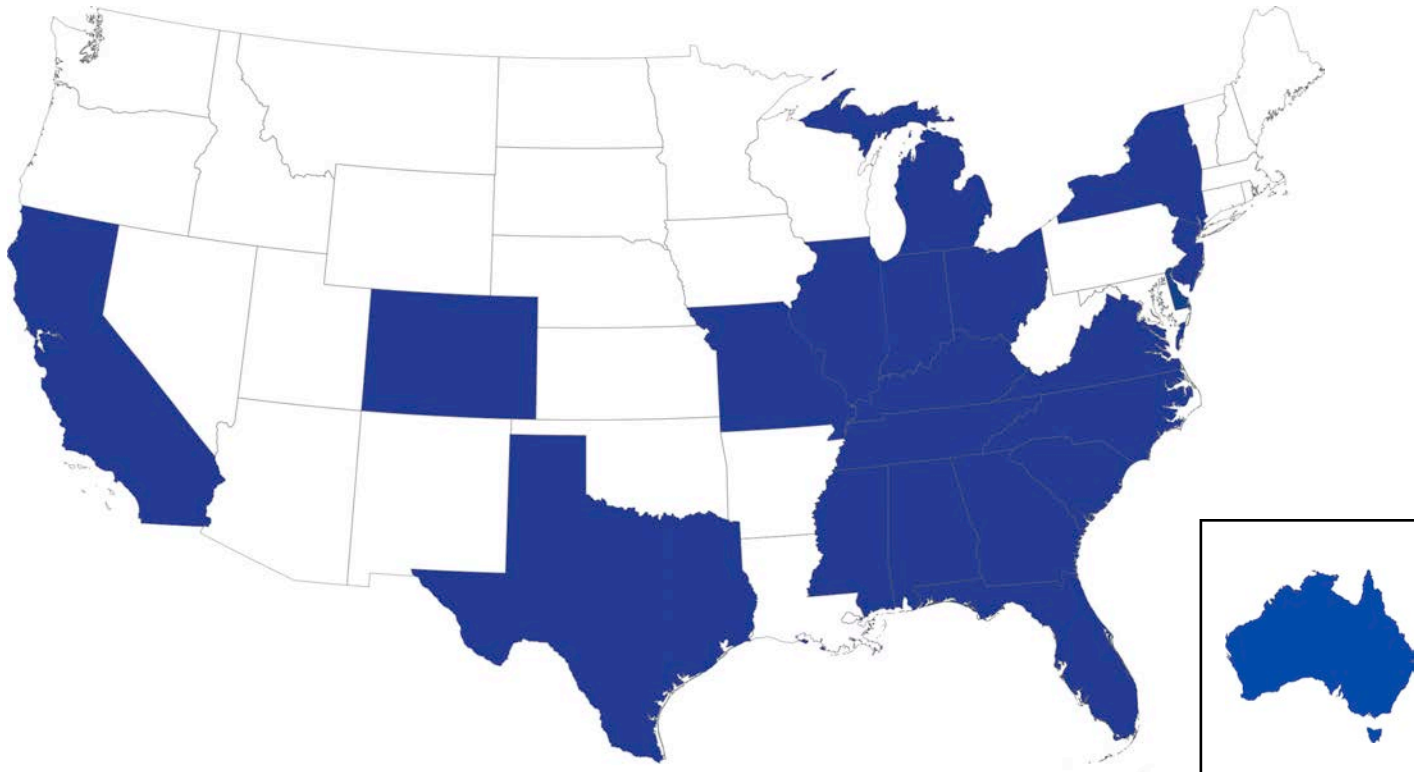




CATS ON THE MAP

The 2023 Football roster is comprised of 21 different states and Australia



Alabama (6)

Birmingham	Heath Jehu
	Lucas Padgett
Florence	Koby Keenum
Huntsville	Kahlil Saunders
Montgomery	Avery Stuart
Oxford	Jackson Bunn

California (1)

San Francisco	Ray Davis
---------------	-----------

Colorado (1)

Colorado Springs	Walker Himebauch
------------------	------------------

Delaware (1)

Bridgeville	Noah Matthews
-------------	---------------

Florida (5)

Deerfield Beach	Jayvant Brown
Lake Wales	Jareemiah Anglin Jr.
Sanford	Kenneth Horsey
West Palm Beach	Henry Bennett
	Jarard Mosely

Georgia (12)

Columbus	JQ Hardaway
Douglasville	Jamarion Wilcox
Dublin	D'Eryk Jackson
Gainesville	Darius Cannon
Jesup	Trevin Wallace
Kennesaw	Alex Raynor
Milton	Mason Dailey
	Nick Pearson
Rochelle	Martez Thrower
Savannah	Tavion Gadson
Sugar Hill	Dylan Gary
Suwanee	Grant Godfrey

Illinois (5)

Chicago	Ron Gaines
Glenview	Spencer Leadbetter

Lake Forest

Peoria	Jai Williams
	Marques Cox
	Courtland Ford

Indiana (4)

Indianapolis	Cannon Coffee
	Kendrick Gilbert
	Daveren Rayner
Noblesville	Dylan Ray

Kentucky (36)

Bowling Green	Jordan Dingle
	Justice Dingle
	Jantzen Dunn
Danville	Cole Lanter
	Jackson Smith
	Tommy Ziesmer
Glasgow	Tanner Bowles
Lexington	Ty Bryant
	Jager Burton
	Dekel Crowdus Jr.
	Hayden Dawahare
	Max DeGraff
	Trey Dennis
	Da'min Green
	Max Ishmael
	Dane Key
	Jack Monday
Louisville	Izayah Cummings
	Elijah Reed
	Jackson Schulz
	Jack Varga
	J.J. Weaver
	La'Ve'll Wright
	Eli Cox
Nicholasville	Grant Bingham
Paintsville	Carson Wright
Pikeville	Isaiah Beasley
Radcliff	Jordan Lovett
	Octavious Oxendine
Richmond	Malachi Wood

Science Hill

Somerset	Jase Bruner
	Braiden Myers
	Kaiya Sheron
Upton	Clay Perry
Virgie	Lincoln Billiter
Winchester	Landon Marcum

Michigan (4)

Detroit	Khamari Anderson
	Jeremy Flax
	Deone Walker
West Bloomfield	Maxwell Hairston

Mississippi (1)

Horn Lake	Josaih Hayes
-----------	--------------

Missouri (1)

Clayton	Michael Bernard
---------	-----------------

New Jersey (3)

Newark	Nasir Addison
Sicklerville	Devin Leary
Willingboro	Demie Sumo-Karngbaye

New York (1)

Bronx	Ramon Jefferson
-------	-----------------

North Carolina (2)

Marvin	Jackson Moore
Rocky Mount	Keeshawn Silver

Ohio (17)

Akron	Ben Christman
Cincinnati	Alex Afari
	Santos Alvarez
	Brenden Bates
	Darrion Henry-Young
	Josh Kattus
	Brandon White
Columbus	Jamarius Dinkins
Fairfield	JuTahn McClain

Ironton	Jaquez Keyes
Massillon	Ardell Banks
Mason	Paul Rodriguez
North Jackson	Shane Hamm
Springfield	Anthony Brown
Washington Court House	Tanner
	Lemaster
Youngstown	Luke Fulton
	Tino Merlo

Pennsylvania (2)

Pittsburgh	Tyrese Fearbry
Philadelphia	Austin Ramsey

South Carolina (4)

Anderson	Chance Poore
Columbia	Jalen Geiger
	Jordan Robinson
Mauldin	Andru Phillips

Tennessee (6)

Dickson	Tre'vonn Rybka
Nashville	Barion Brown
	Shamar Porter
	Edric Simmons
Spring Hill	Destin Wade
	Keaten Wade

Texas (4)

Austin	Nik Hall
Fort Worth	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
Nasir Addison	AddisonNashir	Nasaddison
Alex Afari	AlexAfari8	afari_2
Santos Alvarez	SantosAlvarez00	Tos.Alvarez
Khamari Anderson	espn_mar05	khamari15anderson
Jemiah Anglin Jr.	jemiahhhjr	jemiahhhjr
Ardell Banks	50kdell	50k.dell
Brenden Bates	BatesBrenden	brenden_bates_
Isaiah Beasley	isaiahbeasleyy	isaiahbeasleyy
Wilson Berry	Wilsonberry61	n/a
Michael Bernard	michaelwbernard	mkevnb
Lincoln Billiter	lincolnbillit06	lincoln_billit1033
Grant Bingham	GrantBingham2	grant_bingham65
Tanner Bowles	TBowles51	tannerbowles_
Anthony Brown	anthonybrown_	anthonybrown_
Barion Brown	BarionBrown	ba7ion
Jayvant Brown	JayvantBrown	Jay.v_2
Jase Bruner	Jasebruner1	bruner.1
Ty Bryant	Ty_Bryant32	ty_bryant
Jackson Bunn	jacksontbunn	jacksontbunn
Jager Burton	Jager_burton	jagerburton
Darius Cannon	DariusCannon2	Darius_11
Zion Childress	ZionChildress	freecchamp
Ben Christman	benchristman_	ben.christman
Cannon Coffee	CannonCoffee1	cannon_coffee
Eli Cox	Elicox59	elicox75
Marques Cox	MonsterMarq	marquescox
Dekel Crowdus	n/a	dekel.crowdus
Izayah Cummings	IzayahCummings	izayahcummings
Hayden Dawahare	HDawahare	hayden_dawahare
Mason Dailey	masondailey6	masondailey54
Ray Davis	MrHeisman7	hbk_ray
Max DeGraff	MaxDegraff23	Max_degraff
Trey Dennis	Trey3dennis	treywdennis
Justice Dingle	Justicedingle21	justicedingle52
Jordan Dingle	Jordandingle21	jordandingle21
Jamarius Dinkins	Spider55k	spideroffthatdawg
Jantzen Dunn	JantzenDunn	@antzen.Dunn
Tyrese Fearbry	FearbryTyrese	tyrese_42
Jeremy Flax	FlaxNotFlex	biggflax
Courtland Ford	FordCourtland	famous.cjf
Luke Fulton	Lukefulton_11	lfulton.10
Tayvion Gadson	tavion_gadson	heartless_jh1t
Ron Gaines	ChicagoRon18	sav_ron
Dylan Gary	Dylangary23	dylangary19
Jalen Geiger	jalengeiger	jalengeiger
Kendrick Gilbert	kgilbert23	kkendricck
Grant Godfrey	GrantGodfrey3	grantgodfrey_
Da'min Green	Damingreen	damingreen
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
Darriion Henry-Young	darriion_henry	iamdhenry
Walker Himebauch	WalkerHimebauch	walkerhimebauch
Deuce Hogan	deucehogan	deucehogan
Kenneth Horsey	Work_horse68	kennethhorsey68
Max Ishmael	the_Maxish1	_Maxish1

D'Eryk Jackson	DerykJackson4	derykjackson
Ramon Jefferson	Jefferson1Ramon	ramonjefferson26
Heath Jehu	heath_jehu	heath_jehu
Josh Kattus	Jkattus	joshkattus84
Koby Keenum	keenum_koby	thekobykeenum
Dane Key	DaneKey6	dane6k_
Jaquez Keyes	n/a	j.keyes5
Cole Lanter	coelanterrr	coelanterrr
Devin Leary	DevinLeary1	d_leary1
Tanner Lemaster	TannerLemaster	Tanner.Lemaster
Jordan Lovett	Jordan_Lovett1	n/a
Noah Matthews	_noahhhhhh	n/a
JuTahn McClain	JuTahn	jutahn
Tino Merlo	tmassmerlo	tmassmerlo
Jack Monday	JackHMonday	jack_monday7
Jackson Moore	JacksonMoore96	jacksomoore504
Jarard Mosely	jarardmosely	jarardmosely
Braiden Myers	myers_braiden	braiden_myers
Octavious Oxendine	Octaviousoxend1	octavi8us
Lucas Padgett	Lucas_padgett71	lucas_padgett58
Nick Pearson	NickPearson418	NickPearson418
Clay Perry	Clayperry12	clay.perry_
Andru Phillips	AndruPhillips	druphillips
Chance Poore	Chance_poore16	chance_poore12
Shamar Porter	porter_shamar	2hamarr
Austin Ramsey	ramseyhouse	ramseyhouse76
Dylan Ray	dylann22	d.ray70
Daveren Rayner	D9veren	D9veren
Alex Raynor	acraynor1	acraynor
Elijah Reed	E_Reed2022	eli._reed24
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
Edric Simmons	Jabari_Simmons	thtguyed
Jackson Smith	jacksonsmith27	jackson.smith14
Avery Stuart	avery8stuart	chaos8stuart
Demie Sumo-Karngbaye	n/a	Shark0
Josh Terrell	joshterrell21	joshterrell_
Martez Thrower	ThrowerMartez	martezthrower
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
Jamarion Wilcox	JamarionWilcox1	Jamarion.Wilcox
Jai Williams	JaiWilliams_9	jaiwilliams_
Malachi Wood	_BIGMAL_67	_BIGMAL_67
Carson Wright	carsonwright33	carsonwright33
La'Vell Wright	Lavell3421	vell.wright
Tommy Ziesmer	tommy_ziesmer	tommyziesmer



2023 PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

Breakdown by Class (as of Aug. 25)

Seniors (29)

Brenden Bates
Isaiah Beasley
Michael Bernard
Tanner Bowles
Jase Bruner
Eli Cox
Marques Cox
Izayah Cummings
Ray Davis
Justice Dingle
Jeremy Flax
Luke Fulton
Ron Gaines
Jalen Geiger
Josiah Hayes
Kenneth Horsey
D'Eryk Jackson
Ramon Jefferson
Devin Leary
JuTahn McClain
Octavious Oxendine
Clay Perry
Chance Poore
Daveren Rayner
Alex Raynor
Tayvion Robinson
Keeshawn Silver
Jack Varga
J.J. Weaver

Juniors (12)

Zion Childress
Trey Dennis
Courtland Ford
Darrion Henry-Young
Deuce Hogan
Lucas Padgett
Andru Phillips
Tre'vonn Rybka
Demi Sumo-Karngbaye
Martez Thrower
Trevin Wallace
Jai Williams

Sophomores (30)

Alex Afari Jr.
Wilson Berry
Barion Brown
Jager Burton
Ben Christman
Dekel Crowds Jr.
Jordan Dingle
Jamarius Dinkins
Janzen Dunn
Dylan Gary
Maxwell Hairston
Shane Hamm
JQ Hardaway
Josh Kattus
Dane Key
Cole Lanter
Jordan Lovett
Jarard Mosely
Jack Monday
Dylan Ray
Jordan Robinson
Paul Rodriguez
Kahlil Saunders
Jackson Schulz
Kaiya Sheron
Keeshawn Silver
Josh Terrell
Keaten Wade
Deone Walker
La'Veil Wright

r-Freshmen (8)

Grant Bingham
Tyrese Fearbry
Nikolas Hall
Noah Matthews

Elijah Reed
Jackson Smith
Destin Wade
Brandon White

Freshmen (40)

Nasir Addison
Santos Alvarez
Khamari Anderson
Jareemiah Anglin Jr.
Ardell Banks
Henry Bennett
Lincoln Billiter
Anthony Brown
Jayvant Brown
Ty Bryant
Jackson Bunn
Darius Cannon
Cannon Coffee
Mason Dailey
Hayden Dawahare
Max DeGraff
Tavion Gadsen
Kendrick Gilbert
Da'min Green
Grant Godfrey
Walker Himebauch
Max Ishmael
Heath Jehu
Koby Keenum
Jaquez Keyes
Spencer Leadbetter
Tanner Lemaster
Landon Marcum
Tino Merlo
Jackson Moore
Braiden Myers
Nick Pearson
Shamar Porter
Austin Ramsey
Edric Simmons
Avery Stuart
Malachi Wood
Jamarion Wilcox
Carson Wright
Tommy Ziesmer

From the Portal (16)

Michael Bernard
Fordham
Tanner Bowles
Alabama
Ben Christman
Ohio State
Marques Cox
Northern Illinois
Ray Davis
Vanderbilt
Janzen Dunn
Ohio State
Courtland Ford
USC
Ron Gaines
Temple
Shane Hamm
Dayton
JQ Hardaway
Cincinnati
Jaquez Keys
Wake Forest
Devin Leary
NC State
Dylan Ray
West Virginia
Daveren Rayner
Northern Illinois
Alex Raynore
Georgia Southern
Keeshawn Silver
North Carolina

21

NASIR
ADDISON

DEFENSIVE BACK



6-0 • 187 • Freshman-HS
Newark, N.J. (Irvington)

2023 - Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Akron and got one tackle

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
- Also participated on the track team
- Chose UK over Maryland, Ole Miss and Florida State

Personal

- Born in Newark, New Jersey
- Son of Ameenah Poole and Hekim Addison
- Siblings are Kiabi Addison, Mekhi Addison, Zayd Poole and Imani Hearty
- Major is undecided

Nasir Says

- His nickname is "Nas" or "Addy"
- He chose Kentucky because everyone made him feel wanted
- One word to describe him on the field is "general"
- After his football career he wants to be a race car driver or actor
- Hobbies are cooking, writing poetry, video games and sight seeing

3

ALEX
AFARI JR.

DEFENSIVE BACK



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

2023 - Sophomore

- Made a career-high eight tackles and a career-high tying 1.5 tackles for loss, both of which were tied for the second-most on the UK defense, in the season opener vs. Ball State ... Forced a fumble on the UK 34 in the second quarter, helping Kentucky record its first scoop-and-score since 2019
- Got a fumble recovery vs. ECU

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
- Named to First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 letterwinner 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
2023	DB	3-3	10	0-0	1.5-2	1/1	0	0	1	0
Totals		16-6	31	1.0-5	4.5-12	1/1	0	0	2	0

AFARI'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. Ball State*	8	0-0	1.5-2	1/0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1	0
Totals	10	0-0	1.5-2	1/1	0	0	1	0

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
Totals	21	1.0-5	3.0-10	0/0	0	0	1	0

AFARI'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023
Sacks: 1.0, vs Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022
Tackle for Loss: 1.5, twice, last vs. Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (2 yards)
Forced fumble: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023
Fumble recovery: 1, vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023
Quarterback hurry: 1, twice, last vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023



21

SANTOS
ALVAREZ IV

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 163 • Freshman-HS
Cincinnati, Ohio (Anderson)**2023 - Freshman**

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Akron

High School

- Four-year letterwinner and two-year starter at Anderson High School
- A versatile athlete who played wide receiver, cornerback, punt returner and kick returner
- Named first-team All-Eastern Cincinnati Conference, first-team Southwest District and second-team All-Ohio as a senior after totaling 113 receptions, 1,510 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns
- Played for head coach Evan Dreyer
- Helped the Raptors compile a 31-15 record during his four-year career
- Also a two-year letterwinner in track and basketball
- Member of the Future Business Leaders of America and the Student-Athlete Leadership Program

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Aracely Reno and Santos Alvarez
- Major is pre-finance

Santos Says

- His nickname is "Tos"
- He chose Kentucky because it was close to home and a great environment
- The one thing most people don't know about him is that he loves to ride dirt bikes
- Three words to describe him are energetic, funny and social
- Besides playing football he's also a good golfer



82

KHAMARI
ANDERSON

TIGHT END

6-5 • 238 • Freshman-HS
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)**2023 - Freshman**

- Mid-year enrollee
- Saw action vs. ECU and Akron

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"



15

JAREMIAH
"GRADY JUDD"
ANGLIN JR.

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 185 • Freshman-HS
Lake Wales, Fla. (Lake Wales)**2023 - Freshman**

- Out this season with a knee injury

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 listed 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
- Chose Kentucky over Florida State and Tennessee

Community Cats

- Volunteered with My New Kentucky Home (2023)

Personal

- Born in Davenport, Florida
- Son of Jeremiah and Sherunda Anglin
- Has one brother, Josiah
- His cousin, Derwin James, starred at Florida State and has had a strong NFL career
- Majoring in pre-media arts and studies

Grady Judd Says

- His nickname is "Grady Judd"
- He chose Kentucky because of the people and to get developed and win
- Three words to describe him are funny, smooth and dedicated
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports analyst
- One word to describe him on the field is "dawg"



87

ARDELL
BANKS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 187 • Freshman-HS
Massillon, Ohio (Massillon)

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
- Totalled 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
- Named the team's Most Valuable Player and Offensive Player of the Year
- 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 ran 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

Personal

- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Son of Nicole and Lonnie Smith
- Siblings are Nathan Banks-Watson and Dejuanna Banks-Warren
- Major is undecided

Ardell Says

- His nickname is "Dell"
- He chose Kentucky because of the environment and the love he felt
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a CEO of a construction company
- Most people don't know that he didn't start playing football until his freshman year of high school
- If he could eat only one thing the rest of his life it would be his mom's lasagna



80

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
- Has seen action in 48 career games with 15 starting assignments
- Has totaled 23 career receptions for 213 yards and two scores
- Has one catch for 30 yards this season

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
- Totalled 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 letterwinner 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 played lacrosse at Cincinnati and grandfather, Gene Neff, played basketball at Kentucky under Coach Adolph Rupp from 1951-52
- Graduated in August of 2022 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
2023	TE	3-2	1	30	30.0	0	30
Totals		48-15	23	213	9.3	2	30

BATES' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State*	1	30	0	30
vs. ECU	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	30	0	30

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		
Totals	10	99	1	23

BATES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM*	1	4	1	4
vs. Missouri*	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	2	2	0	4
at South Carolina	1	15	0	15
vs. Florida	1	11	0	11
vs. LSU*	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	13	0	8
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0

vs. Tennessee*	2	18	0	13
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	1	0	1
at Louisville*	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	1	6	0	6
Totals	11	70	1	15

BATES' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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

BATES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, 7x, last vs South Carolina, Oct 8, 2022
 Receiving yards: 46, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022 (2 receptions)
 Long reception: 30, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023
 Receiving touchdowns: 1, twice, last vs Miami Ohio, Sept 22, 2022



98

ISAIAH
BEASLEY

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

2023 - Senior

- Saw his first career action vs. Ball State ... Also saw action vs. Akron

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 letterwinner 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

Community Cats

- God's Pantry (2023) - Volunteered to pack food bags for a food drive

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"



38

HENRY
BENNETT IV

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 203 • Freshman-HS
West Palm Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Newman)

High School

- Four-year starter at Cardinal Newman for head coach Jack Daniels



- Helped lead the Crusaders to an 11-1 record in 2022 and an 8-4 mark in 2021 with back-to-back appearances in the Florida High School Athletic Association playoffs
- Totaled 1,020 rushing yards with 14 touchdowns as a senior
- Played three positions as a running back, slot receiver and linebacker
- Chose Kentucky over South Florida, Stetson and Ole Miss

Personal

- Born in West Palm Beach, Florida
- Son of Denese and Henry Bennett
- Has one brother, Dylan
- Major is undecided

Henry Says

- His nickname is "Byrd"
- His dream job is to take over the family business
- One thing people may not know about him is that he is predominantly left-handed but can use both hands well
- Three words to describe him are funny, respectful and hardworking
- Outside of football he enjoys gaming, working out and basketball



37
**MICHAEL
BERNARD**
KICKER

6-3 • 205 • Senior-Tr
Clayton, Mo. (Fordham/Clayton)

2023 - Senior

- A graduate transfer who came to Kentucky after four seasons as a kicker at Fordham
- Career stats include 21 games played with 147 kickoffs for 7,997 yards (54.4 yards/kick)
- 31 career touchbacks

2022 - Senior (Fordham)

- Appeared in all 12 games for the Rams, handling kickoff duties
- Kicked off 98 times for 5,156 yards (52.6 yards/kick)
- Recorded 11 touchbacks
- Also had two tackles

2021 - Junior (Fordham)

- Appeared in eight games for the Rams, handling kickoff duties
- Kicked off 49 times for 2,841 yards (58.0 yards/kick)
- Recorded 20 touchbacks

2020-21 - Sophomore (Fordham)

- Practiced with the team

2019 - Freshman (Fordham)

- Appeared in one game

High School

- Two-year starter at Clayton High School in Clayton, Missouri for head coach Linwood Barnes and Joe Conlin
- Earned 2017 and 2018 First Team All-Conference honors as a punter and kicker
- Also competed with the soccer, golf and tennis squads
- Earned All-Conference accolades in golf in 2018 and 2019
- Recipient of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award in 2019
- Elected editor-in-chief his high school newspaper

Personal

- Born in Clayton, Missouri
- Son of Trent and Sarah Bernard
- Siblings are Jack and Alex
- Dad, Trent, was a pitcher on the baseball team at Kansas from 1975-77
- Graduated from Fordham in 2023 with a degree in business administration with a finance and marketing concentration
- Currently working on a master's degree in finance from UK

Michael Says

- His nickname is "Nard Dog"
- His dream job is to own a ski shop in the mountains
- One thing people may not know about him is that he only played one full year of high school football
- The last time he was starstruck was in 2011 when he saw Oprah
- The most daring/craziest thing he's ever done is hike in an active volcano



93
**WILSON
BERRY**
PUNTER

6-4 • 213 • Sophomore-SQ
Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)

2023 - Sophomore

- Has seven punts for 335 yards and a 47.9 average this season
- Against Ball State and had two punts for 97 yards and a 48.5 percent average
- Had three punts for a career-best 51.7-yard average vs. ECU ... All three punts were at least 50 yards, including a career-long 55-yarder, and all three landed inside the 20-yard line

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
- Currently 25 years old (birthday is in June)
- Married to the former Courtney Stewart of Paducah, Kentucky
- The couple has one son, Leo
- 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
- 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
2023	3	7	335	47.9	1	4	3	55	4
Totals	9	30	1265	42.2	1	14	10	55	6

BERRY'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. Ball State*	2	97	48.5	51	0
vs. ECU*	3	155	51.7	55	3
vs. Akron*	3	123	41.0	45	0
Totals	7	335	47.9	55	3

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
Totals	19	782	41.2	53	6

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
Totals	4	148	37.0	39	1

BERRY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Punts: 10, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022
 Punt Yards: 409, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022
 Single-game Avg: 50.4, vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023 (3 for 155)
 Long Punt: 55, vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023
 Tackles: 1, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022

**59****LINCOLN
BILLITER****DEFENSIVE LINE**

6-3 • 272 • Freshman-HS
 Virgie, Ky. (Shelby Valley)

High School

- Played for head coach Anthony Hampton at Shelby Valley High School
- Four-year starter for the Wildcats
- Had 66 tackles, six tackles for loss, three sacks, two forced fumbles and an interception for a touchdown as a senior
- Earned all-district and all-mountain first team, as well as all-state honors

- Also played baseball, where he was a first-team all-district and all-region first baseman and pitcher
- Member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society as a 4.0 student

Personal

- Born in Pikeville, Kentucky
- Son of Sam and Kellie Billiter
- Has one brother, Logan
- Major is kinesiology

Lincoln Says

- His dream job is to be a physical therapist
- Chose Kentucky because of the great atmosphere and his family loves it
- His sports hero is Tim Tebow because he stayed true to himself
- His invitation-only dinner would include Jennifer Aniston, Chris Rock and Adam Sandler
- Enjoys hunting and playing baseball outside of football

**65****GRANT
BINGHAM****OFFENSIVE LINE**

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

2023 - r-Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action in the season opener vs. Ball State

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

**51****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
- Saw action vs. ECU and Akron for the Wildcats

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



5

ANTHONY BROWN- STEPHENS

WIDE RECEIVER

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

2023 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee
- Saw his first collegiate action in the season opener vs. Ball State
- Recorded his first career catch for six yards vs. ECU

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 Zariq
- 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

A. BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos	G-GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	KR	Yds	TD	PR	Yds	TD
2023	WR	3-0	1	6	6.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		2-0	1	6	6.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A. BROWN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
vs. Ball State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0

BROWN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023
 Receiving yards: 6, vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023 (1 reception)
 Receiving touchdowns: n/a
 Long reception: 6, vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023



7

BARION BROWN

WIDE RECEIVER

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

2023 - Sophomore

- Preseason fourth-team All-America - KR (Athlon Sports)
- Preseason second-team All-SEC - RS (Athlon Sports)
- Preseason third-team All-SEC - WR (Athlon Sports)
- Hornung Award Watch List for the nation's most versatile player
- Named SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (9/4)
- Has made a reception in every game as a Wildcat (16)
- Ranks 10th in the SEC in all-purpose yardage (114.67)
- One of only 12 players in the nation with a kick return TD this season
- Had a team-high tying six receptions for 51 yards and a touchdown vs. ECU ... Also added two carries for 34 yards
- Led UK in all-purpose yards in the season opener vs. Ball State with 156 yards, including 117 yards in kick returns and 39 yards in receptions.
- Recorded one touchdown on a 99-yard kickoff return, which marked the second straight season opener and second career game he has scored on a kickoff return



- Became the fourth player in school history with multiple career kickoff return touchdowns, joining Derek Abney (2), Derrick Locke (2) and Craig Yeast (3)
- Became the third player in school history with a kickoff return touchdown in consecutive seasons, joining Craig Yeast (1996-1998) and Derrick Locke (2008-2009)

2022 - Freshman

- First-Team True Freshman All-America (Pro Football Focus, On3.com, 247sports.com)
- 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) as a wide receiver, return specialist and all-purpose player
- 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 as 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

B. BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos	G-GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	KR	Yds	TD	PR	Yds	TD
2022	WR	13-7	50	628	12.6	4	16	440	1	7	28	0
2023	WR	3-3	11	109	9.9	1	4	153	1	2	47	0
Totals		16-10	61	737	12.1	5	19	737	2	9	75	0

B. BROWN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
vs. Ball State*	3	39	0	26	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	6	51	1	20	2	34	0	26	17.0
vs. Akron*	2	19	0	12	1	1	0	1	1.0
Totals	11	109	1	26	3	35	0	26	11.6

B. BROWN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Opponent	KR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	PR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
vs. Ball St.*	2	117	58.5	99	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	1	20	20.0	20	0	2	47	23.5	36	0
vs. Akron*	1	16	16.0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	153	38.2	99	1	2	47	23.5	36	0

B. BROWN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
vs. Miami OH	3	45	0	38	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	-2	0	0	1	3	0	3	3.0
vs. YSU	5	56	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU*	4	147	2	70	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	2	81	0	51	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC*	2	6	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	7	62	0	33	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	2	12	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	4	54	0	39	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	10	145	1	47	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL*	4	44	1	21	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	5	24	0	10	2	-4	0	0	-2.0
Totals	50	628	4	70	4	-2	0	3	-0.2

B. BROWN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Opponent	KR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	PR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
vs. Miami	2	121	60.5	100	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	3	164	54.7	85	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	11.0	11	0
vs. Miss. St.	1	17	17.0	17	0	2	8	4.0	5	0
at UT	2	26	13.9	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	3	56	18.7	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	2	25	12.5	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	3.0	13	0
vs. Iowa	1	16	16.0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	440	27.5	100	1	7	28	4.0	13	0



B. 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, twice, last vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023
 Rush yards: 34, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023 (2 carries)
 Long rush: 26, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023
 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, twice, last vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (99 yds)
 Punt returns: 3, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022
 Punt return yards: 47, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023
 Long punt return: 36, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023
 All purpose yards: 245, at Ole Miss, Oct 1, 2022



34

JAYVANT
BROWN

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0 • 226 • Freshman-HS
 Deerfield Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

2023 - Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. EKU
- Got a career-best two tackles vs. Akron

High School

- Listed as a four-star prospect and the No. 30 linebacker in the nation by 247Sports Composite
- Rivals.com had 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

Personal

- Born in Deerfield Beach, Florida
- Son of Albert and Marie Brown
- Major is undecided

Jayvant Says

- His nickname is "Vant" (pronounced Vont)
- He chose Kentucky because the Wildcats showed the most love
- One word to describe him on the field is "fierce"
- Other than playing football, he's also a good (video) gamer
- If he could only eat one meal the rest of his life he would choose wings and fries

J. BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FC/FR	INT	PBU
2023	ILB	2-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals		2-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

J. BROWN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. EKU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Akron	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	2	0-0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

J. BROWN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023



45

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

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2023)

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 management

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



14

TY
BRYANT

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 187 • Freshman-HS
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)**2023 - Freshman**

- Mid-year enrollee
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. ECU
- Got a career-best two tackles vs. Akron

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 Crowder and Dane Key
- Coached by Nate McPeck
- A five-year letterwinner on the Broncos' 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

BRYANT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2023	3-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	3-0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

BRYANT'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Ball State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

BRYANT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023



64

JACKSON
BUNN

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 285 • Freshman-HS
Oxford, Ala. (Oxford)**High School**

- Three-year letterman, two-year starter on the offensive line
- Played for head coach Sam Adams at Oxford High School
- Named first-team All-Calhoun County Offensive Line
- Earned the team's Senior Academic Award
- Member of the National Honor Society with a 4.7 grade point average

Personal

- Born in Anniston, Alabama
- Son of Ashley Holmes and Chass Bunn
- Has two older siblings, Jarrett Webb and Addie Shake
- Major is pre-mining engineering

Jackson Says

- Nickname is "JB"
- After football, his dream job is to be petroleum engineer

- If he could only choose one meal the rest of his life he would choose a Chick-fil-A meal
- He enjoys hunting and working on cars in his spare time
- Three words to describe him are funny, kind and protective



62

JAGER
BURTON

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 307 • Sophomore-1L
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)**2023 - Sophomore**

- Starting center after playing at guard last season

2022 - r-Freshman

- Freshman All-SEC Team (Coaches)
- 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 letterwinner and three-year starter for head coach Brian Landis and Nathan McPeck
- 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



45

DARIUS
CANNON

WIDE RECEIVER

5-9 • 175 • Freshman-HS
Gainesville, Ga. (Gainesville)

High School

- Four-year letterwinner and starter for head coach Josh Niblett
- Led Gainesville in receiving with 49 catches for 778 yards and nine scores as a senior
- Also an impressive kick returner who was named Specialist of the Year for Region 8-6A by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in 2022
- Helped the Red Elephants advance to the Georgia 6A high school football championship game
- During his four seasons, he helped Gainesville compile a 34-12 record, including a 14-1 record as a senior
- Named his team's Most Valuable Player in both 2021 and 2022
- Earned statewide Player of the Week in 2022 honors after piling up 241 all-purpose yards, including a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown

- and a 69-yard touchdown reception, in the Region 8-6A championship
- As a junior, caught a team-high 53 passes for 785 yards and eight touchdowns, returned 13 kickoffs for 463 yards and three scores, returned three punts for 40 yards and added 57 yards and a TD on 13 rushing attempts
- Named Athlete of the Year for Region 8-6A by the AJC in 2020 and 2021 as a wide receiver/defensive back
- Also a two-year letterwinner in track (high jump) and basketball (point guard)
- Chose Kentucky over UNLV, Middle Tennessee and Western Michigan

Personal

- Born in Gainesville, Georgia
- Son of Denise and Kipper Cannon
- Siblings are Desmon, Denisia and Dasha
- Major is pre-communication

Darius Says

- His nickname is "D Money"
- He chose Kentucky because of the atmosphere and coaching staff
- Three words to describe him are humble, funny and chill
- Most people don't know that he can do back flips
- A family recipe he likes to make is chicken alfredo



11

ZION
CHILDRESS

DEFENSIVE BACK

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

2023 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Named one of seven permanent team captains for the season
- Got a season-high four tackles vs. ECU
- Totaled three tackles and a fumble recovery against Akron

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
- Named to the First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 letterwinner in basketball and track & field

Community Cats

- Volunteered with the local Ronald McDonald House Charities (2023)
- Visited patients at Kentucky Children's Hospital (2023)

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
2023	S	3-3	8	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
at UK		16-4	42	1.0-10	2.0-12	0/1	0	0	3
Totals		40-18	177	1.0-10	4.0-19	2/2	1	1	12

*at Texas State

CHILDRESS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
vs. Ball State*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	3	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
Totals	8	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0

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



52

BEN
CHRISTMAN

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 321 • Sophomore-Tr
Akron, Ohio (Ohio State/Revere)

2023 - Sophomore

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Ohio State
- Out for the season with a knee injury

2022 - r-Freshman (Ohio State)

- Saw action against Indiana

2021 - Freshman (Ohio State)

- Redshirt season

High School

- A four-star prospect by every major recruiting service and a four-year starter at Revere
- Was the top-rated offensive linemen in the state of Ohio as a senior with 121 pancakes
- A three-sport athlete at Revere where he also played basketball (center) and participated in track and field (shot put and discus)
- Named to Cleveland.com's All-Decade team
- The 2020 Suburban League American Conference co-Offensive Player of the Year
- Was his team's offensive line MVP and a first-team all-Suburban League selection
- First-team all-district
- Named a Touchdown Club All-Star and Cleveland.com All-Star
- A member of Cleveland.com's 2020 All-Area squad and the 2020 Ohio MaxPreps All-State team
- Under Armour All-American

Personal

- Born in Akron, Ohio

- Son of Brian and Karen Christman
- Siblings are Thomas and Brooks
- Major is pre-communication

Ben Says

- His nickname is "Big Ben"
- He chose Kentucky because of the people and the culture
- His dream job is to be a coach/player personnel
- Three words to describe him are solid, kind and determined
- His favorite family recipe to make is shepherd's pie



38

CANNON
COFFEE

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-11 • 167 • Freshman-HS
Indianapolis, Ind. (North Central)

High School

- Three-year letterwinner in football, two in baseball and one in basketball
- Two-way player as a wide receiver and defensive back at Gainesville High School
- As a senior, tallied 95 total tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, five interceptions, four pass breakups and a forced fumble
- On offense, made 12 receptions for 154 yards and two touchdowns
- Named the team's Most Valuable Player twice
- Named All-Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference Underclassman as a DB in 2021
- Helped the Panthers to the 2020 Class 5A state championship with a 13-1 overall record
- Coached by Kevin O'Shea
- Earned all-conference honors in baseball as a junior
- Chose Kentucky over Notre Dame College, Indianapolis, Indiana State and Findley

Personal

- Born in Indianapolis, Indiana
- Son of Raffael and Chandra Coffee
- Father, Raffael, played baseball at Butler (1986-90) ... Grandfather, Larry Hobson, played basketball at Eastern Kentucky (1963-67) ... Uncle, Rick Coffee, played football at Wayne State (1980-81) and Georgetown College (1981-83)
- Has a twin sister, Kendall Coffee ... He is four minutes older
- Major is merchandising, apparel and textiles

Cannon Says

- His nickname is "Cano"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he has a twin sister
- One word to describe him on the field is "fearless"
- He enjoys working out, fishing and playing basketball video games



- The best advice he's ever received was from his uncle "don't prove your haters wrong, prove your believers right"



75

ELI
COX

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 311 • Senior-3L
Nicholasville, Ky. (West Jessamine)**2023 - Senior (Team Captain)**

- Named one of seven permanent team captains for the season
- Preseason SEC Media Days Third-Team Offense
- Preseason Coaches All-SEC Football Third-Team Offense
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Earned SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for the ECU game after playing every offensive snap and grading out at 86 percent by the coaches ... Did not allow a quarterback pressure or sack and incurred no penalties at both the right guard and center positions
- Has played in 34 career games with 25 starting assignments
- Moved from center back to his natural position at right guard and has started in all three games this season

2022 - Junior

- Named to the Frank G. Ham Society of Character which honors Wildcats who have shown an extraordinary commitment to academic excellence, athletic participation, personal development, career preparation and serving as a role model
- 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



69

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)
- Only allowed three sacks in over 1,000 snaps at NIU according to PFF
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Earned his first start at UK in the season opener vs. Ball State at left tackle
- Has now played in 39 career games with 37 starts (34 of 36 games at NIU; 3 of 3 at UK)

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

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 garnered 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



3

DEKEL
CROWDUS

WIDE RECEIVER

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

2023 - Sophomore

- Saw action vs. Ball State in the season opener and vs. Akron

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 pre-media art studies with a minor in photography

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
2023	WR	2-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		12-0	4	82	20.5	0	50

CROWDUS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0

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
Totals	4	82	0	50

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



8

IZAYAH CUMMINGS

TIGHT END

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

2023 - Senior

- Has seen action in all three games this season

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
- On track to graduate in December of '23 with a degree in 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
2023	TE	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		38-3	14	195	13.9	3	31	1	23	0	23

CUMMINGS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Long
vs. Ball State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CUMMINGS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

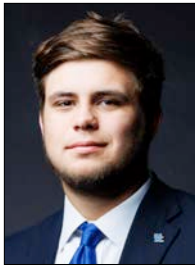
Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Long
vs. Miami OH*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	1	23	23
vs. USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. 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
Totals	0	0	0	0	1	23	23

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
Totals	14	195	3	31

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



48

MASON
DAILEY

INSIDE LINEBACKER

5-11 • 220 • Freshman-HS
Milton, Ga. (Saint Francis)**High School**

- Four-year letterwinner and three-year starter as a defensive lineman and inside linebacker at Saint Francis
- Played for head coach Frank Barden
- Helped lead the Knights to the Class A Division semifinals and a 10-4 overall record as a senior
- Named first-team All-Region as a senior

Personal

- Born in Milton, Georgia
- Son of Mollie and Kevin Dailey
- Siblings are Jackson and Anderson
- Major is pre-marketing

Mason Says

- He chose Kentucky because both of his parents are alumni and he's been a Kentucky fan since birth
- Hobbies include ceramics, working with animals and working in his family's distillery
- His dream job after football is to work in the distilling business
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he took a ceramics class in high school and can make cool pots
- Three ways to describe him are outgoing, hard worker and teachable



53

HAYDEN
DAWAHARE

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 228 • Freshman-HS
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)**High School**

- A versatile athlete who played quarterback at Lafayette High School before transferring to Lexington Catholic as a linebacker and tight end as a senior
- Played for Eric Shaw at Lafayette and Bert Bathiany at Lexington Catholic
- Played in 10 of 13 games as a senior and totaled 90 tackles, 15.0 tackles for loss, nine quarterback hurries and three pass breakups

- Named to the All-City Team by the *Lexington Herald-Leader* after helping the Knights to a 10-3 record in 2022
- Also named All-District and to PrepZone's 4A All-State First Team
- Earned one letter on the basketball team at Lafayette
- Rejoins high school teammates Max DeGraff and Jack Monday at UK
- Chose Kentucky over Coastal Carolina

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Stephen and Joy Beth Dawahare
- Siblings are Brooke, Anna and Madden
- Major is pre-management

Hayden Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's his hometown and it was his dream school
- One word to describe him on the field is "competitive"
- His dream job after football is to be a missionary
- His sports hero is Tim Tebow because of how strong he is in his faith
- The highlights of his life so far have been coming to Kentucky to play football and being baptized



1

RAY
DAVIS

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 216 • Senior-Tr
San Francisco, Calif. (Vanderbilt/Temple
Blair Academy)**2023 - Senior**

- Mid-year enrollee
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- A graduate transfer who came to Kentucky after two seasons at Vanderbilt (2021-22) and two at Temple (2019-20)
- 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 34 career games, 16 games at Temple, 15 at Vanderbilt and 3 at Kentucky, with 27 career starts
- Currently ranks seventh on the NCAA's active career rushing yards list with 2,733 rushing yards
- Now has 3,315 career all-purpose yards which ranks 18th nationally
- Has at least one reception in 20 straight games played
- Ranks second in the SEC and 13th nationally in rushing yards per carry (7.15) ... Ranks second in the SEC in rushing TDs (3) ... Fifth in rushing yards per game (78.67) and total rushing yards (236) ... Ranks 24th nationally in all-purpose yards (126.33)
- Had 14 carries for 112 yards and two touchdowns in his UK debut vs. Ball State ... Marked the 10th

game of his career rushing for at least 100 yards, and the fourth in his last five games ... Marked the second game of his career recording at least two touchdowns rushing (also against Georgia Tech on Sept. 28, 2019)

- Became the first UK player with 100 yards rushing and two touchdowns rushing in a season opener since Benny Snell Jr. against Central Michigan on Sept. 1, 2018
- Became the first UK player with 100 yards rushing and two touchdowns rushing in their UK debut since Braylon Heard against UT Martin on Aug. 30, 2014
- Led the rushing attack with 12 carries for 52 yards vs. EKU ... Also added three receptions for 36 yards, including a 24-yard touchdown reception
- Had seven carries for 72 yards rushing, including a career-long, 55-yard run for a touchdown on UK's first possession of the fourth quarter in the win over Akron ... Also had three receptions for a career-best 97 yards receiving, including a career-long, 58-yard reception for a touchdown late in the third quarter
- His performance against Akron marked the fifth game of his career that he has had both a touchdown rushing and a touchdown receiving in the same game
- First Wildcat with two touchdowns of at least 50 yards in the same game since Garrett Johnson at Louisville in 2016
- With single-game records dating back to the 1940s, became the first player in Kentucky history to have a rushing and receiving touchdown of at least 50 yards in the same game

2022 - Junior (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 - r-Sophomore (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
- 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 yards

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 has been being a light for children in foster care
- Besides playing football, he is also really good at writing poems

DAVIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2019*	12-5	193	936	4.8	8	55	15	181	12.1	2	51
2020*	4-4	78	323	4.1	1	30	12	62	5.2	0	14
2021†	3-3	44	211	4.8	1	26	5	27	5.4	0	11
2022†	12-12	232	1042	4.5	5	45	29	169	5.8	3	24
2023	3-3	33	236	7.2	3	55	9	143	15.9	2	58
Totals	34-27	580	2733	4.7	18	55	70	582	8.3	7	58

*at Temple

† at Vanderbilt

DAVIS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State*	14	112	2	30	3	10	0	15
vs. ECU*	12	52	0	26	3	36	1	24
vs. Akron*	7	72	1	55	3	97	1	58
Totals	33	236	3	55	9	143	2	58

DAVIS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (VU)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Hawaii*	9	87	1	39	1	8	0	8
vs. Elon*	20	95	0	34	3	17	1	9
vs. Wake Forest*	18	87	1	28	5	21	0	24
at NIU*	23	116	1	23	3	38	1	21
at Alabama*	11	17	0	7	1	4	0	4
vs. Ole Miss*	27	105	1	10	4	22	0	11
at Georgia*	12	29	0	5	2	20	0	18
at Missouri	15	28	0	13	2	7	0	8
vs. USC	20	167	0	37	1	5	1	5
at Kentucky	26	129	1	45	1	1	1	1
vs. Florida	30	122	0	26	1	9	0	9
vs. Tennessee	21	60	0	13	5	17	0	14
Totals	232	1042	5	45	29	169	3	24

DAVIS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (VU)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ETSU*	15	58	0	9	1	11	0	11
at Colorado St.*	17	77	0	15	4	16	0	9
vs. Stanford	12	76	1	26	0	0	0	0
Totals	44	211	1	26	5	27	0	11

DAVIS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (TU)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Navy*	23	97	1	17	1	1	0	1
vs. USF*	25	83	0	11	4	29	0	14
at Memphis*	20	123	0	30	5	32	0	12
at Tulane*	10	20	0	7	2	0	0	5
Totals	78	323	1	30	12	62	0	14

DAVIS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (TU)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Bucknell	9	60	1	11	2	78	1	51
vs. Maryland*	15	92	0	27	0	0	0	0
at Buffalo*	7	59	0	45	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech	29	135	2	18	1	12	0	12
at East Carolina	24	157	1	15	0	0	0	0
vs. Memphis	23	72	0	19	0	0	0	0
at SMU	16	54	1	17	4	13	0	10
vs. UCF	12	26	0	14	1	1	0	1
vs. Tulane	13	69	0	22	0	0	0	0
at Cincinnati*	13	71	1	14	3	27	0	23
vs. UConn*	17	105	1	55	2	6	0	5
vs. UNC*	15	36	1	14	2	44	1	45
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: 55, twice, last vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
Rushing touchdowns: 2, twice, last vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023
Receptions: 5, 3x, last vs Tennessee, Nov 26, 2022
Receiving yards: 97, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023 (3 receptions)
Long Reception: 58, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
All-Purpose yards: 172, vs South Carolina, Nov 5, 2022



27

MAX
DEGRAFF

WIDE RECEIVER/
KICKER

5-11 • 154 • Freshman-HS
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)

High School

- Ranked the 65th kicker in the Class of 2023 and received a 4.5 rating from Kohl's Kicking
- Four-year starter at Lexington Catholic under head coaches Bert Bathiany and Nigel Smith
- Helped Lexington Catholic to a 10-3 record as a senior in 2022
- Made 58-of-59 extra points and hit 4-of-6 field goals as senior
- Also added 1,425 yards receiving and 21 touchdowns as a wide receiver as a senior
- In 2022, he was chosen as the All-District Player of the Year and was named to the All-City First Team (kicking), All-State First Team (wide receiver) and All-City First Team (wide receiver)
- Also was a four-year letterwinner in baseball, playing shortstop
- Named to the All-District Team in baseball as a junior in 2021

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Julie and Marty DeGraff
- Has one brother, Zach, and one sister, Matthys
- Father, Marty, was a pitcher at Notre Dame (1993-94)
- Major is undecided

Max Says

- His favorite hobby outside of football is golf
- After football, his dream job is to own his own business
- The highlight of his life so far was playing in the Little League World Series
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is buffalo chicken dip
- His sports hero is his dad





34

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 letterwinner 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



85

JORDAN
DINGLE

TIGHT END

6-4 • 238 • Sophomore-1L
Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green HS)**2023 - Sophomore**

- Has seen action in all three games
- Has five catches for 105 yards, averaging 21.0 yards per reception
- Got his first catch of the season for 16 yards vs. ECU
- Had a career-high-tying four receptions for a career-high 89 yards, including a career-long, 59-yard reception in the second quarter vs. Akron

2022 - r-Freshman

- Freshman All-SEC
- Honorable Mention Freshman All-American (College Football News, On3.com)
- 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 letterwinner 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 letterwinner in basketball and a three-year letterwinner in track and field (shot put and hurdles)
- Led Bowling Green to the 2020 4th region title and an elite eight appearance in basketball
- 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
2023	TE	3-0	5	105	21.0	0	59
Totals		20-12	27	379	14.0	3	59

JO. DINGLE'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	1	16	0	16
vs. Akron	4	89	0	59
Totals	5	105	0	59



JO. 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
Totals	20	220	3	24

JO. DINGLE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

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

JO. DINGLE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 4, twice, last vs. Akron, Sept 16, 2023
Receiving yards: 89, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023 (4 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, 3x, last at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022
Long reception: 59, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023



47

JUSTICE
DINGLE II

FULLBACK

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

2022 - %Senior

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Has seen action in 34 career games (19 at Ga Tech, 15 at UK)

2022 - Senior

- Moved from outside linebacker to fullback
- Played in nine games
- 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 UK tight end 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
2023	FB	2-0	0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at UK	15-0	1	0-0	0/0	1	10	0	10	
Totals	34-1	9	1.8-8	0/3	1	10	0	10	

*at Georgia Tech

JU. DINGLE'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	10

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
Totals	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	10

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
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

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
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

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



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

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	
Totals	6	0-0	0-0	0/3	0	0	

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
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

JU. DINGLE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, at Duke, Oct 12, 2019
Sacks: 1, vs Georgia, Nov 30, 2019
Fumble recoveries: 1, 3x, last vs Georgia, Nov 30, 2019
Receptions: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022
Receiving yards: 10, 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)

2023 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all three games this season
- Got two tackles, including one TFL for four yards in the opener vs. Ball State

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 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	0-0	0.5-2	0/0	0	0
2022	DE	9-0	9	1.0-1	1.0-1	0/0	0	0
2023	DE	3-0	3	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	0	0
Totals		14-0	13	1.0-1	2.5-7	0/0	0	0

DINKINS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. Ball State	2	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	0	0
vs. EKU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Akron	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	3	0.0-0	1.0-4	0/0	0	0

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
Totals	9	1.0-1	1.0-1	0/0	0	0

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
Totals	1	0.5-2	0-0	0/0	0	0

DINKINS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, at Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022
Sacks: 0.5, vs. ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Tackles for loss: 1.0, twice, last vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (4 yards)



10

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 for the Buckeyes
- 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
- Has played in all three games this season
- Got a career-best four tackles vs. Akron, including his first-career tackle for loss

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
2022*	4-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2023	3-0	4	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	9-0	4	0-0	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0

*at Ohio State

DUNN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Ball State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. EKU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	4	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0

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
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

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
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

DUNN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
Tackles for loss: 1, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023 (1 yard)



42

TYREESE
FEARBRY

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

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

2023 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in all three games this season
- Got a career-best two tackles and a pass breakup in the win over Akron

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 Tyreese "FEAR-bree"
- Born in Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Son of Terrance Fearbry, Leslie Fearbry and Brandi White
- Has nine siblings
- Major is community and leadership development

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
2023	OLB	3-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	0
Totals		6-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0	0

FEARBRY'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH	Blk
vs. Ball State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EKU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0

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
Youngstown	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0

FEARBRY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
Pass breakup: 1, twice, last vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023



77

JEREMY
FLAX

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

2023 - Senior

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Has seen action in 27 career games with 15 starts

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 Claus and gave out gifts to kids for the Woodhill Community Center Holiday Party (2021)

Personal

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Sandra Fax
- 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



74

COURTLAND
FORD

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 315 • Junior-Tr
Peoria, Ill. (Southern California/Cedar Hill (Texas))

2023 - Junior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at USC
- Played in 20 games with 11 starts for the Trojans
- Started in first UK career game vs. ECU
- Overall, now has played in 23 career games with 13 starts

2022 - Sophomore (USC)

- Saw action in 10 games (all but Fresno State, Oregon State, Washington State and Utah)
- Made three starts at left tackle

- Helped Southern California to an 11-3 record overall and an 8-1 mark in the Pac-12
- Helped the Trojan offensive line unit to be selected as a Joe Moore Award Semifinalist

2021 - r-Freshman (USC)

- Played in nine games and started the first eight games of the season at left tackle
- USC saw a 4-8 record, including a 3-6 mark in the conference in 2021
- When he and Jonah Monheim both started against San Jose State in 2021, it marked the first time since at least 1984 when complete records are available that USC started freshmen at both tackle spots
- Missed the Arizona State game with a leg injury
- Sat out the BYU and California games with mononucleosis

2020 - Freshman (USC)

- Redshirt season
- Appeared in one game vs. Washington State

High School

- Four-year starter at Cedar Hill High School under head coach Carlos Lynn
- Helped his high school to the Texas UIL 6A D2 Area Playoff Game and a 9-3 record as a senior in 2019
- Named to the PrepStar All-Central Region, AP All-State 6A Second Team and All-District 7-6A First Team that season
- Named to the All-District 7-6A First Team and Dallas Morning News All-Area Second Team as a junior
- Also played basketball

Personal

- Born in Peoria, Illinois
- Son of Nora and Clinton Ford
- Siblings are Clinton Ford Jr. and Nya Ford
- Major is pre-communication

Courtland Says

- His nickname is "C Ford"
- After football, his dream job is to be in real estate
- The person who motivates him most is his dad
- Two words to describe himself on the field are smart and physical
- If he could eat one meal for the rest of his life it would be Whataburger



40

LUKE
FULTON

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-4 • 225 • Senior-SQ
Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan State/
Cardinal Mooney)

2023 - Senior

- Got a career-high two tackles and a pass breakup in the win over Akron

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, baseball 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
- Graduated in May '23 with a degree in management ... Currently working on a master's degree in marketing

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"



94

TAVION
GADSON

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 275 • Freshman-HS
Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)**High School**

- A three-star prospect who ranked 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 had him as the No. 65 recruit in the state of Georgia
- Totaled 40 tackles, 5.0 sacks and five quarterback hurries in eight games in Georgia's 5A classification on his way to Region Defensive Player of the Year honors as a senior
- Recorded 60 tackles, 9.0 sacks and three forced fumbles in 2021
- Coached by Anthony Welch
- Chose Kentucky over Florida State and Tennessee

Personal

- Born in Savannah, Georgia
- Son of Tiffany Cowan and Lorenzo Gadson
- Siblings are Rashanda Jinks and Lorenzo Cowan
- Major is undecided

Tavion Says

- Nickname is "Tay" or "Big Tay"
- One thing most people don't know about him is he that he wants to be an actor
- Besides playing football, he's also a good baker
- Three words to describe him are tall, hardworking and finisher
- He would describe head coach Mark Stoops as "trustworthy"



46

RONALD
GAINES III

LONG SNAPPER

6-5 • 250 • %Senior-Tr
Chicago, Ill. (Temple/Simeon)**2023 - Senior**

- A graduate transfer who came to Kentucky after four seasons at Temple and one season at Illinois

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Three-year letterwinner who saw action in 28 games as a long snapper for the Owls
- Two-time member of the American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team
- Has seen action in all three games for UK this season

2022 - Senior (Temple)

- Provided depth at long snapper
- Earned a letter

2021 - Junior (Temple)

- Served as the primary long snapper on punts and FG/PATs
- Saw action in 11 games
- Earned a varsity letter

2020 - Sophomore (Temple)

- Started the season as the primary long snapper on punts
- Saw action in six games
- Surprised his coaches and teammates when he returned to campus after being home from March to June by dropping nearly 50 pounds (he started the weight loss journey at the conclusion of the 2019 season)
- Named to the American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team

2019 - r-Freshman (Temple)

- Transferred to Temple as a walk-on in the summer
- Made his debut at Buffalo as the long snapper on punts and earned Special Teams Player of the Game
- Retained that role for the remainder of the season, seeing action in 11 games
- Named to the American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team
- Earned a letter

2018 - Freshman (Illinois)

- Redshirt season
- Practiced with the team

High School

- Served as the long snapper and also played offensive line at Simeon High in Chicago
- Played for head coach Dante Culbreath from 2015-18
- Selected to play in Blue Gray All-Star Game in Dallas
- Also lettered in wrestling as a junior and senior

Personal

- Born in Chicago, Illinois
- Son of Kenyatta and Ronald Gaines Jr.
- Both parents are long-time Chicago police officers
- Mom, Kenyatta, who is also a professional singer, is known as the "Voice of the Chicago Police Department" ... She also performs with Chicago-based blues band, NuBlu
- Mom sang the National Anthem at UK's home game vs. ECU on Sept. 9
- Siblings are Cameron and Kira
- Grandfather, Ronald Gaines Sr., played football at Western Illinois

- Graduated from Temple in May of 2022 with a degree in political science ... Went on to earn a master's degree in business innovation, management and entrepreneurship in May of 2023 ... Currently working on a graduate certificate in sport, fitness, & recreation management at UK

Ron Says

- Nickname is "Ron" and "RG3"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he has a background in modeling and acting
- The best advice he's ever received is "being weak is nothing to be ashamed of but staying weak is."
- His go-to karaoke song is "Careless Whisper" by George Michael
- Besides playing football, he's also good at painting



86

DYLAN
GARY

WIDE RECEIVER

6-4 • 198 • Sophomore-SQ
Sugar Hill, Ga. (North Gwinnett)**2022 - Freshman**

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

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-meter dashes
- 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"



4

**JALEN
GEIGER****DEFENSIVE BACK**6-1 • 199 • Senior-3L
Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)**2023 - Senior**

- On the Comeback Player of the Year Watch List after returning from a torn patellar tendon in his left knee
- Earned the second defensive touchdown of his career vs. Ball State in the season opener after recovering a fumble at the UK 31 in the second quarter and running it 69 yards for a touchdown.
- Marked the first defensive touchdown in a season opener for UK since Sept. 2, 2017 at Southern Miss and marked the longest fumble returned for a touchdown since CJ Johnson against Tennessee on Oct. 31, 2015 (77 yards)

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 left knee (patella tendon) 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 Erique and Ja'nia
- Brother, Erique, played football at Bowling Green from 2009-12
- Graduated in May '23 with a degree in health, society and populations ... Currently working on a second degree in communication

Jalen Says

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

GEIGER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
2019	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
2020	6-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2021	13-2	18	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	1-31	1	1
2022	2-2	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2023	3-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
Totals	27-4	35	0-0	1.0-6	0/1	1-31	1	2

GEIGER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Ball State	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
vs. EKU	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Akron	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	6	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0

GEIGER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Miami OH*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Florida*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

GEIGER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

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



GEIGER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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

GEIGER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

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

GEIGER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, 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)
Fumble recovery: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023
Fumble recovery for a touchdown: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (69 yards)



99

KENDRICK
GILBERT

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 292 • Freshman-HS
 Indianapolis, Ind. (Indianapolis Cathedral)

2023 - Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action in the season opener vs. Ball State and got his first career tackle

High School

- A four-star defensive lineman by Rivals who ranked him as the No. 2 player in the state of Indiana and a No. 12 player in his position
- Compiled 86 tackles and 8.0 sacks in his prep career and as a three-year starter, helping the Fighting Irish win 37 of 41 games
- Selected to play in the Army All-American Bowl
- Named to the Indiana Football Coaches Association 2022 Top-50 All-State team after totaling 28 tackles, including 18 solo and 2.0 sacks
- Coached by Bill Peebles
- Led Cathedral to a 10-2 overall record in 2022
- Advanced to the semifinals of the Class 6A state championship after winning back-to-back Class 5A state titles in 2020 and 2021
- Helped the Fighting Irish finish 14-1 and earn its second consecutive Indiana Class 5A State Championship in 2021
- Had over 22 offers and ultimately chose Kentucky over Purdue, LSU and Iowa

Personal

- Born in Indianapolis, Indiana
- Son of Stacy and Kenneth Gilbert
- Has one sister, Kaitlyn, who is currently a senior on the women's basketball team at Notre Dame
- Major is undecided

Kendrick Says

- He chose Kentucky because he loved the atmosphere
- After his football career, he hopes to start several businesses
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he wears glasses
- The highlight of his life so far has been making his parents proud
- In just a few words, he would describe head coach Mark Stoops as "a great man"

GILBERT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
2023	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

GILBERT'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Ball State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

GILBERT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023



22

GRANT
GODFREY

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 227 • 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, 11 tackles for loss, seven sacks, eight hurries and an interception, forced fumble and a blocked punt on the season
- Also had four receptions for 54 yards and two scores
- Helped North Gwinnett High School to the GHSA Class 7A Quarterfinals and a 10-3 record in 2022
- Two-time first-team All-County by the Gwinnett County Touchdown Club
- Also named first-team all-region and all-state by Georgia High School Football Daily
- Voted Most Valuable Player by his team

- Named North Gwinnett's Most Outstanding Male Athlete in 2022
- 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
- Involved in FCA in high school
- Chose Kentucky over Tennessee, Ole Miss and Mississippi State

Community Cats

- Volunteered with My New Kentucky Home (2023)

Personal

- Born in San Diego, California
- Son of Randall and Rhonda Godfrey
- Siblings are Tre, RJ and Kendall
- Dad, Randall, was a linebacker at Georgia who was named SEC Freshman of the Year in 1992 and earned All-SEC honors in 1993 and 1994
- Randall played 12 seasons in the NFL (1996-2007) with the Cowboys, Titans, Seahawks, Chargers and Redskins
- Brother, RJ, is currently a forward on the Clemson men's basketball team
- Major is animal science

Grant Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the coaching staff and the environment
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's a really good fisherman
- One word to describe himself on the field is "relentless"
- His sports hero is his dad because he got him into football and pushed him to be great
- After his football career, his wants to be a football coach



36

DA'MIN
GREEN

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-10 • 190 • Freshman-HS
 Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station)

High School

- Four-year starter at Bryan Station under head coach Phil Hawkins
- Helped Bryan Station reach the KHSAA 6A semifinal game and earn a 10-4 record as a senior in 2022
- Racked up 766 yards receiving, four touchdowns, four punt returns, three kickoff returns and 31 tackles as a senior in 2022
- Considered as a candidate for 2022 Kentucky Mr. Football by the Lexington Herald-Leader



- Also ran track in high school
- Chose Kentucky over Murray State and Nevada

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Shawn Lancaster
- Has two brothers, DaSean and Demond
- Cousin, Davonte Robinson, was a defensive back at Kentucky from 2017-21
- Major is undecided

Da'min Says

- His nickname is "DG"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to be a hometown kid and show the local youth that you can succeed here
- One word to describe him on the field is "dawg"
- His sport hero is his cousin and former Wildcat, Davonte Robinson
- The person he admires most is his mom



31

MAXWELL
HAIRSTON

DEFENSIVE BACK

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

2023 - Sophomore

- Second on the team in tackles with 19
- Got his first collegiate start vs. Ball State in the season opener and made a career-high eight tackles, which tied for second on the team, including seven solo tackles, which led the UK defense ... Also had a forced fumble
- Recorded his first career interception vs. ECU
- Led Kentucky with seven total tackles and five solo tackles in the win over Akron and got his first career tackle for loss

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
2023	DB	3-3	19	0-0	1.0-2	1/0	1	0	0
Totals		15-3	21	0-0	1.0-2	1/0	1	0	0

HAIRSTON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. Ball State*	8	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-0	0
vs. Akron*	7	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	19	0-0	1.0-2	1/0	0	1-0	0

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
Totals	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

HAIRSTON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
 Forced fumble: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023
 Interceptions: 1, vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023



70

NIKOLAS
HALL

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

2023 - r-Freshman

- Out for the season with injury

2022 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A four-star recruit and No. 92 nationally by on3.com, 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 pre-finance

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



19

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 422 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 pre-management

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



6

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
- Has seen action in all three games for UK this season and has three total tackles
- Got a career-high two PBUs in the win over Akron

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 when 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
2023	DB	3-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	2	0
Totals	14-0	10	1.0-4	2.0-5	0/0	0	2	0	0

HARDAWAY'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. Ball State	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0
Totals	2	0-0	0-0	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

Pass breakups: 2, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023



97

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 this season
- Has seven tackles, including 0.5 TFL and PBU in three games this season
- Earned his first start of the season vs. Akron

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 Thomosa Roger and Wilson Hayes
- Siblings are Nema Hendrix, Savanna Hawkins, and Isaiah Hayes
- Major is community and leadership development

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
2023	3-1	7	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Totals	32-3	31	2.0-6	1.0-5	2	0	1	0

HAYES' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Ball State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EKU	3	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0

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
Totals	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0

HAYES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

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

HAYES' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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

HAYES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021

Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Oct. 30, 2021

Sacks: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Oct. 30, 2021

Fumble recovery: 1, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021

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



50

DARRION
HENRY-YOUNG

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

2023 - Junior

- Has seen action in all three games this season
- Totaled a career-high two tackles, a sack and a quarterback hurry in the win over Akron

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

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Kentucky's football camp (2022)
- Volunteered with My New Kentucky Home (2022)

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati
- Son of Denetia Henry and Olen Young
- Siblings are Olivia, O'rianne and Olen
- Major is community and leadership development

Darrien 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, paint ball 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	1-4	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
2023	3-0	3	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	1
at UK	8-0	4	2.0-14	2.0-14	0	0	0	0
Totals	12-0	5	3.0-18	3.0-18	0	0	0	1

*at Ohio State

HENRY-YOUNG'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Ball State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EKU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	3	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	0	1

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
Totals	1	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0

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
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

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
Totals	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	0

HENRY-YOUNG'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, 3x, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023 (5 yds)
 Sacks: 1.0, 3x, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023 (5 Yards)
 Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023



56

WALKER
HIMEBAUCH

LONG SNAPPER

6-0 • 228 • Freshman-HS
Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer Ridge)

2023 (Freshman)

- Wildcats' starting short snapper
- Has seen action in all three games

High School

- Began high school career as a two-year letterman and one-year starter at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School under head coach Ernie Howren
- As a junior and senior, played and started at Palmer Ridge High School under head coach Mike Armentrout
- Helped PRHS to a Pikes Peak Conference Championship and earn a 12-1 record as a senior in 2022
- That season, recorded 65 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks as a defensive end and made four catches for 60 yards receiving as a tight end
- Named Bear of the Year and Male Athlete of the Year as a team captain in 2022, also being named to the All-State Second Team and the All-Conference First Team
- Also played basketball and ran track in high school
- Earned sixth place in shotput at the state championship as a senior in 2022, earning Colorado Thrower of the Year
- Involved in National Honor Society and FCA in high school
- Chose Kentucky over UNLV, Coastal Carolina and UNC Charlotte among others

Personal

- Born in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Son of Jessica and Jonathan Himebauch
- Father, Jonathan Himebauch, was a center at USC from 1993-98, before a professional career that included stints at the Arizona Cardinals and the Kansas City Chiefs
- Jonathan currently serves as the offensive line coach and special teams coordinator for the Arlington Renegades of the XFL under head coach Bob Stoops
- Grandfather, Jack Himebauch, was a wide receiver and tight end at Miami (Ohio) from 1962-64
- Uncle, Curt Himebauch, was a defensive back at USC from 1989-91
- Major is undecided

Walker Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the culture and the coaching staff
- One thing most people don't know about him is he has lived in five different states
- If he could eat one meal for the rest of his life it would be sushi
- The best piece of advice he has ever received is to live in God's image, which came from his youth pastor
- One thing he will never do again is eat the hottest wings at Buffalo Wild Wings



16

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
- Named to First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 letterwinner 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	6	7	85.7	19	0	11
UK	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	85.7	19	0	11
Totals	4-0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	85.7	19	0	11

*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
Totals	6-7-0	19	0	11	0	0	0	0

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: 11, vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022



68

KENNETH
HORSEY

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

2023 - %Senior (Team Captain)

- 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
- Named one of seven permanent team captains for the season for the second year in a row
- Has played in 38 career games with 34 starting assignments
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Missed the ECU and Akron games with injury

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
- Started in 12 games

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 letterwinner 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 the American Heart Association Heart Ball (2022-2023)
- 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, 2022 and 2023)
- 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)
- Participated in the 2021 Central Kentucky Heart Walk Digital Experience (2021)
- Spoke at Central Kentucky Heart Walk kick-off event (2020)
- Spoke at UK Healthcare Heart Walk kick-off event (2020)
- Dedicated his 2020 football season to Finn Collier, a seven-year-old who lost his life to heart disease
- Volunteered at Brenda Cowan Elementary and Cassidy Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Orlando, Florida
- Son of Shari and Ken Horsey
- Siblings are Kenyese Horsey and Ora-Monet Hughes
- Graduated 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



56

MAX
ISHMAEL

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 315 • Freshman-HS
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian)**High School**

- Began high school career as a three-year letterman and two-year starter at Montgomery County High School under head coach Jamie Egli
- As a senior in 2022, played and started at Lexington Christian Academy under head coach Doug Charles
- Helped Lexington Christian Academy claim the 2022 District and Regional Championships and earn a 9-5 record
- Named to the 2022 All-City Second Team after spending his senior season blocking for LCA quarterback Cutter Boley
- Also played basketball and swam at Montgomery County High School
- Involved in Chick-fil-A Leader Academy, DECA Inc. and National Beta Club in high school
- Chose Kentucky over Eastern Kentucky

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Mary and Dave Ishmael
- Has one brother, Trey
- Grandfather, David Lee "Dutch" Ishmael, was a safety and quarterback at Kentucky from 1963-65
- Great uncle, Charles Ishmael, was a forward for Kentucky basketball from 1962-64
- Major is undecided

Max Says

- He chose Kentucky because he has been a lifelong fan
- He used to play the piano and the drums
- Three words to describe himself are loyal, trusting and caring
- His favorite hobby outside of football is basketball
- His favorite song to karaoke is "You Can Have The Crown" by Sturgill Simpson



54

D'ERYK
JACKSON

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 245 • Senior-3L
Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)**2023 - Senior**

- Started in all three games this season
- Third on the team in tackles with 15
- Totalled eight tackles in the season opener vs. Ball State

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 on the team) and two pass breakups
- Got his first career tackle for loss and pass breakup at Ole Miss
- Charted a career-high 2.0 tackles for loss 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
- Totalled 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
2023	ILB	3-3	15	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	1	0
Totals		29-13	104	0-0	4.5-12	0/0	2-8	3	1

JACKSON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. Ball State*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. EKU*	4	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	12	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0



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
Totals	67	0-0	4.0-11	0/0	1	0	0

JACKSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

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

JACKSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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
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 State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	1-5	0

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, 3x, last vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023



26

RAMON
JEFFERSON

RUNNING BACK

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

2023 - %Senior

- Granted an extension of eligibility waiver by the NCAA to allow for a seventh season
- Comeback Player of the Year Watch List returning from an ACL tear in his left knee after just two carries in the season opener last season vs. Miami (Ohio)
- Has played in 38 career games, four at UK
- Has seen action in all three games this season and has five carries for 35 yards

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)
- Named to the First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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
- Totalled 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 current 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
2023	3-0	5	35	7.0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
UK	4-0	7	45	6.4	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38-25	488	2,989	6.1	28	70	11	87	7.9	1	51

+ at Maine

*at Sam Houston State



JEFFERSON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	3	23	0	16	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	2	12	0	13	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	35	0	16	0	0	0	0

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
Totals	2	10	0	8	0	0	0	0

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
Totals	173	1,155	13	70	0	0	0	0

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
Totals	126	752	7	59	5	37	0	15

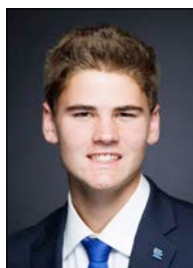
JEFFERSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME
(MAINE)

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 W & M*	14	80	1	24	1	-8	0	0
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
Totals	182	1,037	8	64	6	50	1	51

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



91

HEATH
JEHU

PUNTER

6-0 • 163 • Freshman-HS
 Birmingham, Ala. (John Carroll Catholic)

High School

- Played three seasons at Bishop Moore before transferring to John Carroll Catholic for his senior season
- Three-year letterwinner
- Earned all-conference and all-district honors, as well as Special Teams Player of the Year in 2022, after recording 50 punts with a 38.0 yard per punt average and no returns
- Also lettered in soccer and water polo, where in 2023 he was part of the Class 5A state soccer championship team
- Excelled in the classroom as a member of Mu Alpha Theta, a mathematics honor society
- Selected Kentucky over interest from South Florida, Western Kentucky and others

Personal

- Born in Kailua, Hawaii
- Son of Sean and Tara Jehu
- Siblings are Melanie, Adeline, Eliza and Cecilia
- Major is pre-management

Heath Says

- Most people don't know that he lived in the United Kingdom for five years
- He can solve a Rubik's Cube
- His karaoke song is Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean"
- Enjoys soccer, golf and chess when not on the football field
- Three words to describe him are consistent, hardworking and chill



84

JOSH
KATTUS

TIGHT END

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

2023 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all three games this season, started the ECU game
- Had the first score of his career thanks to a six-yard touchdown reception on Kentucky's first drive of the game vs. Akron ... Also marked his first catch of the season ... Combined for career-high-tying two catches for 24 yards and the lone touchdown in the game

2022 - Freshman

- Saw action in 11 games with three starts
- Missed the bowl game with injury and had off season surgery
- Totaled 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)
- Named to the First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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
- Also a three-year letterwinner 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 communication

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
2023	TE	3-1	2	24	12.0	1	18
Totals		15-4	9	148	16.6	1	70

KATTUS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	2	24	1	18
Totals	2	24	1	18

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)	
Totals	7	125	0	70

KATTUS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, 4x, last vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
 Receiving yards: 125, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 (2 rec.)
 Receiving TDs: 1, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
 Long reception: 70, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022



50

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



6

DANE
KEY

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 195 • Sophomore-1L
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)**2023 - Sophomore**

- Has nine catches for 138 yards and score in three games this season
- Led all UK receivers with five receptions for a career-high 96 yards and one touchdown in the season opener vs. Ball State
- Became the first UK player with a touchdown receiving in the season opener of their freshman and sophomore seasons since Blake Bone in 2014-2015

2022 - Freshman

- Honorable Mention Freshman All-American (College Football News)
- Honorable Mention True Freshman All-American (On3.com)
- Midseason True Freshman All-American (247 Sports)
- Dean's List (Fall 2022)
- Named to the First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 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 ... Named SEC Freshman of the Week following the win in The Swamp
- 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 AAAA state finals as a senior and sophomore
- Coached by Nathan McPeck
- Also a centerfielder on the baseball team three seasons
- Earned Academic Freshman of the Year
- Reunites at UK with Frederick Douglass teammates Dekel Crowds and Jager Burton
- Chose UK over Oregon, South Carolina and Michigan

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Donte' and Nicole Key
- Has one brother, Devon
- Father, Donte', was a UK linebacker/defensive end from 1992-95, who was National Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in the 1994 inaugural Governor's Cup game vs. Louisville
- Brother, Devon, played at Western Kentucky and with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, Atlanta Falcons 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
2023	WR	3-3	9	138	15.3	1	44
Totals		16-15	46	657	14.3	7	55

KEY'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State*	5	96	1	44
vs. EKU*	4	42	0	17
vs. Akron*	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	128	1	44

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 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State*	5	96	1	44
Totals	5	96	1	44

KEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 6, twice, last vs Iowa, Dec 31, 2022
 Receiving yards: 96, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (5 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 2, at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022
 Long reception: 55, at Florida, Sept 10, 2022



33

JAQUEZ "JA"
KEYES

RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 214 • Freshman-TR
Ironton, Ohio (Wake Forest/Ironton)

2023 - Freshman

- Transferred to Kentucky in July after originally signing with Wake Forest out of high school

High School

- Listed as a three-star prospect and top-25 player in the state of Ohio by On3.com
- A two-way player at running back and linebacker for head coach Trevin Pendleton at Ironton High School for three seasons
- Played freshman season at Mize High School in Smith County, Mississippi before moving to Ironton, Ohio
- Earned both OHSAA All-State and OHSAA All-District honors after totaling 1,063 rushing yards and 21 touchdowns out of the backfield for 126 points
- Averaged 6.3 yards per carry
- Defensively, totaled 56 total tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks as a linebacker
- Helped lead Ironton to the Division V state football championship as a senior in 2022
- Charted 152 yards and scored three of the final four touchdowns for Ironton in the win in the 2022 state semifinal game
- Ran for over 1,000 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior on just 94 carries, averaging nearly 11.5 yards per carry
- Earned a spot on the AP Honor Roll

Personal

- Born in Mount Olive, Mississippi
- Son of Jermaine Keyes and Dana Green
- Siblings are Shania Green, Angelo Washington, Jermaine Jr. Keyes and Tamarah Green
- Two cousins, Byron Young and Eugene Sims, played in the NFL
- Major is undecided

Ja Says

- His nickname is "Ja"
- Three ways to describe him are laid back, determined and gamer
- If he could only eat one meal the rest of his life it would be pizza
- His family motivates him to work hard
- Other than playing football he also likes to play basketball



81

COLE
LANTER

WIDE RECEIVER

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

2023 - Sophomore

- Earned a full scholarship in August by head coach Mark Stoops

2022 - Freshman

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

High School

- Accepted a preferred walk-on position after a stellar high school career at Boyle County High School
- Four-year letterwinner 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 for 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



13

DEVIN
LEARY

QUARTERBACK

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

2023 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Mid-year enrollee
- Named one of seven permanent season team captains
- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Davey O'Brien Award Watch List

- On the Comeback Player of the Year Watch List, returning after suffering a tear in his right pectoralis major just six games into last season
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- A graduate transfer who came to Kentucky after four seasons at NC State (2019-2022)
- Has played in 33 career games with 28 starts (30 with 26 starts at NC State; 3 at UK)
- 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 and is now 20-9 overall as a starter (3-0 at UK)
- Currently ranks 23rd on the NCAA's active career passing yards list with 7,662 yards
- In his Kentucky debut, completed 18 of his 31 passes for 241 yards, just one interception, and a touchdown ... Connected on 10 of his last 11 passes in the game
- Completed 24 of his 38 passing attempts for 299 yards, just one interception, and a career-high-tying four touchdown passes vs. ECU ... Marked the ninth game of his career that he has had at least four touchdown passes
- Completed 16 of his 26 pass attempts for 315 yards, three touchdowns and one interception in the win over Akron ... Marked the ninth game of his career that he has thrown for at least 300 yards
- Became the first UK quarterback with at least three touchdown passes in consecutive games since Mike Hartline vs. South Carolina and Georgia in 2010
- Is the 15th QB in school history to throw for at least 300 yards in a game

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 Torrey 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 an 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

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Lg	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg
2019*	8-5	40	46	0	13	101	210	5	48.1	1219	8	55
2020*	4-3	19	7	0	20	66	110	2	60.0	890	8	37
2021*	12-12	54	-75	2	17	283	431	5	65.7	3433	35	79
2022*	6-6	23	1	3	12	118	193	4	61.1	1265	11	75
2023	3-3	6	-29	0	8	58	94	3	61.7	855	3	59
at UK	3-3	6	-29	0	8	58	94	3	61.7	855	3	59
Totals	33-29	142	-50	5	20	626	1038	19	60.3	7662	70	79

*at NC State

LEARY'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Rush	Yds	TD	Long
vs. Ball State*	18-31-1	241	1	44	2	-8	0	0
vs. ECU*	24-38-1	299	4	56	1	-12	0	0
vs. Akron*	16-25-1	315	3	59	3	-21	0	8
Totals	58-93-3	855	8	59	6	-29	0	8

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

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Rush	Yds	TD	Long
at ECU*	17-33-1	211	1	24	2	1	0	2
vs. CSU*	16-25-0	238	4	40	3	20	2	12
vs. TTU*	15-23-0	121	0	26	5	-12	0	2
vs. UConn*	32-44-1	320	4	75	4	-7	0	4
at Clemson*	28-47-1	245	1	32	7	0	1	7
vs. FSU*	10-21-1	130	1	34	2	-1	0	6
Totals	118-193-4	1265	11	75	23	1	3	12

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

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Rush	Yds	TD	Long
vs. USF*	17-26-1	232	2	51	2	1	0	8
at MSU*	30-49-1	303	1	38	8	-16	0	8
vs. Furman*	30-49-0	259	3	42	1	7	1	7
vs. Clemson*	32-44-0	238	4	22	7	-22	0	4
vs. LT*	22-36-0	251	2	34	3	-8	0	2
at BC*	16-24-0	251	3	79	4	1	0	2
at MIA*	24-42-0	310	2	46	3	1	1	17
vs. UofL*	25-36-0	317	4	29	3	-3	0	3
at FSU*	21-32-1	314	4	62	6	-5	0	10
at WF*	37-59-2	408	4	54	4	-2	0	12
vs. SYR*	17-24-0	303	2	58	5	1	0	13
vs. UNC*	19-30-0	247	4	64	8	30	0	8
Totals	118-193	3433	35	79	54	-75	2	17

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

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Rush	Yds	TD	Long
at VT	12-16-0	165	1	37	3	-27	0	0
at Pitt*	28-44-0	336	4	35	5	2	0	14
at UVa*	11-25-1	184	2	33	4	29	0	20
vs. Duke*	15-25-1	205	1	36	7	3	0	14
Totals	66-110-2	890	8	37	19	7	0	20

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

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Rush	Yds	TD	Long
at FSU	4-5-0	54	0	23	1	-4	0	0
vs. SYR	1-3-0	23	0	23	0	0	0	0
at BC	15-33-0	259	3	55	3	-4	0	8
@ WF*	17-45-2	149	1	27	5	14	0	12
vs. Clemson*	14-29-0	166	0	38	9	5	0	13
vs. UofL*	24-44-1	243	2	21	12	23	0	9
at GT*	19-31-0	227	1	31	7	18	0	4
vs. UNC*	7-20-2	98	1	39	3	-6	0	2
Totals	101-210-5	1219	8	55	40	46	0	13

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



37

SPENCER LEADBETTER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 200 • Freshman-HS
 Glenview, Ill. (Loyola Academy)

High School

- A two-year starter for head coach John Holek at Loyola Academy
- A versatile athlete who played wide receiver and was a kick and return specialist
- Helped the Ramblers compile an impressive 40-2 mark during his four-year prep career, including a 13-1 record and the Illinois 8A State Championship title in 2022
- Totaled 44 catches for 650 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior, and earned the team's Coaches Award
- Also played basketball and was on the lacrosse team
- Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss, Iowa and Miami (Ohio)

Personal

- Born in Glenview, Illinois
- Son of Megan and Scott Leadbetter
- Siblings are Jack, Charlie, Lucas and Addison
- Cousin, Conor Dwyer, was an Olympic gold medalist swimmer who won a gold medal for the U.S. 4x200-meter freestyle relay team at the 2012 Summer Olympics
- Major is pre-media arts and studies

Spencer Says

- His nickname is "Lead"
- His dream job is to be a head football coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's a solid hockey and basketball player
- If he could go back in time and change one thing it would be the outcome of game seven between the Red Wings and Blackhawks in 2013
- One thing he will never do again is eat a worm



88

TANNER
LEMASTER

TIGHT END

6-5 • 253 • 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
- Three-year starter and all-around athlete who played three positions for head coach Chuck Williamson at Washington Court House
- Helped Washington finish with a 9-3 overall record
- As a tight end, caught 53 passes for 655 yards and 12 TDs as a senior 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
- 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 (FAC) 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 Cincinnati, Vanderbilt and Miami (Ohio)

Personal

- Born in Washington Court House, Ohio
- Son of Melissa and Joseph Lemaister
- Siblings are Bentley and Hailey
- Major is finance

Tanner Says

- His nickname is "Big T"
- His dream job is to be a financial planner
- One thing most people don't know about him is he didn't play football in middle school
- He is really good at bowling
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home



25

JORDAN
LOVETT

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 195 • Sophomore-1L
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)**2023 - Sophomore**

- Has started in 14 consecutive games for the Wildcats, dating back to last season
- Fourth on the team in tackles with 14
- Totaled seven tackles and his first career fumble recovery in the season opener vs. Ball State

2022 - r-Freshman

- Honorable Mention Freshman All-American by College Football News and on3.com
- Saw action in all 13 games, starting the last 11
- Second on the team in tackles with 62
- 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 State
- 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, marking INTs in consecutive games

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 current UK running back La'Vell Wright
- Coached by Brent Thompson
- Also a two-year letterwinner 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
2023	DB	3-3	14	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
Totals		17-14	77	0-0	1.5-3	0/1	1	2-34	3

LOVETT'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Ball State*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
vs. EKU*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	1.5-3	0-0	3	0	0	2-34	1

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
Totals	62	1.5-3	0-0	3	0	0	2-34	1



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
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

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
 Fumble recovery: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023



43

LONDON
MARCUM

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 195 • Freshman-HS
Winchester, Ky. (George Rogers Clark)

High School

- A two-year starter at defensive end for head coach Joe Chirico at George Rogers Clark
- Totaled 84 tackles, including 11.0 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks in 11 games as a senior, helping the Cardinal
- Ranked one of the Commonwealth's top 25 tacklers
- Named to the All Big Things Team and earned a first-team All-District nod
- Member of the Cardinal Scholar program, meaning he graduated with a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.75 or higher based on seven semesters
- Also a member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Jama and Gary Marcum
- Has one sister, Paiton Marcum
- Major is pre-accounting

Landon Says

- His dream job is to be a stock trader
- Three words to describe him are mature, athletic and fun
- The one person who motivates him to work harder is his dad
- His go-to Karaoke song is anything by Zach Bryan
- He chose Kentucky because it's always been a dream to play for the Wildcats



55

NOAH
MATTHEWS

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

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

2023 - r-Freshman

- Has played in two games vs. Ball State and Akron
- Got his first career tackle in the season opener vs. Ball State

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 letterwinner 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

MATTHEWS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	INT	PBU	QBH
2022	OLB	4-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2023	OLB	2-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals		6-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

MATTHEWS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. Ball State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. ECU			DNP				
vs. Akron	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

MATTHEWS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. Miami (OH)	0	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0	0

MATTHEWS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023



4

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 33 career games
- UK's third-leading rusher with 12 carries for 50 yards in three 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 kickoff 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 letterwinner as a sprinter and long jumper on the track team

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Brenda Cowan Elementary (2020)

Personal

- First name pronounced "juh-TAWN"
- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Qulita Glover and Robert McClain
- Siblings are Juwan Glover, Qiersten McClain, and Jumahl McClain
- 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
2023	3-0	12	50	4.2	0	15	3	16	5.3	0	10
Totals	33-1	121	555	4.6	0	28	27	158	5.9	2	31

MCCLAIN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State	4	9	0	5	1	10	0	10
vs. ECU	5	18	0	15	2	6	0	3
vs. Akron	3	23	0	13	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	50	0	15	3	16	0	10

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
Totals	59	278	0	28	18	100	1	31

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
Totals	34	175	0	22	6	42	1	25

MCCLAIN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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

vs. NC State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	62	0	17	0	0	0	0

MCCLAIN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 10, 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



66

TINO
MERLO

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-2 • 279 • Freshman-HS
Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)**High School**

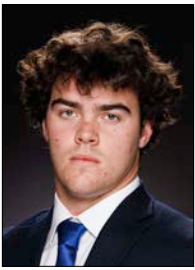
- Played on the offensive and defensive line for head coach Carl Pelini at Cardinal Mooney High School
- Named to the All-State, All-Steel Valley Conference, All-Mahoning County and All-Northeast Inland District teams
- A four-year letterwinner on the track & field team, participating in the shot put and discus
- Elected class president as a senior
- Chose Kentucky over Youngstown State

Personal

- Born in Youngstown, Ohio
- Son of Tino and Michelle Merlo
- Siblings are Isabella and Gianna
- Both of his older sisters played soccer at John Carroll University; a cousin, Joey Merlo, played soccer at Mount Union - Buffalo
- Major is undecided

Tino Says

- Nickname is "T"
- Is a proficient piano player
- His karaoke song is "When I was Your Man" by Bruno Mars
- He speaks some Italian
- His favorite family recipe to make is pasta sauce



83

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.
- Named to the First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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

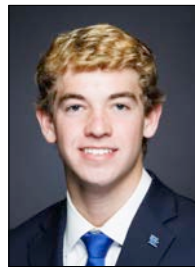
- Volunteered with My New Kentucky Home (2022)
- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2023)

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



35

JACKSON
MOORE

KICKER

5-10 • 156 • Freshman-HS
Waxhaw, N.C. (Marvin Ridge)**High School**

- Rated a five-star kicker by several services
- Four-year starter at kicker for head coach Aubrey Carter at Marvin Ridge
- Hit 7-of-10 field goals and was perfect on PATs as a senior
- Earned All-County, All-Conference and was named first-team All-State by HighSchoolOT.com, Union County High School Football (UCHSF) and Prep Redzone North Carolina
- Named the 4A Southern Carolina Conference Special Teams Player of the Year in 2021 and 2022
- Earned an invitation to the Carolina Bowl and the Queen City Senior Bowl in 2022
- Two-year letterwinner on the track team as a long jumper
- Excelled in the classroom as a four-year honor roll student with a 4.3 grade point average
- Also excelled in the community with over 100 hours of community service
- Elected Homecoming King as a senior and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Chose Kentucky over East Carolina

Personal

- Born in Charlotte, North Carolina
- Son of Brad and Nicole Moore
- Has one sister, Kennedy
- Major is pre-management

Jackson Says

- His nickname is "J-Mo"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he played soccer for the US National Team in the 5th and 6th grade, traveling to Costa Rica, Canada and Colombia ... He also used to race Bandelero cars at the Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Three words to describe him are helpful, confident and kind
- Besides playing football, he's also really good at knowing about sneakers
- If he could go back in time and change one thing he would have played football sooner



47

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

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2023)

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



60

BRAIDEN
MYERS

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 274 • Freshman-HS
Somerset, Ky. (Southwestern)**High School**

- A four-year starter who played on the offensive and defensive line for head coach Jason Foley at Pulaski Southwestern High School
- Helped lead the Warriors to a 44-11 overall record in his four seasons, including a 14-1 mark and the Class 5A region champions in 2022

Personal

- Born in Somerset, Kentucky
- Son of Brian and Chanda Myers
- Has one sister, Riley
- Major is pre-management

Braiden Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's his dream school
- Enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time
- His sports hero is former UK center Drake Jackson
- Three words to describe him are determined, faithful and goofy
- His favorite family recipe to make is lasagna



8

OCTAVIOUS
OXENDINE

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-1 • 276 • Senior-3L
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)**2023 - Senior**

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Started in all three games this season
- Got a tackle and his first blocked field goal attempt in the season opener vs. Ball State

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

Octavious Says

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

OXENDINE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	QBH	Blks
2020	DE	3-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0
2021	DE	6-3	15	3.5-21	2.0-16	0	0/0	1	0
2022	DE	13-7	22	0.5-1	0-0	0	0/0	3	0
2023	DE	3-3	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	1	1
Totals		25-13	38	4.0-22	2.0-16	0	0/0	5	1

OXENDINE'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int	QBH	Blks
vs. Ball State*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0	1
vs. ECU*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	1	0
Totals	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	1	1

OXENDINE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int	QBH
vs. Miami OH*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	2
vs. YSU*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	1	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*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Georgia	1	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	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	22	0.5-1	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	3

OXENDINE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

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

OXENDINE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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

OXENDINE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (5 yards)
 Quarterback hurries: 2, at Florida, Sept 10, 2022
 Blocked kicks: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (field goal attempt)



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

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2023)
- 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 three Final Fours, including national titles in 1996 and 1998 ... Went on to play eight years in the pros ... Scott is currently on the basketball staff at Mississippi State ... Mom, Cynthia, was a four-year letterwinner on UK's volleyball team from 1994-97 ... Older brother, Logan, currently plays basketball at Shelton State Community College
- Major is pre-finance

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



61

NICK
PEARSON

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 291 • Freshman-HS
Milton, Ga. (Blessed Trinity)**High School**

- Two-year starter and letterwinner at left tackle for head coach Tom Hall at Blessed Trinity High School
- Served as blocker on a Titans team that won 16 games over his two seasons as a starter
- Three-year letterman in track and field, where he threw shot put and discus
- Chose Kentucky over Charlotte, Maryland and North Carolina

Personal

- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of John and Jackie Pearson
- Has one sister, Morgan
- Major is pre-engineering

Nick Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the coaches and teammates
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is a race car driver
- His favorite race car to drive is a BMW M4 GT4
- The fastest speed he's ever driven is 165 mph
- If money was no object he would buy a race car team



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 two degrees - management and marketing

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 hardworking, 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)**2023 - Junior**

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Has started in all three games this season
- Had a career-high seven tackles in the win over ECU

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 letterwinner 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
2023	3-3	14	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
Totals	29-7	49	0-0	1.5-3	0-0	0	6	0

PHILLIPS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Ball State*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. EKU*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
Totals	14	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0

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
Totals	31	0-0	1.5-3	0/0	0	5	0

PHILLIPS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

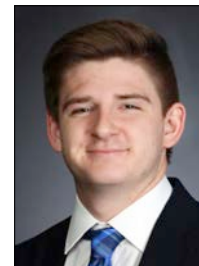
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0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

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
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

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



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
- Has played in 52 career games
- Went 8-of-8 on touchbacks vs. Ball State, 5-of-5 vs. EKU and 3-of-6 vs. Akron

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)
- Named to NFF Hampshire Honors Society

2021 - Junior

- Played in all 13 games
- 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 consumer economic/family financial counseling ... 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	PAT	Points	Long FG
2018	2-4	3-3	9	34
2019	5-9	24-26	39	46
2020	1-1	5-5	8	28
Totals	8-14	32-34	56	46

POORE'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2018	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-1	2-4	34
2019	0-0	0-1	1-2	4-6	0-0	5-9	46
2020	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	28
Totals	0-0	1-2	3-5	4-6	0-1	8-14	46

POORE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 8, 3x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020
 Points by kicking: 8, 3x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020
 Field goals made: 1, 8x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020
 Field goal attempts: 2, 3x, last at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019
 Longest field goal: 46, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 Consecutive FGs made: 3, Nov. 9 vs. Tennessee - Present



2

SHAMAR
PORTER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 205 • Freshman-HS
Nashville, Tenn. (Ensworth)

2023 - Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Akron

High School

- A four-star wide receiver by 247 Sports and On3.com
- Ranked as the No. 29 wide receiver in the country and No. 5 in Tennessee according to the On3 Consensus
- A four-year starter for head coach Roc Batten
- Named first-team All-State after totaling 32 catches for 557 yards and a team-high 10 touchdowns in 10 games as a senior
- Averaged 17.4 yards per catch
- Earned U.S. Army Bowl All-America honors
- Named to the 2022 Division II-AAA West All-Region Team
- Led the Tigers to a 7-4 record in the regular season and an appearance in the state quarterfinals
- Caught 33 passes for 495 yards and seven scores as a junior despite missing the final two games with injury
- Named to *The Tennessean's* 2022 Dandy Dozen
- Also excelled in track and field as a sprinter, running 10.87 in the 100-meter dash
- Chose Kentucky over Georgia, Tennessee and Ole Miss

Personal

- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of Shervetta and Stacy Porter
- Major is psychology

Shamar Says

- His nickname is "Mar"
- One word to describe him on the field is "electric"
- If he could eat only one thing for the rest of his life he would choose chicken wings
- The best advice he's ever received is from his dad "pain is temporary"
- Three famous people he would invite to a dinner party are Mike Tyson, Desi Banks and Randy Moss



76

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"
- A four-year starter on the offensive line
- Named a first-team All-Catholic Football Team choice in 2021 and 2022
- Picked the Wildcats over Miami, Penn State, Boston College and Nebraska

Personal

- Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Son of Angela and Anthony Ramsey
- Has two siblings, Anthony and Olivia
- Major is U.S. culture and business practices

Austin Says

- His nickname is "House"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he loves to go fishing
- He used to play the violin
- Three words to describe him are tall, fast and strong
- His sports hero is Trent Williams because he made it cool to be an offensive lineman



73

DYLAN
RAY

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 305 • Sophomore-Tr
Noblesville, Indiana (West Virginia/Noblesville)

2023 - Sophomore

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at West Virginia
- Saw his first action at UK in the season opener vs. Ball State
- Earned his first career start vs. ECU and also started vs. Akron

**2022 - r-Freshman (West Virginia)**

- Saw 32 offensive snaps vs. Towson
- Named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Named to the Garrett Ford Academic Honor Roll

2021 - Freshman (West Virginia)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Played for coach Dave Sharpe at Noblesville High
- Named offensive line MVP as a senior
- Led Millers to Class 6A sectional playoffs
- Multiple-year starter and letterwinner for Noblesville

Personal

- Son of John and Carol Ray
- Has one sister, Devon
- Father, John, played offensive line at WVU from 1988-91 and went on to play professionally with the Indianapolis Colts
- Left-handed
- Major is pre-communication

Dylan Says

- His nickname is "D-Ray"
- He chose Kentucky because he fell in love with it when he visited
- After football, his dream job is to be in construction management
- Hobbies include skeet shooting, golfing and fishing
- Three words to describe him are determined, chill and funny

**17****DAVEREN
RAYNER****INSIDE LINEBACKER**

6-2 • 217 • Senior-Tr
Indianapolis, Indiana (Northern Illinois/
Lawrence Central)

2023 - Senior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Northern Illinois
- Started in 17 of 22 games at NIU and now has seen action in all three games at Kentucky this season for a total of 25 career games played
- Compiled 126 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks and three pass breakups at NIU
- Charted three tackles in the win over Akron

2022 - Junior (Northern Illinois)

- Played and started in eight of NIU's 11 games
- Totaled 71 tackles, second on the team, including 30 solo
- Added 5.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks and four quarterback hurries
- Had 10 tackles in the Huskies' game at Kentucky

2021 - Sophomore (Northern Illinois)

- Played in eight games with four starts
- Made 29 tackles, 24 solo
- Totaled six stops and his lone sack of the season in the opener at Georgia Tech
- Recorded 19 tackles in the first three games of the season, following up the opener with a season-high seven stops versus Wyoming
- Contributed six tackles, all solo, at Michigan
- After making two solo stops versus Maine, missed the next four contests due to injury before returning at Kent State where he made one tackle
- Came back to tie his season high with seven tackles, six solo, versus Western Michigan

2020 - Freshman (Northern Illinois)

- Appeared in all six games and made five starts as a true freshman
- Fifth on the squad with 27 tackles
- Had three total pass breakups on the season, second-best on the team
- Amassed a career-high seven tackles against Central Michigan and Toledo
- Recorded his first career tackle in the season opener against Buffalo
- Made his first career start against Central Michigan
- Credited with two pass breakups and tackle for loss against Toledo
- Tallied six stops, including a half tackle for loss and a pass break up at Ball State
- Notched his first career sack against Western Michigan (11-28) as part of a three-tackle effort

High School

- Earned recognition on the Indiana Football Coaches' Association Top 60 list
- Selected to the pre and post season IFCA All-State team and to the Indianapolis Star Super Team (postseason)
- Ranked No. 26 in Indiana by 247sports.com
- Two-time All-Marion County selection,
- Received All Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC) honors in 2018 and 2019
- Amassed 118 tackles, 59 solo, in 2019 with seven pass break-ups, two interceptions a forced one fumble and recovered one in 2019
- Blocked four kicks in his high school career – two as a senior and two as a junior
- Totaled 75 stops his junior season with 50 solo, three passes deflected and one intercepted
- Coached by John Rodenburg
- Also a two-year letterwinner as a hurdler on the track team

Personal

- Born in Indianapolis, Indiana
- Son of Dara Patterson and Averen Rayner
- Siblings are Averien, Dahaven, Jakobe and Arianah
- Major is communication

Daveren Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the family feel
- Three words to describe him are chill, funny and outgoing
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he likes country music
- His go-to karaoke song is "Tennessee Whiskey" by Chris Stapleton
- If he could eat only food the rest of his life he would choose sushi

RAYNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
2020*	6-5	27	1.0-8	2.0-9	0/0	0	0	3
2021*	8-4	29	1.0-3	1.0-3	0/0	0	0	0
2022*	8-8	71	3.5-17	5.5-22	0/0	0	4	0
2023	3-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	25-17	127	5.5-28	8.5-34	0/0	0-0	4	3

*at Northern Illinois

RAYNER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
vs. Ball State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. EKU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

RAYNER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
vs. Eastern Ill.*	14	0-0	0.5-2	0/0	0	0	0
at Tulsa*	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Kentucky*	10	1.0-2	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0
at Ball State*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	3	0
vs. Toledo	9	1.0-4	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0
at Eastern Mich.*	4	1.0-7	2.5-10	0/0	0	0	0
at Ohio*	7	0.5-4	0.5-4	0/0	0	1	0
Totals	71	3.5-17	5.5-22	0/0	0	4	0

RAYNER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
at Georgia Tech*	6	1.0-3	1.0-3	0/0	0	0
vs. Wyoming*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Michigan*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Maine*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Kent State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Ball State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Western Mich.	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	29	1.0-3	1.0-3	0/0	0	0

RAYNER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Buffalo	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Central Mich.*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Ball State*	6	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	1
at Western Mich.*	3	1.0-8	1.0-8	0/0	0	0
vs. Toledo*	7	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	2
at Eastern Mich.*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	27	1.0-8	2.0-9	0/0	0	3

RAYNER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 14, vs Eastern Illinois, Sept 1, 2022
Sacks: 1.0, five times, last vs Eastern Michigan, Oct 15, 2022
Tackles for loss: 2.5, at Eastern Michigan, Oct 15, 2022
Pass breakups: 2, vs Toledo, Dec 5, 2020
Quarterback hurries: 3, at Ball State, Oct 1, 2022



16

ALEX
RAYNOR

KICKER

6-0 • 178 • Senior-Tr
Kennesaw, Georgia (Georgia Southern/
Harrison)**2023 - Senior**

- Lou Groza Award Watch List
- A graduate transfer who came to Kentucky after three seasons at Georgia Southern
- Three-time member of the Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll
- 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
- Ranked fourth all-time in career field goals made at Georgia Southern with 45 ... His 76.3 percent career field goal percentage ranked seventh all-time
- Hit 110-of-113 PATs (97.3) which ranks ninth on GSU's career extra points made list ... His extra point percentage of 97.3 ranks fourth all-time
- Has seen action in 39 career games (36 at GSU and 3 at UK) and has compiled 267 career points
- Connected on all three of his field goal attempts in the season opener vs. Ball State, including one from 41 yards and two more from 46 yards, in his Kentucky debut ... Also went 5-of-5 in extra point attempts ... His pair of field goals from 46 yards are just one yard short of his career best
- Became the first UK player with three made field goals in their UK debut since Taylor Begley against Louisville on Sept. 1, 2002
- Holds a streak of nine consecutive FGs made, dating back to November of 2022
- Ranks 10th on the NCAA's active career field goals list with 48
- Ranks 16th on the NCAA's active career PAT percentage list (0.974 - 123-of-126)

2022 - Junior (Georgia Southern)

- An honorable mention All-Sun Belt selection from the league
- A fourth-team selection by Phil Steele
- Starting place kicker in all 13 games, helping lead Georgia Southern to an appearance the Camellia Bowl
- Finished as the top scorer in the Sun Belt with 103 points scored
- Hit 18-of-20 field goals with a long of 46 yards
- Was 49-of-50 on PATs
- His 49 extra points made rank eighth on GSU's single-season list
- Scored a team-high 103 points (18 FGs, 49 PATs)
- Made three field goals with a long of 41 yards, along with four PATs, in the win over No. 25 James Madison
- Hit a 35-yard field goal and all PATs in the overtime win over App State ... Also had a 3-yard run on a fake field goal that gained a first down

- Made the Honor Roll in the fall
- Named to the 2019-20 Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll for maintaining a 3.00-3.49 GPA

2021 - Sophomore (Georgia Southern)

- Started all 10 games played
- Was in for 47 special teams plays
- Made 9 of 14 field goals with a long of 44 yards
- Had 13 kickoffs
- Was 20 of 22 on PATs
- Scored a team-high 48 points (9 FGs, 21 PATs)
- Missed the opener, but returned for the Florida Atlantic game to kick off twice
- Had a season-long make of 44 yards at South Alabama
- Made the Honor Roll in the fall and spring for posting above a 3.00 GPA
- Named to the 2021-22 Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll for maintaining a 3.00-3.49 GPA

2020 - r-Freshman (Georgia Southern)

- Starting place kicker in all 13 games, helping lead Georgia Southern to a win over Louisiana Tech in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl
- Saw action on 79 special teams plays
- A third-team All-Sun Belt Conference selection by Pro Football Focus
- Was 18-of-25 on field goals with a long of 47 yards
- His 25 attempts are the second most in school history for a single season at Georgia Southern
- His 18 field goals rank fifth on GSU's single-season chart
- Made 40-of-41 PATs
- Scored a team-high 94 points (18 FGs, 40 PATs)
- Also kicked off 10 times
- Made the Dean's List in the fall for making above a 3.50 GPA
- Made the Honor Roll in the spring for posting above a 3.00 GPA
- Named to the 2020-21 Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll for maintaining a 3.00-3.49 GPA

2019 - Freshman (Georgia Southern)

- Redshirt season
- Made the Dean's List in the fall for making over a 3.50 GPA
- Made the Honor Roll in the spring
- Named to the 2019-20 Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll for maintaining a 3.00-3.49 GPA

High School

- Played at Harrison High for head coach Matt Dickmann
- A first-team all-state kicker by the Georgia Sports Writers Association
- Also was a punter with a long of 64 yards
- Went 51 for 54 on PATs and 4 for 7 on field goals as a junior as well
- Named 6-AAAAAA All Region Second Team
- Also played soccer for two seasons

Personal

- Born in Kennesaw, Georgia
- Son of Suzanne and Christian Raynor
- Siblings are Avery and Asher

- Dad, Christian, played golf at Florida State (1990-94) and was inducted into the FSU Hall of Fame in 2012
- Graduated in May of '23 from Georgia Southern with a degree in marketing ... Currently working on an undergraduate certificate in business

Alex Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was the best opportunity, and it has always been his dream
- After football, his dream job is to work with his dad in the stock market
- Three words to describe him are loyal, dedicated and relaxed
- His go-to karaoke song is "Night Shift" by Jon Pardi
- His favorite family recipe to make is green bean casserole

RAYNOR'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG	Long FG	PAT	Points
2020	18-25	47	40-41	94
2021	9-14	44	20-22	48
2022	18-20	46	49-50	103
2023	3-3	46	9-9	18
Totals	48-62	47	118-122	262

RAYNOR'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2020	0-0	7-8	8-9	3-7	0-1	18-25	47
2021	0-0	3-3	4-5	2-4	0-2	9-14	44
2022	1-1	9-9	4-5	4-5	0-0	18-20	46
2023	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	0-0	3-3	46
Totals	1-1	19-20	16-19	12-19	0-3	48-62	47

RAYNOR'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 16, vs Texas State, Nov 14, 2020
 Points by kicking: 16, vs Texas State, Nov 14, 2020
 Field goals made: 4, vs Texas State, Nov 14, 2020
 Field goal attempts: 4, 3x, last vs James Madison, Oct 14, 2022
 Longest field goal: 47, vs Appalachian State, Dec 12, 2020
 Consecutive FGs made: 9, twice, Nov, 2022 to current
 PATs made: 8, twice, last vs Morgan State, Sept 3, 2022
 PATs attempted: 8, twice, last vs Morgan State, Sept 3, 2022



24

ELIJAH
REED

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-3 • 185 • Freshman-RS
Louisville, Ky. (Pleasure Ridge Park)**2023 - r-Freshman**

- Has seen action in all three games this season

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



- Named to First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 '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
- 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 Demetrick 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



45

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 psychology

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



28

JORDAN
ROBINSON

DEFENSIVE BACK

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

2023 - r-Sophomore

- Saw his first action of the season vs. Akron after injury kept him out of the first two games
- Got a career-high three tackles in the game

2022 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first action at UK vs. Youngstown State and also saw action vs. Vanderbilt, Louisville and Iowa
- Named to First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 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

JO. ROBINSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
2021*	10-10	26	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	6
2022	4-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2023	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	15-10	29	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	6

* Livingstone College

JO. ROBINSON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
vs. Akron	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

JO. ROBINSON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

JO. ROBINSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023



9

TAYVION ROBINSON

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 194 • %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 50 career games with 47 starts
- Has 167 career receptions for 2,312 yards and 14 touchdowns (13 receiving, one punt return TD) ... Also has 65 punt returns for 637 yards
- Ranks in the top 20 on the NCAA's active career lists in receptions (15th), receiving yards (11th), and all-purpose yardage (20th)
- Has three 100-yard games in his career, all at UK
- Ranks fourth in the SEC in receiving TDs (3) and is sixth in the league in receiving yards per game (86.67)
- Made a team-high-tying six catches for a team-high 136 yards and a career-high-tying two touchdowns in the win over ECU ... Scored UK's first two touchdowns, giving the Wildcats a 14-10 lead that they did not relinquish
- Led Kentucky with five receptions for 86 yards and a touchdown in the win over Akron
- Has as recorded touchdowns in two straight games, marking just the second instance in his college career he has scored in back-to-back games

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 Pernel
- 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
2023	WR	3-3	14	260	18.6	3	56	3	20	17	0
at UK		14-11	54	757	14.0	6	69	18	103	26	0
Totals		50-47	167	2312	13.8	14	71	65	637	60	1

*at Virginia Tech

ROBINSON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg.
vs. Ball State*	3	38	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	6	136	2	56	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	5	86	1	28	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	260	3	56	0	0	0	0	0

ROBINSON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Opponent	PR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	KR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
vs. Ball State*	2	27	13.5	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	14.0	14	0
vs. Akron*	1	-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	20	6.7	0	17	1	14	14.0	14	0

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



ROBINSON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

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
Totals	40	497	3	69	8	38	0	12	4.8

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
Totals	12	58	4.8	23	0

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					
Totals	601	4	61	3	227	0	11	3.6	

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
Totals	13	328	25.2	60	1

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
Totals	38	592	3	60	5	48	0	28	9.6

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
Totals	10	21	2.1	20	0

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
Totals	31	404	1	71	11	132	0	49	12.0

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
Totals	13	185	14.2	35	0

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)
Kick returns: 1, twice, last vs. ECU, Sept 9, 2023
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



67

PAUL
RODRIGUEZ

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

2023- Sophomore

- Has seen action in all three games on special teams

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



90

TRE'VONN
RYBKA

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

2023 • Junior

- Has played in two of UK's three games
- Got two tackles, including a TFL in the win over EKU and charted three tackles and a QBH vs. Akron

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 community leadership and development

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 long boarding

RYBKA'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-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	0.5-1	0-0	0/0	2	0	0
2022	DT	12-8	19	1.0-8	1.0-8	0/0	0	0	0
2023	DT	2-0	5	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	1	0	0
Totals		27-9	39	2.5-11	1.0-8	0/0	3	0	0

RYBKA'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Ball State			DNP					
vs. EKU	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	5	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	1

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
Totals	19	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	0

RYBKA'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
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
Totals	15	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	2

RYBKA'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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

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, twice, last vs. EKU, Sept 9, 2023 (2 yards)
Quarterback hurry: 1, twice, last vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021



92

KAHLIL
SAUNDERS

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

2023 • Sophomore

- Has seen action in all three games and has six tackles, 1.5 TFL and 1.5 sacks
- Had four tackles and set career highs with 1.5 quarterback sacks / tackles for loss in the season opener vs. Ball State

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, NMSU 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 geography

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-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
2021	4-0	2	2.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
2022	11-0	13	1.0-6	0.5-6	0	0	0	0	0
2023	3-0	6	1.5-14	1.5-14	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18-0	21	4.5-24	2.0-20	0	0	0	0	1

SAUNDERS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Ball State	4	1.5-14	1.5-14	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	1.5-14	1.5-14	0	0	0	0	0

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					
Totals	13	1.0-6	0.5-6	0	0	0	0	0

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
Totals	1	2.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	1

SAUNDERS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs Georgia, Nov 19, 2022
 Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (14 yards)
 Sacks: 1.5, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (14 yards)
 Quarterback hurry: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021

**29****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 letterwinner at safety and nickel for head coach Bob Beatty at Trinity
- Helped the Shamrocks 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

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2023)

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"

**12****KAIYA
SHERON****QUARTERBACK**

6-3 • 210 • Sophomore-SQ
 Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)

2023 - Sophomore

- Saw action against Akron, totaling two rushing yards on one carry

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 Lewis
- 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 letterwinner and three-year starter for head coach Robbie Lucas at Somerset
- Guided team to a 9-3 record as a senior and the second round of the state playoffs
- Completed 111 passes for 2,016 yards and threw 15 touchdown passes ... Also rushed for 465 yards and scored 10 rushing touchdowns
- Two-time Class AA Player of the Year as chosen by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association (2019 and 2020)
- First-team all-state by Kentucky Sports Radio, named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky



- Named 2020 *Commonwealth Journal* Offensive Player of the Year
- Nominated for the *Lexington Herald-Leader's* 2020 Kentucky Sports Figure of the Year
- AP All-State honorable mention
- As a junior, led Somerset (Ky.) High School to a 14-1 record and the 2019 state championship in Class AA
- Most Valuable Player of the state title game as he guided the Briar Jumpers on a five-play, 86-yard TD drive in the game's final 28 seconds
- Overall, threw for 3,218 yards and 28 touchdowns while rushing for 959 yards and nine TDs
- Named second-team all-state by The Associated Press and honorable mention by the *Louisville Courier-Journal*
- 2019 *Commonwealth Journal* Football Player of the Year
- Strong arm paired with good mobility
- Also played basketball, earning three letters
- Member of the student council
- An early commitment to Kentucky, he selected the Wildcats over Arizona State and Cincinnati

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Ki-yah Sharon"
- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Melissa and Kevin Sharon
- Has one sister, Kallie Sharon
- 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	4-1	11	-24	0	15	17	29	1	58.6	187	2	37
2023	1-0	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	00.0	0	0	0
Totals	5-1	12	-22	0	15	17	30	1	56.7	187	2	37

SHERON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Rush	Yds	TD	Long
vs. Akron	0-1-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2
Totals	0-1-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2

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
Totals	17-29-1	187	2	27	11	-24	0	15

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



9

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 for the Tar Heels
- Has started in all three games this season at defensive tackle
- Earned his first collegiate start in UK's season opener vs. Ball State ... Recorded a tackle and his first career tackle for loss
- Got a career-high tying three tackles in the win over ECU

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 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.	TFL-Y	Sacks-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
2023	DT	3-3	5	1.0-2	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals		9-3	9	1.0-2	0-0	0/0	0s	0	0

*at North Carolina

SILVER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Ball State*	1	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

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					
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

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
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

SILVER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, twice, last vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023



63

EDRIC
SIMMONS

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-2 • 276 • Freshman-HS
Nashville, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy)**High School**

- Accepted a preferred walk-on position after a stellar career at Brentwood Academy
- Coached by Cody White
- Helped lead the Eagles to a 33-12 record during his four seasons as a starter on the defensive line
- Finished with 78 tackles, 6.0 sacks, 5.0 tackles for loss and two quarterback hurries as a senior
- Earned All-Region honors
- Named a Tennessee East-West All-Star
- Also played basketball and was on the wrestling and track teams at Brentwood Academy
- Chose Kentucky over Southeast Missouri State and Tennessee-Martin

Personal

- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of Latreca Pettigrew and Monroe Simmons
- Siblings are Keshawn Pettigrew, Layla Simmons and Tara Simmons
- Uncle, Brandon Taylor, was a linebacker at Ohio State
- Major is undecided

Edric Says

- His nickname is "Ed"
- He chose Kentucky because UK stayed honest and he loved the community and coaches
- His dream job is to be in the construction business and be a clothing designer
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he makes clothes
- Three words to describe him are cool, quiet and smooth



39

JACKSON
SMITH

KICKER

5-11 • 204 • Freshman-RS
Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)**2022 - Freshman**

- Redshirt season
- Named to the First-year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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"



30

AVERY
STUART

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 186 • Freshman-RS
Montgomery, Ala. (Alabama Christian)**2023 - Freshman**

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Akron

High School

- Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals, including the No. 19 prospect in Alabama and No. 29 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 ranked him a four-star recruit and No. 241 overall
- Four-year starter for Alabama Christian Academy under head coach Michael Summers
- As a defensive back, recorded 12 solo tackles as a senior in 2022
- As a wide receiver, made nine catches for 228 yards and five touchdowns
- Totaled 13 career scores
- Chose Kentucky over Auburn, Florida State, Oklahoma and Penn State among others

Personal

- Born in Montgomery, Alabama
- Son of Vonda Sanders and Reggi Stuart
- Has one sister, Asia
- Major is community and leadership development

Avery Says

- His nickname is "Chaos"
- One word to describe him on the field is "smooth"
- He is really good at cooking
- The person who motivates him most is his mom
- If money were no object, the one thing he'd purchase is his mom a new house



0

DEMIE
SUMO-
KARNGBAYE

RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 210 • Junior-Tr
Willingboro, N.J. (NC State/Willingboro)**2023 - Junior**

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at NC State



- Played in 14 total games for NC State
- Reunites with former Wolfpack teammate Devin Leary
- Has seen action in all three games for UK this season
- Had four carries for 58 yards and one touchdown in the win over Akron ... On his third rush of the game, had a career-best, 42-yard rush for a first down, which eventually set up his four-yard jaunt into the endzone for a score

2022 - Sophomore (NC State)

- Saw action in eight games due to injury, missing four complete games and playing only six snaps vs. Wake Forest and two vs. Boston College
- Team's second-leading rusher with 305 yards, averaging 5.5 yards per carry
- Caught 12 passes for 148 yards, averaging 12.3 yards per catch
- Totaled four touchdowns (3 rushing, 1 receiving)
- Tied for team's second-leading scorer with 24 points
- Tallied 147 all-purpose yards in the win over Texas Tech when he rushed for 54 yards and caught four passes for another 93
- Scored a rushing and receiving TD vs. the Red Raiders
- Against Charleston Southern, 5 of his 7 rushes were explosive plays (at least 10 yards)
- Leading rusher in the season opener with 79 yards and a TD
- Named a "Player to Watch" for 2022 by Athlon

2021 - Freshman (NC State)

- Played in six games on special teams

High School

- Played running back at Willingboro High School for coach Stephen Everette
- Ranked as the No. 23 player in the state of New Jersey by Rivals.com
- Also ranked as the No. 48 running back nationally and the No. 19 player in New Jersey by 247Sports.com
- Team was limited to three games during his fall season due to COVID 19
- Rushed for 648 yards on 65 carries, an average of 10.0 per rush as a junior
- Also scored 11 rushing touchdowns
- Tallied 21 receptions for 430 yards and eight TDs
- Totaled 1,321 all-purpose yards
- On defense, posted 53 tackles and 5.5 TFLs, as well as a pair of interceptions
- Helped lead his team to a 12-1 record and the NJISAA South Group One Regional Championship

Personal

- Name is pronounced Demie (DEHM-ee) Sumo-Karngbaye (SUE-moh KARNG-bay)
- Born in Trenton, New Jersey
- Son of Joyce Dissee and Abdullah Sumo
- Siblings are Marcus, Rachel, Fatim, Aziz Sumo, Patience Willie
- Cousin, Phillip Bliidi, is currently on the defensive line at Indiana, while another cousin, Jeremiah Karngbaye, played at West Texas
- Major is community, leadership and development

Demie Says

- Nickname is "Shark"

- He chose Kentucky for the development and the NFL feel
- Three words to describe him are solid, trustworthy and likeable
- Besides playing football, he's also a good singer
- The craziest thing he's ever done is swim in the ocean

SUMO-KARNGBAYE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2021*	6-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022*	8-0	55	305	5.5	3	24	12	148	12.3	1	38
2023	3-0	4	58	14.5	1	42	3	24	8.0	0	18
at UK	3-0	4	58	14.5	1	42	3	24	8.0	0	18
Totals	17-0	59	363	6.2	4	42	15	172	11.5	1	38

*at NC State

SUMO-KARNGBAYE'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State	0	0	0	0	2	18	0	18
vs. ECU	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	11
vs. Akron	4	58	1	42	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	58	1	42	3	24	0	18

SUMO-KARNGBAYE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (NC STATE)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at ECU	14	79	1	24	1	6	0	6
vs. Charleston So.	7	70	0	15	1	3	0	3
vs. Texas Tech	14	54	1	14	4	93	1	38
vs. UConn	4	49	1	20	0	0	0	0
at Clemson	5	10	0	8	3	28	0	11
vs. Florida State	8	37	0	16	3	18	0	9
vs. Wake Forest	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Boston College	2	6	0	8	0	0	0	0
Totals	55	305	3	24	12	148	1	38

SUMO-KARNGBAYE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (NC STATE)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. La Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Syracuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UNC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SUMO-KARNGBAYE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 14, twice, last at East Carolina, Sept 3, 2022
 Rush yards: 79, at East Carolina, Sept 3, 2022 (14 carries)
 Long rush: 24, at East Carolina, Sept 3, 2022
 Rushing TDs: 1, 4x, last vs. Akron, Sept 16, 2023
 Total TDs: 1, 5x, last vs. Akron, Sept 16, 2023
 Receptions: 4, vs Texas Tech, Sept 17, 2022
 Receiving yards: 93, vs Texas Tech, Sept 17, 2022
 Long reception: 38, vs Texas Tech, Sept 17, 2022
 Receiving TDs: 1, vs Texas Tech, Sept 17, 2022
 Tackles: 1, at East Carolina, Sept 3, 2022



39

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 pre-communication

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



44

**MARTEZ
THROWER****INSIDE LINEBACKER****6-2 • 224 • Junior-2L
Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)****2023 - Junior**

- Has seen action in all three games this season
- Got a career-high five tackles in the win over Akron

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
- "Marte 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

Marte 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
2023	ILB	3-0	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals		23-0	18	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	1

THROWER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int	QBH	Blk
vs. Ball State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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
Totals	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1

THROWER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int	QBH
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1

THROWER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. Akron, Sept 16, 2023
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs. ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Blocked kicks: 1, vs. Youngstown State, Sept 17, 2022 (punt)



48

**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 letterwinner 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 letterwinner 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

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2023)

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



- Graduated in May of '23 with a double major in finance and marketing ... Currently working on a master's degree in business administration

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



15

DESTIN
WADE

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 223 • Freshman-RS
Spring Hill, 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
- Named to First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 letterwinner 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 member of the UK football 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
Totals	1-1	17	23	0	19	16	30	2	53.3	98	0	15

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
Totals	16-30-2	98	0	19	17	23	0	19

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



20

KEATEN
WADE

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 250 • Sophomore-11
Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit)

2023 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all three games this season and has seven tackles and a sack

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
- Named to First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 member of 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
2023	OLB	3-0	7	1.0-9	1.0-9	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	16-0	23	3.5-22	2.5-17	0/0	1	0	0	0

K. WADE'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
vs. Ball State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	2	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0

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



K. WADE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

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	1.0-5	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
Totals	16	2.5-13	1.5-8	0	0	0	1	0

K. WADE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, 3x, last at Ole Miss, Oct 1, 2022
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 3x, last vs. Akron, Sept 16, 2023 (9 yards)
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last vs. Akron, Sept 16, 2023 (9 yards)
Pass breakups: 1, vs Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022



O

DEONE
WALKER

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

2023 - Sophomore (Team Captain)

- Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List
- Bronko Nagurski Watch List
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Preseason SEC Media Days Second-Team Defense
- Preseason Coaches All-SEC Football Second-Team Offense
- Named one of seven permanent season team captains
- Has started in all three games this season and has nine tackles, a TFL and a sack
- Had a season-high five tackles, a quarterback sack (-10) and a career-high tying two quarterback hurries in the win over ECU

2022 - Freshman

- True Freshman All-American (On3.com, Pro Football Focus, 247sports.com, The Athletic)
- First-team Freshman All-American (Football Writers Association of America, College Football News)
- UK's third FWAA Freshman All-American since the award's inception in 2001 and its first since Benny Snell Jr. in 2016
- Honorable-mention All-American (Phil Steele)
- All-SEC Second Team (Associated Press, Phil Steele, Pro Football Focus)
- All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches)
- 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) after an impactful performance in UK's win over Louisville ... Totaled six tackles, one-half quarterback sack plus one-half additional tackle for loss, caused a fumble and had two quarterback hurries
- Played in all 13 games, earning a starting spot in the last 11
- 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 QB hurry
- 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
- Named to First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 letterwinner 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
2023	DL	3-3	9	1.0-10	1.0-10	0/0	0	2	0
Totals		15-14	49	5.5-25	2.0-18	1/0	2	7	0

WALKER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	Int	PBU	QBH
vs. Ball State*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	5	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Akron*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	0	0	2

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
Totals	40	4.5-15	1.0-8	1	0	0	2	5

WALKER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 4x, last vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023 (10 yards)
Sacks: 1.0, vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023 (10 yards)
Pass breakups: 1, twice, last vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022
Quarterback hurry: 2, twice, last vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023 (10 yards)



32

TREVIN
WALLACE

INSIDE LINEBACKER

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

2023 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Butkus Award Watch List
- Named one of seven permanent season team captains
- Freakishly athletic player who at 241 pounds has been clocked at 22 mph on the GPS (comparable to wide receivers), vertical jumps 38.5 inches, power cleans 380 pounds and squats almost 600 pounds
- Named SEC Defensive Player of the Week (9/4)
- Team's leading tackler with 24 ... Also has a team-high 5.0 TFL and an SEC-leading 3.5 sacks



- Leads the SEC and ranks ninth nationally in sacks per game (1.19)
- Ranks sixth in the SEC in tackles and third in tackles for loss
- Led the UK defense in total tackles with a career-high-tying 12 in the season opener vs. Ball State ... Also had 12 total tackles at Mississippi State on Oct. 30, 2021
- Totaled a team-high tying seven tackles in the win over EKU ... Also recorded a quarterback sack (-7), a quarterback hurry and forced a fumble that was recovered by teammate Alex Afari
- Had a career-best two sacks (6 yards) vs. Akron

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 ... It set up Levis' three-yard touchdown pass to Barion 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 letterwinner 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 letterwinner on the track team fin 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
- Has a daughter, Elauni
- Son of Adrian and Trevor Wallace
- Siblings are Kolby, Tionne, Tavion, and Titus
- Sister, Tionne, is currently a U.S. Army Reserves 92F petroleum supply specialist
- Uncle, Robert Bryant, was a linebacker at Oklahoma from 2009-11
- Major is consumer economics & family financial counseling

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	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int	PBU
2021	ILB	12-1	32	4.0-13	2.0-5	1/0	1	0	1
2022	ILB	12-6	54	5.5-20	2.5-14	0/0	1	2-19	0
2023	ILB	3-3	24	5.0-19	3.5-17	1/0	1	0	0
Totals		27-10	110	14.5-52	8.0-36	2/0	3	2-19	1

WALLACE'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int	QBH
vs. Ball State*	12	2.0-6	0.5-4	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EKU*	7	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	1	0	0	1
vs. Akron*	5	2.0-6	2.0-6	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	5.0-19	3.5-17	0	1	0	0	1

WALLACE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int	QBH
vs. Miami OH								
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
Totals	54	5.5-20	2.5-14	0	0	0	2-19	1

WALLACE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int	QBH
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
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								
Totals	32	4.0-13	2.0-7	1	1	0	0	1

WALLACE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 12, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Tackle for loss: 2.5, at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022 (13 yards)
Sacks: 2.0, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
Quarterback hurries: 1, 3x, last vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023
Pass breakups: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Interceptions: 1, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 (19 yards)
Forced fumbles: 1, twice, last vs EKU, Sept 9, 2022
Special teams touchdown: 1, vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021 (returned blocked field goal)



13

J.J.

WEAVER

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 244 • Senior-3L
Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)**2023 - Senior (Team Captain)**

- Named one of seven permanent season team captains for the second straight season
- Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Preseason SEC Media Days Third-Team Defense
- Preseason Coaches All-SEC Football Second-Team Offense
- After considering entry into the NFL Draft, decided to return to Kentucky
- Has seen action in 38 career games with 19 career starts
- Has totaled 132 career tackles, including 25.5 tackles for loss, 10.5 sacks, 10 quarterback hurries, six pass breakups, two interceptions, three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries
- Second on the team in TFLs with 2.0

2022 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Elected one of seven team captains
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List
- Third-Team Preseason All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- 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
- FCAA 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

- Ranked as one of the nation's top linebacker prospects according to Rivals
- Ranked as the 14th best player in the class at his position and the fourth-best prospect in the state of Kentucky by Rivals
- 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 (polydactyly) and wears a custom-made glove during games
- On track to graduate in December of '23 with a degree in community leadership and development

Community Cats

- Started a foundation called "15 for Freddie" while in high school in 2015 to honor his grandfather, Freddie Weaver ... "15 for Freddie" would visit and help feed the homeless
- "15 for Freddie" morphed into "The Perfect Fit" upon his arrive to UK in 2019
- Visited a local elementary school to talk about his polydactyly and emphasize to the kids that being different is okay (2021)
- Organized a football camp for children in his hometown of Louisville (2022)
- Organized an event called "Back to School with J.J." for which he bought backpacks, school supplies and offered free haircuts for 100 children from Louisville (2022)
- Organized an event called "The Perfect Fit Bike Drive" in Louisville (July 30, 2023) at Iroquois Park ... Bought and handed out 111 bicycles for kids and gave a talk to the kids about being a positive impact in their community
- After losing his father to homicide and his beloved high school coach to cancer, J.J. struggled to handle his grief until he sought counseling ... He is now an advocate for mental health and counseling ... Currently organizing a peer-led grief counseling group to launch on UK's campus this fall

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 and 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	10.0-48	6.0-39	1/0	1	4	2-21	0
2022	OLB	11-9	47	6.0-45	3.0-37	2/3	1	3	0	1
2023	OLB	3-3	12	2.0-11	1.0-10	0/0	1	0	0	0
Totals		37-18	132	25.5-117	10.5-87	3/3	6	10	2-21	1



WEAVER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH	Blk	
vs. Ball State*	6	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	0	1	0	0	
vs. EKU*	3	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Akron*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	12	2.0-11	1.0-10	0	0	0	1	0	0	

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	1	
at Florida*	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. YSU*	1	0.5-0	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	
vs. Miss. St.	1	1.0-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Tennessee*	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Missouri*	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
vs. Vandy*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
vs. Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
vs. UofL*	7	1.0-20	1.0-20	1	1-14	0	1	0	0	
vs. Iowa*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	47	6.0-45	3.0-37	2	3	0	1	3	1	

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

WEAVER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH		
at Auburn	1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1		
vs. Ole Miss	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Miss. State	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0		
at Tennessee	6	2.0-8	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
at Missouri	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Georgia	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Vanderbilt	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1		
at Alabama	3	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
at Florida*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. USC			DNP							
vs. NC State			DNP							
Totals	33	6.5-14	0.5-1	0	0	0	1	2		

WEAVER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH		
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0		
at Vanderbilt	5	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1		
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0		
Totals	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	1		

WEAVER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS										
Tackles: 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, 6x, last vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023										
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)										



18

BRANDON
WHITE

WIDE RECEIVER

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

2023 - r-Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Akron

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
 - 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



10

JAMARION
WILCOX

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 184 • Freshman-RS
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 Sumo Robinson at South Paulding High School
- Finished his career with 4,119 yards rushing and 58 total scores
- Helped the Spartans advance to the Georgia 6A Round Two Playoff Game and to an 8-4 record as a senior in 2022
- Totalled 2,382 all-purpose yards, had 229 rushes for 2,059 rushing yards and scored 30 total touchdowns as a senior
- Earned Region 5-6A Offensive Player of the Year honors and All-State First Team
- 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 wrestled





- Qualified for Georgia's 6A tournament as a sophomore in the 182-pound weight class
- Chose Kentucky over Auburn, Clemson and Ohio State

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Raised in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of Sheena Wilcox and Scott Neblett
- Major is community and leadership development

Jamarion Says

- Most people don't know that can dance, sing and tumble
- If he had to eat one meal the rest of his life he would choose fries and rice
- In 10 years, he would like to be a billionaire
- His favorite karaoke song is "Tennessee Whiskey" by Chris Stapleton
- Two words to describe himself on the field are aggressive and elusive



49

JAI
WILLIAMS

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

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
- 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"



71

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

Community Cats

- Volunteered with My New Kentucky Home (2023)
- Volunteered to help a group of little league football players (2023)

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 pre-economics

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



29

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 teammates Octavious Oxendine and 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'Vell Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he has a pet lizard, Dash
- Besides playing football, he's also good at drawing
- Three words to describe him are quiet, funny, and chill
- If he could eat only three foods for the rest of his life he would choose salmon croquettes, Fruity Pebbles and gumbo

WRIGHT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2021	4-0	9	118	13.1	1	52	0	0	0	0	0
2022	13-0	39	120	3.1	0	15	6	28	4.7	0	13
Totals	17-0	48	238	5.0	1	52	6	28	4.7	0	13

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
Totals	39	120	0	15	6	28	0	13

WRIGHT'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	6	75	0	52	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	3	43	1	41	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	118	1	52	0	0	0	0

WRIGHT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 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



43

CARSON
WRIGHT

INSIDE LINEBACKER

5-10 • 205 • Freshman-HS
Pikeville, Ky. (Pikeville)

High School

- Four-year starter for head coach Chris McNance at Pikeville High School
- Helped the Panthers compile a 46-7 overall record during his prep career with three Class A state championship titles (2019, 2021 and 2022)
- Totaled a team-high 147 tackles, with 22.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks, two interceptions and two forced fumbles as a senior
- Also had five carries for 117 yards and two scores as a running back
- Earned first-team All-State by PrepRedZone.com
- Four-year letterwinner on the track & field team as a shot put and discus thrower
- Chose Kentucky over Eastern Kentucky

Personal

- Born in Pikeville, Kentucky
- Son of Shannon and Kandi Wright
- Major is pre-management

Carson Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's home and where he always wanted to play
- One word to describe him on the field is "physical"
- His go-to karaoke song is anything by Tyler Childers
- Besides playing football, he's also enjoys hunting
- His favorite family recipe to make is chicken and dumplings



96

TOMMY
ZIESMER

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

2023 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Ball State
- Got a career-high two tackles, including a sack and TFL vs. Akron

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
- Named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader's* Class of the Commonwealth 31st annual 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