17	8.5	17	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

**ROBINSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg.
at BC*	6	72	1	20	-	-	-	-	-
Old Dominion*	4	62	0	32	1	3	0	3	3.0
Furman*	4	31	0	12	1	21	0	21	21.0
Duke*	4	25	0	12	2	3	0	4	1.50
@Miami (Fla)*	1	7	0	7	-	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island*	4	48	0	31	2	13	0	18	6.50
UNC*	1	22	0	22	1	-1	0	-	-1.0
@Notre Dame*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Wake Forest*	-	-	-	-	1	7	0	7	7.0
@Georgia Tech*	-	-	-	-	1	49	0	49	49.0
Pittsburgh*	2	74	0	71	1	32	0	32	32.0
@Virginia*	3	45	0	22	-	-	-	-	-
vs. Kentucky*	2	18	0	12	1	5	0	5	5.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>12.0</b>

**ROBINSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.**

Opponent	PR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
vs. Wake Forest	2	44	22.0	33	0
at Georgia Tech	3	34	11.3	16	0
vs. Pittsburgh	4	34	8.5	20	0
at Virginia	3	62	20.7	35	0
vs. Kentucky	1	11	11.0	11	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>

**ROBINSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

Receptions: 7, vs Northern Illinois, Sept 24, 2022  
 Receiving yards: 147, vs Northern Illinois, Sept 24, 2022 (7 receptions)  
 Receiving touchdowns: 2, vs Northern Illinois, Sept 24, 2022  
 Long reception: 71, vs Pitt, Nov 23, 2019  
 Rushing attempts: 4, at Florida, Sept 10, 2022  
 Rushing yards: 49, at Georgia Tech, Nov 16, 2019  
 Long Rush: 49, at Georgia Tech, Nov 16, 2019  
 Rushing touchdowns: n/a  
 Punt returns: 4, twice, last vs NC State, Sept 26, 2020  
 Punt return yards: 73, vs Duke, Nov 13, 2021  
 Long punt return: 60, vs. Richmond, Sept 25, 2021  
 Punt return touchdowns: 1, vs Richmond, Sept 25, 2021 (66 yards)  
 Long kick return: 29, at Boston College, Aug 31, 2019  
 Total tackles: 1, twice, last vs Wake Forest, Nov 9, 2019  
 Completed passes: 1, twice, last at Virginia, Nov 27, 2021  
 Passing yards: 20, at North Carolina, Oct 10, 2020  
 Passing touchdowns: 1, at Virginia, Nov 27, 2021



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**PAUL RODRIGUEZ**

**OFFENSIVE LINE**

**6-5 • 324 • Sophomore-SQ  
 Mason, Ohio (William Mason)**

**2022- r-Freshman**

- Saw action in nine games on special teams
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

**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

### Community Cats

- Volunteered for the My New Kentucky Home Special Olympics event (2021)

### 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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## TRE'VONN RYBKA

### DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 276 • Junior-2L  
Dickson, Tenn. (Dickson County)

### 2022 - Sophomore

- Started in eight of 12 games played and five in a row
- Did not play vs. Youngstown State
- Totaled 19 tackles and a sack
- Got a career-high tying four tackles along with a sack for eight yards at No. 3 Tennessee
- Also had four tackles in the win over Louisville

### 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

- 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-von"
- 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 African American and Africana studies

### 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	15	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	2	0	0
2022	DT	12-8	19	1.0-8	1.0-8	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>25-10</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1.0-8</b>	<b>1.5-9</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### RYBKA'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Miami OH*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU			DNP					
vs. NIU*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	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	4	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Uofl.*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1.0-8</b>	<b>1.0-8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. UTC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. LSU	3	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
vs. Tennessee			DNP					
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	4	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.5-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

### 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### RYBKA'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, 3x, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022  
 Sacks: 1.0, at Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022 (8 yards)  
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022 (8 yards)  
 Quarterback hurry: 1, twice, last vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021



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## KAHLIL SAUNDERS

### DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 285 • Sophomore-1L  
Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)

### 2022 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in 11 games and totaled 13 tackles, 1.0 TFL and a half sack
- Charted a career-best five tackles vs. No. 1 Georgia
- Did not play vs. Louisville or Iowa with injury

### 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
2022	11-0	13	1.0-6	0.5-6	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15-0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.0-10</b>	<b>0.5-6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**SAUNDERS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

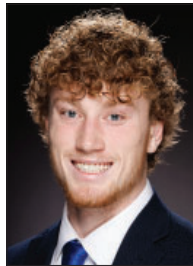
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Miami OH	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	2	0.5-6	0.5-6	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville			DNP					
vs. Iowa			DNP					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.0-6</b>	<b>0.5-6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**SAUNDERS' 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. 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.0-4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**SAUNDERS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

**Tackles:** 5, vs Georgia, Nov 19, 2022  
**Tackles for loss:** 1.0, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (1 yard)  
**Sacks:** 0.5, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022 (6 yards)  
**Quarterback hurry:** 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021



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**JACKSON SCHULZ**

**DEFENSIVE BACK**

**6-2 • 202 • Sophomore-SQ  
Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)**

**2022 - Freshman**

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2022
- Practiced with the team
- Dean's list (Fall 2022)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

**High School**

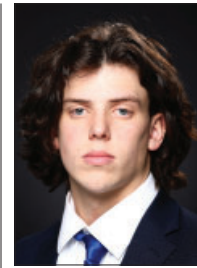
- Accepted a preferred walk-on position
- Four-year letter winner at safety and nickel for head coach Bob Beatty at Trinity
- Helped the Shamrock win the Class 6A State Championship title in 2020
- Earned Most Improved Player of the Year as a junior
- In the 2020 title game against Male, led the team 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 communication

**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 • 210 • Sophomore-SQ  
Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)**

**2022 - r-Freshman**

- Played in four games with one start and had 17 completions, and just one interception, on 29 attempts for 187 yards and two touchdowns
- Got his first collegiate start vs. South Carolina, starting for an injured Will Levis
- Recorded the first touchdown of his career on a 16-yard pass to tight end Jordan Dingle in the second quarter vs. the Gamecocks ... Later connected with running back JuTahn McClain on a 10-yard touchdown throw
- Completed 2-of-2 passes for nine yards vs. Mississippi State
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

**2021 - Freshman**

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021
- Redshirt season
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

**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 letter winner 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"

### SHERON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Lg	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg
2022	4-0	11	-24	0	15	17	29	1	58.6	187	2	37
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>

### SHERON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Rush	Yds	TD	Long
vs. YSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC*	15-27-1	178	2	27	11	-24	0	15
vs. Miss. St.	2-2-0	9	0	7	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17-29-1</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>

### SHERON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 27, vs South Carolina, Sept 8, 2022  
 Pass completions: 15, vs South Carolina, Sept 8, 2022  
 Pass yards: 178, vs South Carolina, Sept 8, 2022  
 Pass TDs: 2, vs South Carolina, Sept 8, 2022  
 Long pass: 27, vs South Carolina, Sept 8, 2022  
 Total offense plays: 38, vs South Carolina, Sept 8, 2022 (11 rush, 27 pass)  
 Total offense yards: 154, vs South Carolina, Sept 8, 2022 (-24 rush, 178 pass)  
 Rush attempts: 11, vs South Carolina, Sept 8, 2022  
 Rush yards: n/a  
 Long rush: 15, vs South Carolina, Sept 8, 2022  
 Rushing TDs: n/a



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## KEESHAWN SILVER

### DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 322 • Sophomore-Tr  
 Rocky Mount, N.C. (North Carolina/  
 Rocky Mount)

### 2023 - Sophomore

- Mid-year enrollee
- Transferred to Kentucky after playing two seasons at North Carolina
- Totaled four tackles in six games played

### 2022 - r-Freshman (North Carolina)

- Appeared in three games on the defensive line
- Made three tackles against Miami

### 2021 - Freshman (North Carolina)

- Redshirt season
- Appeared in three games on the defensive line against Georgia State, Virginia and Wofford
- Had one tackle against Virginia

### High School

- A five-star prospect coming out of Rocky Mount high school
- Tabbed as the nation's 8th-best player, the No. 3 defensive end and the No. 1 player in the state according to ESPN
- Listed as the nation's 32nd-best player, the No. 5 strongside defensive end and the No. 2 player in North Carolina in the 247Sports Composite
- Ranked as the nation's 85th-best player, the No. 7 strongside defensive end and the No. 5 player in the state by Rivals
- Selected to play in the Under Armour All-America Game
- Sports Illustrated All-America candidate prior to his senior season
- Totaled 47 tackles, 7.0 sacks as a senior
- Earned all-state and All-Big East 3-A Conference honors as a junior after recording 47 tackles, seven sacks and 13 tackles for loss
- Coached by Jason Battle
- A multi-sport athlete also ran track and played basketball
- Averaged 7.1 points and 6.1 rebounds over his three-year basketball career

### Personal

- Born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina
- Raised by his grandmother, Queen Silver, as his mother, Cynthia, passed away during his childhood
- Major is pre-communication

### Keeshawn Says

- His nickname is "Big Kountry"
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit for him and his family
- Three words to describe him are humble, giving and beast
- His go-to karaoke song is "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay" by Otis Redding
- Most people don't know that he was going to be a two-sport athlete in college (basketball and football)

### SILVER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2021	DT*	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2022	DT*	3-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>6-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0s</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\*at North Carolina

### SILVER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Florida A&M	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miami (FL)	3		DNP					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### SILVER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Georgia State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Wofford	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### SILVER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, at Miami (FL), Oct 8, 2022



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## JACKSON SMITH

### KICKER

5-11 • 204 • Freshman-RS  
 Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)

### 2022 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

### High School

- Ranked the top kicker/punter in the 2022 class by ProKicker.com
- A three-time National Specialist of the Year and three-time All-American by Prokicker.com (2019, 2020 and 2021)
- Four-time All-Region selection
- A three-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
- First-Team All-State Academic Team in 2019
- Talked to others but never really considered any other school but Kentucky

**Personal**

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Andy and Laura Smith
- Has one sister, Ava
- 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
- Major is career and technical education

**Jackson Says**

- His nickname is "J-Smitty"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and because of the coaches and the support staff
- Besides playing football, he's also good at hunting
- Three words to describe him are funny, athletic, and outdoorsman
- The best advice he's ever received is "play the next play"



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JOSH TERRELL

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 189 • Sophomore-SQ  
Fort Worth, Texas (Grapevine Faith Christian)

**2022 - Freshman**

- Practiced with the team

**High School**

- Lettered three years for head coach CJ Wilson at Grapevine Faith Christian
- Played in two games and totaled eight receptions for 300 yards and three scores and had four punts

- returns for 190 yards and two touchdowns before his season was cut short due to a knee injury
- Was a second-team all-state selection as a junior after totaling 542 yards receiving, 1,047 all-purpose yards and 10 touchdowns as a wide receiver and 34 tackles and one interception as a defensive back
- Earned an invitation to the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in AT&T Stadium in 2021
- Reunites with high school teammate Deuce Hogan at Kentucky
- Chose UK over Houston, Texas Tech and TCU

**Community Cats**

- Volunteered to work with children as part of My New Kentucky Home (2022)

**Personal**

- Born in Fort Worth, Texas
- Son of Scott and Shannon Terrell
- Two siblings, Jake and Jordan
- Father, Scott, was a receiver at Howard Payne University, while a cousin, Blaze Morehead, was a receiver at UTSA
- Major is kinesiology

**Josh Says**

- Nickname is "J-rel"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is Hispanic
- Three words to describe him are small, creative, and effective
- Besides playing football, he's also good at water sports
- The craziest thing he's ever done is zipline and cliff jump in Mexico



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MARTEZ THROWER

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 224 • Junior-2L  
Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)

**2022 - Sophomore**

- Saw action in 12 games and totaled five tackles and a blocked kick
- Got his first career blocked punt vs. Youngstown St.
- Charted a season-high two tackles vs. No. 1 Georgia
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

**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
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

**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, Britney 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	Blk
2021	ILB	8-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	0
2022	ILB	12-0	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>20-0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**THROWER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int	QBH	Blk
vs. Miami OH	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. NIU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State			DNP						
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>





## 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## THROWER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Tackles:** 3, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (0-3)  
**Quarterback hurry:** 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021  
**Blocked kicks:** 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022 (punt)



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VITO  
**TISDALE**  
DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 176 • Senior-2L  
Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)

### 2022 - Junior

- Missed the 2022 season due to a ACL tear in his knee

### 2021 - Sophomore

- Played in nine games with two starting assignments, his first career start came vs. Vanderbilt ... Also started vs. Iowa
- Totalled 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
- Totalled 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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>19-2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1.0-7</b>	<b>2.0-9</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## V. TISDALE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

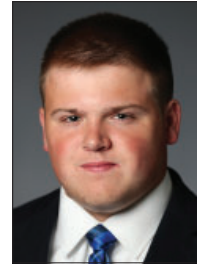
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	6	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Iowa*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1.5-8</b>	<b>1.0-7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 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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JACK  
**VARGA**

FULLBACK

5-11 • 222 • %Senior-SQ  
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)

### 2023 - %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

### 2022 - Senior

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2022)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

### 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
- On track to graduate in May of '23 with a 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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DESTIN WADE

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 223 • Freshman-RS  
Springhill, Tenn. (Summit)

**2022 - Freshman**

- Redshirt season
- In his Kentucky debut and starting debut vs. Iowa in the TransPerfect Music City Bowl, completed 16 of his 30 passes for 98 yards
- Also recorded 17 rushing attempts for a net 23 yards, including a game-long 19 yards

**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
- Named Region 7-6A Most Valuable Player
- 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
- Also a three-year letter winner as a guard on the basketball team
- Chose Kentucky over Tennessee, Louisville and Virginia

**Personal**

- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of Valerie and Steve Wade
- Has three brothers, Jalen, Cameron and Keaten
- Twin brother, Keaten, also is a freshman on the team
- Major is pre-marketing

**Destin Says**

- His nickname is "Dae"
- He chose Kentucky because of the family fit and he thought he could make an impact
- Besides playing football, he's also enjoys working out, golfing, video games and family
- One word to describe him on the field is "versatile"
- His favorite family recipe to make and eat is shrimp burgers

**D. WADE'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Lg	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg
2022	1-1	17	23	0	19	16	30	2	53.3	98	0	15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>

**D. WADE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Rush	Yds	TD	Long
vs. Iowa*	16-30-2	98	0	19	17	23	0	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16-30-2</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>

**D. WADE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

Pass attempts: 30, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 Pass completions: 16, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 Pass yards: 98, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 Pass TDs: n/a  
 Long pass: 15, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 Total offense plays: 33, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 (17 rush, 16 pass)  
 Total offense yards: 121, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 (23 rush, 98 pass)  
 Rush attempts: 17, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 Rush yards: 23, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 Long rush: 19, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
 Rushing TDs: n/a



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KEATEN WADE

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 250 • Sophomore-1L  
Springhill, Tenn. (Summit)

**2022 - Freshman**

- Played in all 13 games and totaled 16 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks and one pass breakup
- Charted a career-best three tackles and a pass breakup in his collegiate debut vs. Miami (Ohio)
- Had two tackles in the win at No. 12 Florida
- Also had a career-high tying three tackles vs. Youngstown and at Ole Miss
- Got a sack vs. South Carolina

**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
- Named Region 7-6A defensive MVP
- 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
- Chose Kentucky over Tennessee, Louisville and Virginia

**Personal**

- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of Valerie and Steve Wade
- Has three brothers, Jalen, Cameron and Keaten
- Twin brother, Destin, also is a freshman on the team
- Major is pre-marketing

**Keaten Says**

- His nickname is "Kea"
- He chose Kentucky because of its academics, coaches, and it is family oriented
- Besides playing football, he's also enjoys golfing, fishing, video games and working out
- Three words to describe him are focused, hardworking, and happy
- What motivates him to work hard is his mom because she's sacrificed so much

**K. WADE'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF/FR	PBU	QBH	INT
2022	OLB	13-0	16	2.5-13	1.5-8	0/0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>13-0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2.5-13</b>	<b>1.5-8</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>





## K. WADE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
vs. Miami OH	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	3	0.5-6	0.5-6	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	1	1.0-2	1.0-2	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	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	1.5-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2.5-13</b>	<b>1.5-8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

## K. WADE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Tackles:** 3, 3x, last at Ole Miss, Oct 1, 2022  
**Tackles for loss:** 1.0, twice, last at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022  
**Sacks:** 1.0, vs South Carolina, Oct 8, 2022 (2 yards)  
**Pass breakups:** 1, vs Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022



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## DEONE WALKER

### DEFENSIVE LINE

**6-6 • 348 • Sophomore-1L**  
**Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)**

## 2022 - Freshman

- True Freshman All-American (On3.com)
- College All-True Freshman Team (PFF)
- First-team Freshman All-American (CFN)
- HM All-American (Phil Steele)
- All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches)
- All-SEC Second Team (PFF)
- All-SEC Second Team (Phil Steele)
- Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award Semifinalist
- Midseason True Freshman All-American (The Athletic, 247 Sports, On3.com)
- Preseason True Freshman All-American (247 Sports, On3.com)
- SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week (11/28)
- Played in all 13 games, earning a starting spot in the 11 straight
- Totaled 40 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, five quarterback hurries (second-most on the team, two pass breakups and a forced fumble)
- Recorded four tackles in his collegiate debut vs. Miami (Ohio) and also vs. Vanderbilt
- Had two tackles, including a TFL in the win at No. 12 Florida
- Earned his first collegiate start and charted three tackles and his first career pass breakup vs. Youngstown State
- Got another PBU in the win over Miss. State

- Charted a career-high six tackles vs. No. 1 Georgia and got a QBH
- Tied his career high with six tackles in the win over Louisville, including a TFL and a half sack ... Also had a career-best two quarterback hurries and his first career forced fumble ... Earned SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts

## 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
- Three-year starter and letter winner at Cass Tech coached by Thomas Wilcher and Marvin Rushing
- 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
- Named First-Team All-State after totaling 43 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and six sacks in seven games
- Also played center on the basketball team
- Picked Kentucky over Georgia, Michigan, Missouri and Alabama

## Personal

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Nikita and Sanquanetta Walker
- Has one sister, Nikita
- Left-handed
- Major is undecided

## Deone Says

- His nickname is "D-1"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- After football his dream job is to be in real estate
- Three words to describe him are quiet, funny and athletic
- What motivates him to work hard is his family

## WALKER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds.	FF/FR	PBU	QBH	Int
2022	DL	13-11	40	4.5-15	1.0-8	1/0	2	5	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>13-11</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4.5-15</b>	<b>1.0-8</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

## WALKER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
vs. Miami OH	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	2	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU*	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
vs. NIU*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Ole Miss*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. USC*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
at Tennessee*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. UofL*	6	1.0-6	0.5-5	1	0	0	0	2
vs. Iowa*	1	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4.5-15</b>	<b>1.0-8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

## WALKER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Tackles:** 6, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022  
**Tackles for loss:** 1.0, 3x, last vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022 (3 yards)  
**Sacks:** 0.5, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 (5 yards)  
**Pass breakups:** 1, twice, last vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022  
**Quarterback hurry:** 2, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022



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## TREVIN WALLACE

### INSIDE LINEBACKER

**6-2 • 241 • Junior-2L**  
**Jesup, Ga. (Wayne County)**

## 2022 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 12 games with six starts vs. Youngstown State, Missouri, Vanderbilt, Georgia, Louisville and Iowa
- Did not see action in the opener due to injury
- Totaled 54 tackles (fifth-most on the team), 5.5 tackles for loss (third-most on the team), 2.5 sacks, two interceptions (team-high tying) and a QBH
- Led the team with six tackles, including five solo tackles, vs. Iowa in the TransPerfect Music City Bowl
- Got his first career interception vs. South Carolina
- Recorded six tackles at No. 3 Tennessee ... Had his first sack the season for a loss of nine yards in the second quarter
- Finished with a team-lead and season-high nine total tackles and career-high 2.5 tackles for loss in the win over Missouri
- Got his second interception of the season in the win over Louisville, intercepting a pass in the third quarter, returning it 19 yards to the Louisville 15 .. Itset up Levis' three-yard touchdown pass to Brown

## 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 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

**Community Cats**

- Volunteered with My New Kentucky Home for a Special Olympics event (2021)

**Personal**

- Born in Jesup, Georgia
- Son of Adrian and Trevor Wallace
- Siblings are Kolby, Tionne, Tavion, and Titus
- Sister, Tionne, is currently a U.S. Army Reserves Specialist
- Uncle, Robert Bryant, was a linebacker at Oklahoma from 2009-11
- Major is consumer economics & family financial counseling; economics

**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	4.0-13	1/0	1	0	1
2022	ILB	12-6	54	2.5-14	5.5-20	0/0	1	2-19	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>24-7</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>4.5-19</b>	<b>9.5-33</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2-19</b>	<b>1</b>

**WALLACE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME**

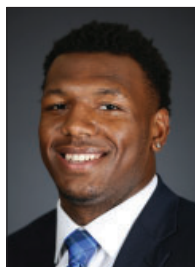
Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int	QBH
vs. Miami OH				DNP				
at Florida	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	2	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0	0
vs. Miss. State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	9	2.5-13	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	6	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Georgia*	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Uofl*	7	1.0-5	0.5-4	0	0	0	1-19	0
vs. Iowa*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4.5-19</b>	<b>2.5-14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2-19</b>	<b>1</b>

**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
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. UTC	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	1	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	12	2.0-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	5	1.0-4	1.0-4	1	1	0	0	0
at Louisville	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa				DNP				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4.0-13</b>	<b>2.0-7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**WALLACE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

**Tackles:** 12, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021  
**Tackle for loss:** 2.5, 13, at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022  
**Sacks:** 1.0, 4x, last vs Vanderbilt, Nov 12, 2022  
**Quarterback hurries:** 1, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Nov 12, 2022  
**Pass breakups:** 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021  
**Interceptions:** 1, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 (19 yards)  
**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 • 244 • Senior-3L  
 Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)

**2022 - Junior (Team Captain)**

- Elected one of seven team captains
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List

- Third-Team Preseason All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Has seen action in 35 career games with 16 career starts
- Has totaled 120 career tackles, including 23.5 tackles for loss, 9.5 sacks, 10 quarterback hurries, two interceptions, three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries
- Played in 11 games with eight starts in 2022
- Totaled 47 tackles (seventh on the team), 6.0 tackles for loss (second-most on the team), a team-high 3.0 sacks, three quarterback hurries, a team-high three fumble recoveries, a team-high tying two forced fumbles and a blocked kick
- Had five tackles, 1.0 sack, a tackle for loss and a blocked punt in the win over Miami (Ohio) in the season opener
- Led the Wildcats in tackles with a career-high nine stops in the win over Florida
- Recorded one tackle and a TFL before leaving the game with a left elbow injury vs. Youngstown State
- Did not see action vs. Northern Illinois or at Ole Miss with the elbow injury
- Returned vs. South Carolina to chart four tackles, a tackle for loss and fumble recovery
- Had six tackles, including 1.0 tackle for loss, and his second fumble recovery of the season in the win at Missouri
- Totaled a career-high two quarterback hurries vs. Vanderbilt
- Had seven tackles, one sack, one tackle for loss and a pass breakup in the win over Louisville ... In the second quarter, he sacked the quarterback, causing a fumble that he recovered and returned to the Louisville six-yard line ... Marked his third fumble recovery of the season, returning it for 15 yards that set up Kentucky for its third score and second field goal of the game

**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)
- Played in 12 games 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
- On track to graduate in December of '23 with a degree 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	Blk	
2019	OLB	3-0	6	1.0-1	0-0	0/0	2	1	0	0	
2020	OLB	9-1	33	6.5-14	0.5-1	0/0	1	2	0	0	
2021	OLB	12-6	34	9.0-43	6.0-39	1/0	1	4	2-21	0	
2022	OLB	11-9	47	6.0-45	3.0-37	2/3	0	3	0	1	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>35-16</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>23.5-106</b>	<b>9.5-77</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2-21</b>	<b>1</b>	

WEAVER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME											
Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH	Blk		
vs. Miami OH*	5	1.0-9	1.0-9	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
at Florida*	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. YSU*	1	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. NIU			DNP								
at Ole Miss			DNP								
vs. USC	4	0.5-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Miss. St.	1	1.0-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Tennessee*	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Missouri*	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Vandy*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
vs. Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
vs. UofL*	7	1.0-20	1.0-20	1	1-14	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Iowa*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>6.0-45</b>	<b>3.0-37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	

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	0	0	
vs. Missouri	3	2.0-11	1.0-8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. UTC*	4	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
at USC	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	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	0	0	
at Georgia	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Miss. State*	6	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Tennessee*	4	2.5-12	2.5-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Vanderbilt*	3	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
vs. NMST*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
at Louisville*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	
vs. Iowa			DNP								
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9.0-43</b>	<b>6.0-39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2-21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>			

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	0	1		
vs. Ole Miss	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Miss. State	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
at Tennessee	6	2.0-8	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Missouri	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Georgia	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Vanderbilt	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
at Alabama	3	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Florida*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. USC			DNP								
vs. NC State			DNP								
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6.5-14</b>	<b>0.5-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>			

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	0	1	0		
at Vanderbilt	5	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.0-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>			

WEAVER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS											
Tackles: 9, at Florida, Sept 19, 2022											
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: 2, vs Vanderbilt, Nov 12, 2022											
Forced fumble: 1, 3x, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022											
Recovered fumble: 1, 3x, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022											
Interceptions: 1, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (1 yards)											
Blocked Kick: 1, vs Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022 (punt)											



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BRANDON WHITE

WIDE RECEIVER

5-9 • 167 • Freshman-RS  
Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)

2022 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Speedy wide receiver has been timed as fast as 4.28 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





- Also excelled on the track, competing in the 100- and 200-meter races for Archbishop Moeller
- Ran a personal best 10.30 in the 100-meter dash at the 2022 OHSAA D1 Southwest District Outdoor Championships, finishing second
- Won the OHSAA D1 Region 4 championship title in the 100m with a time of 10.69
- Placed third in the 2022 OHSAA D1 State Track & Field Championships in the 100m with a time of 10.59
- Competed at the 2022 Adidas Indoor Track and Field Nationals and posted an impressive 6.82 in the 60m final, earning him a top-3 finish and All-America honors
- Broke the Indoor State Meet 60m dash record with a time of 6.73
- Reunites on the football field with highschool teammates Josh Kattus and Carrington Valentine
- Picked Kentucky over West Virginia, Akron, Bowling Green and Marshall

**Personal**

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Jeanita Cummings and Ben White
- Has four siblings, Beniria, Bryson, Bryan and Ben
- Mother, Jeanita, played basketball at Mississippi State, while dad, Ben, was a running back at Mississippi State
- Major is pre-communication

**Brandon Says**

- Nickname is "B-White"
- He chose to play at Kentucky because it was a good fit and to play in the SEC
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be the CEO of his own company
- Three words to describe athletic, funny, and loving
- The person who motivates him to work hard is his mother because she's sacrificed so much for his family

- 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"

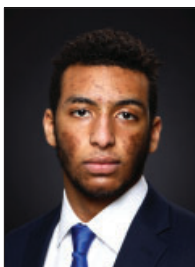
- Rated the nation's No. 53 offensive guard by ESPN, the No. 67 tackle by 247sports and the No. 69 tackle by Rivals.com
- The No. 25 player in Ohio by 247, No. 30 by ESPN and No. 31 by Rivals
- First-team all-state as a senior by the Ohio Sportswriters Association
- Helped lead Walsh Jesuit High School 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 Wohlabaugh
- 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 Wohlabaugh 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 economics

**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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JAI WILLIAMS

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

6-5 • 214 • Junior-SQ  
Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)

**2022 - Sophomore**

- Moved from tight end to outside linebacker in the spring
- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

**2021 - Freshman**

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

**High School**

- Two-year starter for head coach Chuck Spagnoli



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DAVID WOHLABAUGH JR.

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 321 • Sophomore-SQ  
Stow, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)

**2022 - r-Freshman**

- Played in eight games with one start
- Earned his first career start in the season opener vs. Miami (Ohio)

**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



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MALACHI WOOD

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-8 • 283 • Freshman-HS  
Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central)

**2023 - Freshman**

- Mid-year enrollee

**High School**

- Consensus three-star prospect
- The 10th-ranked player in Kentucky by 247sports
- Named 2022 WBON-TV's Co-Player of the Year in Kentucky
- A four-year letterwinner and three-year starter for head coach Mike Holcomb





- Helped Madison Central to the KHSAA Class 6A Regional Championship Game and a 9-4 record in 2022
- As a senior, supported an offense that had 452 carries for 3,026 yards and 30 touchdowns and 81 pass completions for 1,328 yards and 20 touchdowns
- Named to the Lexington Herald-Leader's 31st edition of the Class of the Commonwealth in 2022
- Also saw some time on defense, making 29 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss
- Played varsity basketball
- Chose Kentucky over Kansas, Louisville, Purdue and West Virginia among others

### Personal

- Born in Richmond, Kentucky
- Son of Pamela Wood
- Grandfather, Michael Wood, was an offensive guard at the University of Cincinnati from 1979-81
- Major is undecided

### Malachi Says

- His nickname is "Big Mal"
- He chose Kentucky because it's home
- After football, his dream job is to be an astronaut
- The person he admires most is his mom
- If he had to eat only one meal the rest of his life he would choose steak and potatoes



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## LA'VELL WRIGHT

### RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 214 • Sophomore-1L  
Louisville, Ky. (North Hardin)

### 2022 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games and had 39 carries for 120 yards along with six catches for 28 yards
- Had three carries for 10 yards in the season opener vs. Miami (Ohio) ... Also had his first career catch for 13 yards
- Had a career-high 11 carries for 27 yards in the win at Florida ... Also had one catch
- Totaled a career-high two receptions vs. Iowa in the TransPerfect Music City Bowl
- Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll

### 2021 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 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 communication with a minor in coaching

### La'Veil 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
2022	13-0	39	120	3.1	0	15	6	28	4.7	0	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17-0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

### WRIGHT'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Miami OH	3	10	0	7	1	13	0	13
at Florida	11	27	0	9	1	0	0	0
vs. YSU	6	25	0	9	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	9	14	0	5	1	8	0	8
at Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	8	33	0	15	1	1	0	1
at Missouri	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	1	6	0	6	2	6	0	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

### 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### WRIGHT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Rush attempts:** 11, at Florida, Sept 10, 2022  
**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  
**Receptions:** 2, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022  
**Receiving yards:** 13, vs Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022 (3 receptions)  
**Tackles:** 1, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021



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## TOMMY ZIESMER

### DEFENSIVE LINE

6-2 • 257 • Freshman-HS  
Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)

### 2023 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee

### High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by Rivals, who also ranked him as the No. 7 overall player in the state and No. 51 strongside defensive end in the country, as well as 247Sports
- According to the 247Sports Composite he was the No. 65 edge rusher in the nation and No. 5 player in the Commonwealth
- Totaled 83 tackles, 9.0 sacks, 20 tackles for loss and two forced fumbles
- Helped lead Boyle County to the 2022 Class 4A state title and 13-2 record, with one of the defeats coming to 5A champion Frederick Douglass and





- the other a regular season defeat Boyle County avenged in the playoffs
- Scored the game-winning touchdown in the state title game, his only carry of the game
  - Also added six tackles, two tackles for loss and a blocked extra point
  - It was Boyle County's third consecutive state title (2020-22)
  - Named to Kentucky Sports Radio's Kentucky High School Football All-State Team
  - Helped led the Rebels to a State runner-up finish in 2019
  - Named Courier-Journal and AP All-State Defense in 2021
  - Coached by Justin Haddix
  - Also lettered in basketball and track and field
  - Chose UK over Cincinnati and West Virginia

#### **Personal**

- Last name is pronounced "ZEES-mer"
- Born in Danville, Kentucky
- Son of Carrie and Will Ziesmer
- Siblings are Owen, Austin, Kamarius, Skylar, Hannah and Kaitlin
- Major is kinesiology

#### **Tommy Says**

- His nickname is "Tom Cat"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's scared of mice
- The highlight of his life so far has been his commitment to Christ
- Three words to describe him are funny, caring and tough
- His sports hero is Lawrence Taylor because he's the best edge rusher of all time



# 2023 SUMMER NEWCOMERS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown (Previous College/High School)
Nasir Addison	DB	6-1	185	Fr-HS	Irvington, N.J. (Irvington)
Jareemiah "Grady Judd" Anglin Jr.	DB	6-1	185	Fr-HS	Lake Wales, Fla. (Lake Wales)
Ardell Banks	WR	6-4	190	Fr-HS	Massillon, Ohio (Massillon)
Jayvant Brown	LB	6-0	220	Fr-HS	Dearfield Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Jakob Dixon	TE	6-5	210	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Pleasure Ridge Park)
Tavion Gadson	DL	6-5	275	Fr-HS	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)
Grant Godfrey	LB	6-3	215	Fr-HS	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
Tanner Lemaster	TE	6-5	250	Fr-HS	Washington Court House, Ohio (Washington)
Shamar Porter	WR	6-3	210	Fr-HS	Gallatin, Tenn. (Ensworth)
Austin Ramsey	OL	6-4	335	Fr-HS	Philadelphia, Pa. (Roman Catholic)
Avery Stuart	DB	6-2	185	Fr-HS	Montgomery, Ala. (Alabama Christian)
Jamarion Wilcox	RB	5-10	195	Fr-HS	Douglasville, Ga. (South Paulding)

Class is eligible for the 2023 season



## NASIR ADDISON

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 185 • Freshman-HS  
Irvington, N.J. (Irvington)



## JAREMIAH ANGLIN JR.

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 185 • Freshman-HS  
Lake Wales, Fla. (Lake Wales)



## ARDELL BANKS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-4 • 190 • Freshman-HS  
Massillon, Ohio (Massillon)

### High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by Rivals and 247Sports and the No. 24 player in New Jersey
- On3.com has him as a three-star and a Top 200 defensive back nationally
- Helped lead the Blue Knights to an 8-3 record as a senior, playing at cornerback and wide receiver
- Totaled 47 tackles and had two interception returns for a touchdown
- Offensively, had 15 catches for 421 yards and five touchdowns
- Named to the 2022 Jersey Sports Zone All-Zone Football Team
- Helped Irvington capture the North, Group 4 title in the NJSIAA Rothman Orthopaedics Football Championships in 2021
- Coached by Ashley Pierre
- Had offers from Ole Miss, Florida State, Pittsburgh, West Virginia and others.

### High School

- A four-star prospect and No. 208 player nationally by On3.com
- Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals and 247Sports
- The 247 Sports Composite rankings list him as the No. 416 player in the country and No. 79 player in the Sunshine State
- In 2022, helped lead Lake Wales to its first ever Florida High School Athletic Association Class 3A state title and its first undefeated season (15-0)
- Had eight tackles, including six solo, and a tackle for loss along with two catches on offense in the title game
- In 13 games, totaled 54 tackles, a team-high 20 pass breakups, a team-best eight interceptions
- Additionally, had six forced fumbles and a fumble recovery
- Offensively, had 17 catches for 274 yards and three scores
- Named Defensive MVP of the national combine
- In 2021, he was a two-way player for the Highlanders who went 9-3 and made second round of 6A state playoffs
- Picked off five passes while totaling 83 tackles in 12 games on defense while working primarily at safety
- Caught 24 passes for 358 yards and three scores on offense
- Coached by Tavaris Johnson
- His cousin, Derwin James, starred at Florida State and has had a strong NFL career
- Also held offers from Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Florida State, Miami (Florida), and a host of others

### High School

- A three-star prospect as evaluated by ESPN, 247sports.com and Rivals.com
- Rated nationally as the No. 35 player in Ohio by Rivals.com
- Totaled 43 receptions for 791 yards and 12 scores as a senior at Massillon
- Averaged 18.4 yards per catch
- Second on the team in scoring with 74 points
- Helped Massillon to a 12-2 overall record and the regional championship title in 2022
- Named first-team Division II All-Star Team by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association
- Also earned a nod on the Northeast Inland All-District First Team
- As a junior, earned honorable mention All-District honors
- A three-year starter for head coach Nate Moore
- Track athlete has notched top times of 10.78 seconds in the 100-meter dash and 22.05 in the 200-meters both during the 2022 outdoor season
- Also runs the 4x100 and 4x200 relay
- Recorded a personal-best 6'0" in the high jump and 19'2" in the long jump during the 2021 outdoor season
- Chose Kentucky over Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Wisconsin.







JAYVANT  
**BROWN**

LINEBACKER

6-0 • 220 • Freshman-HS  
Deerfield Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

**High School**

- Listed as a four-star prospect and the No. 30 linebacker in the nation by 247Sports Composite
- Rivals.com has him as a four-star and the No. 18 linebacker and No. 54 player in the state of Florida
- The No. 13 linebacker and top 75 in the state by ESPN
- Listed as a three-star by 247 Sports and On3.com
- Named a 2023 All-American and selected to play in the All-American Bowl
- Coached by Roger Harriott at St. Thomas Aquinas
- Totaled 61 tackles, including five tackles for loss and three sacks, one pass breakup and one fumble recovery in 13 games as a senior
- Helped lead the Golden Knights to a fourth straight state championship and a perfect 14-0 record
- Also saw action as a running back during his prep career
- Played at Deerfield and University School of NSU before transferring to Aquinas for his senior season
- A Sun Sentinel Super 11 selection as a junior after racking up 37 tackles – 14 for loss – and 10.5 sacks at Deerfield Beach
- Helped Deerfield win a district title competing in the Sunshine State's highest classification
- As a sophomore, had 51 tackles and three sacks in six games and was a first-team All-Broward 8A-6A selection
- Played his freshman season at Fort Lauderdale University School and ran for 341 yards and three touchdowns
- Also participated in the FBU All-American Bowl
- Had more than two dozen offers but ultimately chose UK over Alabama, Auburn, Michigan State, Ohio State, Texas and Florida



JAKOB  
**DIXON**

TIGHT END

6-0 • 175 • Freshman-HS  
Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)

**High School**

- A consensus three-star prospect by all the major recruiting sites
- Rated as the No. 6 wide receiver in the Commonwealth by Rivals.com but because of his size and athleticism is being recruited as a tight end/H-back at Kentucky
- Career stats include 1,582 yards and 22 receiving TDs
- Coached by Tommy Williams
- Led all Class 6A schools and ranked fifth in the state in receiving as a senior with 64 catches for 1,089 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns
- Averaged 17.0 yards per catch
- Named All-District by the Greater Louisville Football Coaches Association
- Named to the Lexington Herald-Leader's 31st edition of the Class of the Commonwealth in 2022
- Caught a team-best 33 passes for 663 yards – more than 20 yards per grab – and nine touchdowns as a junior
- Also had an eye-popping six blocked punts
- His nine receiving touchdowns tied for fifth among the top pass catchers in Class 6A
- Also on the basketball and track team at Pleasure Ridge Park
- Has been clocked at 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash
- Will rejoin former PRP teammate Elijah Reed at Kentucky
- Had several offers before ultimately choosing the Cats



TAVION  
**GADSON**

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 275 • Freshman-HS  
Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)

**High School**

- A three-star prospect who ranks as a top-70 defensive lineman in the country by 247Sports Composite
- Listed as a three-star defensive lineman and the No. 83 player in the state of Georgia by Rivals.com

- On3.com has him as the No. 65 recruit in the state of Georgia
- Totaled 40 tackles, 3.0 sacks and five quarterback hurries in eight games in Georgia's 6A classification on his way to Region Defensive Player of the Year honors as a senior
- Recorded 60 tackles, six sacks and three forced fumbles in 2021
- Coached by Paul Freeman
- Chose Kentucky over Florida State, Auburn, Georgia and Tennessee



GRANT  
**GODFREY**

LINEBACKER

6-3 • 215 • Freshman-HS  
Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)

**High School**

- Consensus four-star prospect
- Ranked the No. 33 player in the state of Georgia by 247 Sports
- Ranked the No. 26 outside linebacker in the Class of 2023 by ESPN
- As a senior in 2022, led North Gwinnett with 69 tackles
- Credited with 50 solo tackles, 11 tackles for loss, seven sacks, eight hurries and an interception, forced fumble and a blocked punt on the season
- Helped North Gwinnett High School to the GHSAA Class 7A Quarterfinals and a 10-3 record in the fall
- Before the season began, one of 51 linebackers in the nation named to the Butkus Award High School Preseason Watch List
- In 2021, totaled 68 tackles, six sacks and an interception and he recovered four fumbles, earning Touchdown Club of Gwinnett First-Team honors
- Coached by Bill Stewart
- Also played varsity basketball
- Son of Randall Godfrey, Georgia linebacker who was named SEC Freshman of the Year in 1992 and earned All-SEC honors in 1993 and 1994
- Father also played in the NFL from 1996-2007
- Brother of RJ Godfrey, who is a forward for Clemson men's basketball team
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville, NC State, Ole Miss, Pittsburgh, South Carolina, TCU and Tennessee among others



TANNER LEMASTER

TIGHT END

6-5 • 250 • Freshman-HS  
Washington Court House, Ohio (Washington)

High School

- A consensus three-star prospect by all the major recruiting sites
• Rated as the No. 13 player in the state of Ohio and one of the top 35 tight ends nationally by ESPN
• A three-year starter and all-around athlete who played three positions for head coach Chuck Williamson at Washington Court House
• Caught 53 passes for 655 yards and 12 TDs in 2022
• As a defensive end, totaled 34 tackles, including 15.0 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks
• Also served as the team's starting punter, kicking 28 times for 865 yards, averaging 30.9 yards per punt with six punts landing inside the 20-yard line
• Helped Washington finish with a 9-3 overall record
• Named first-team offense All-Southeast Division III by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association as a senior
• Also earned first-team All-Conference honors by the All-Frontier Athletics Conference three straight seasons
• Was an All-District selection as a junior and senior
• Excelled in the classroom with a 3.9 grade point average
• Chose Kentucky over Tennessee, Cincinnati and Indiana



SHAMAR PORTER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 210 • Freshman-HS  
Gallatin, Tenn. (Ensworth)

High School

- A four-star wide receiver by 247 Sports and On3.com
• Ranks as the No. 29 wide receiver in the country and No. 5 in Tennessee according to the On3 Consensus
• Totaled 32 catches for 557 yards and a team-high 10 touchdowns in 10 games as a senior
• Averaged 17.4 yards per catch ... Coached by Roc Batten
• Earned U.S. Army Bowl All-America honors
• Named to the 2022 Division II-AAA West All-Region Team



AUSTIN RAMSEY

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 335 • Freshman-HS  
Philadelphia, Pa. (Roman Catholic)

High School

- A three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
• Ranked as the No. 46 offensive tackle in the country and No. 17 prospect in Pennsylvania according to ESPN
• Rivals had him as the No. 73 offensive tackle and No. 18 player in the state
• Coached by Rick Prete who said "If one thing stands out to me, it's his brute strength and the punch he has"
• Named a first-team All-Catholic Football Team choice in 2021 and 2022
• Picked the Wildcats over Penn State, West Virginia, Virginia Tech and others



AVERY STUART

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 185 • Freshman-HS  
Montgomery, Ala. (Alabama Christian)

High School

- Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals, including the No. 19 prospect in Alabama and No. 28 cornerback in the nation
• 247Sports also rated him as a four-star and the No. 247 player nationally, including the No. 19 defensive back nationally and No. 18 player in Alabama
• On3.com ranks him a four-star recruit and No. 241 overall
• A two-way player at safety and wide receiver for head coach Michael Summers
• Also played safety and outside linebacker at Alabama Christian

- Helped the Eagles to an 8-4 overall record and an appearance in the AHSAA playoffs in 2022
• Caught nine passes for 228 yards (25.3 ypc) with five receiving touchdowns
• As a junior, charted 41 tackles, 24 pass breakups and two interceptions
• An all-around athlete who also plays basketball
• Earned All-Metro honors in 2021 after averaging nearly 20 points per game
• Also had offers from Arkansas, Auburn, Florida State, Louisville, Miami (Florida), Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Oklahoma, Penn State and others



JAMARION WILCOX

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 195 • Freshman-HS  
Douglasville, Ga. (South Paulding)

High School

- Considered a four-star prospect and ranked as the No. 9 running back nationally and No. 8 player in Georgia by Rivals.com
• Moved to Georgia from Ohio as a sophomore in 2020
• Coached by Jason Nash and Sumo Robinson at South Paulding High School
• Totaled 2,382 all-purpose yards, had 229 rushes for 2,059 rushing yards and scored 30 total touchdowns in 12 games as a senior
• Finished his career with 4,119 yards rushing and 58 total scores
• Earned Region 5-6A Offensive Player of the Year honors
• Led the Spartans to an 8-4 overall record and a second-round appearance in the 6A State playoffs
• Named RB Most Valuable Player of the Under Armour All-America Camp in Atlanta in February of 2022
• Had 202 rushes for 1,542 yards and 23 touchdowns as a junior
• Also had 14 catches for 235 yards and two scores
• Named Georgia Elite Classic MVP as a sophomore
• Also played outside linebacker and strong safety for the Spartans
• An all-around athlete who also wrestles
• Qualified for Georgia's 6A tournament as a sophomore in the 182-pound weight class
• Chose Kentucky over Auburn, Clemson and Ohio State