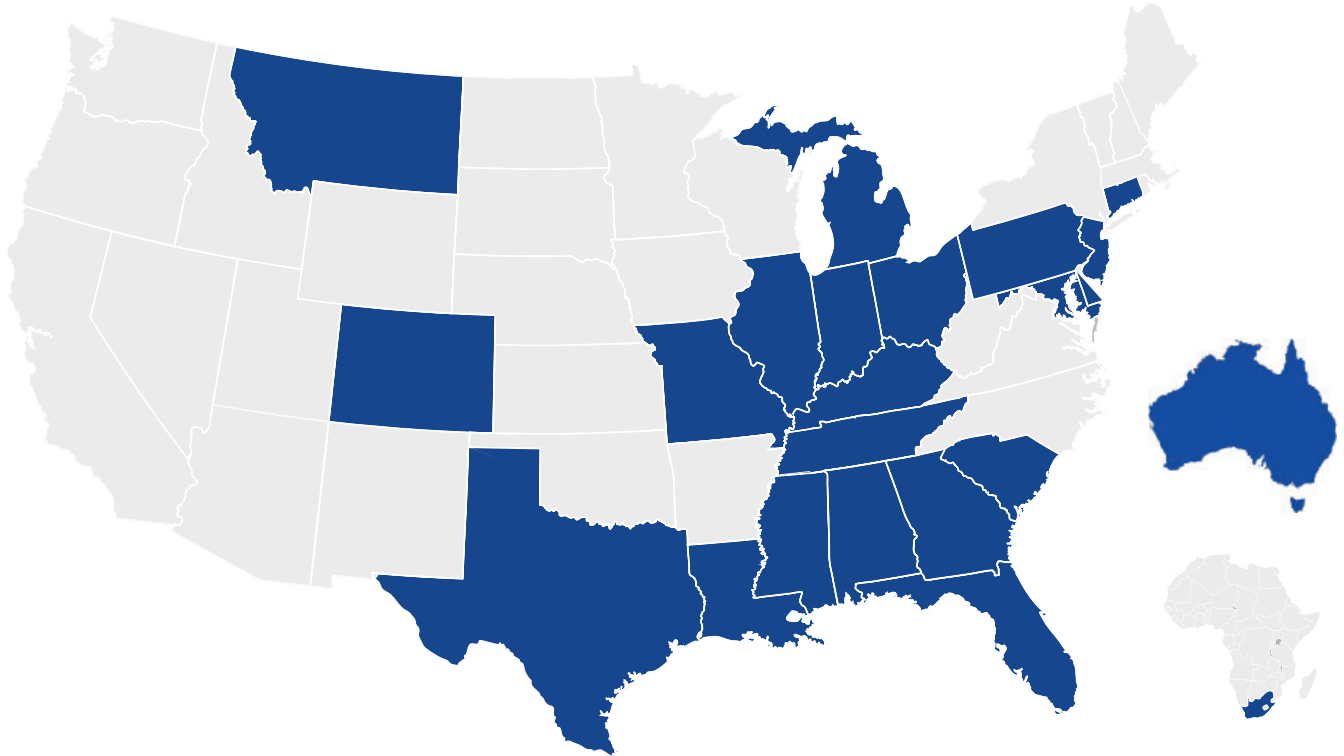




CATS ON THE MAP

The 2024 Football roster is comprised of 21 different states, Australia and South Africa



Alabama (7)

Birmingham	Lucas Padgett
Florence	Koby Keenum
Huntsville	Kahlil Saunders
Lanett	Kristian Story
Montgomery	Avery Stuart
Oxford	Jackson Bunn
Valley	Cam Dooley

Colorado (1)

Colorado Springs	Walker Himebauch
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Delaware (1)

Bridgeville	Noah Matthews
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Florida (8)

Belle Glade	Hardley Gilmore IV
Deerfield Beach	Jayvant Brown
Fort Lauderdale	Tovani Mizell
	Gerald Mincey
Pompano Beach	Daniel Mincey
Sneads	Jason Patterson
West Palm Beach	Henry Bennett
	Jarard Mosely

Georgia (15)

Atlanta	Antwan Smith
Augusta	Dennious Jackson
Bogart	Brock Vandagriff
Brunswick	Devin Smith
Columbus	JQ Hardaway
Covington	Jalen Farmer
	Quintavion Norman
Douglasville	Jamarion Wilcox
Dublin	D'Eryk Jackson
Gainesville	Darius Cannon
Kennesaw	Alex Raynor
Macon	Quavo Marshall
Savannah	Tavion Gadson
Suwanee	Grant Godfrey
Warner Robins	Kyle Mixon

Illinois (3)

Glenville	Spencer Leadbetter
Peoria	Marques Cox
	Courtland Ford

Indiana (3)

Indianapolis	Kendrick Gilbert
	Daveren Rayner
Noblesville	Dylan Ray

Kentucky (30)

Bowling Green	Jordan Dingle
	Jantzen Dunn
Campbellsville	Hayes Johnson
Danville	Tommy Ziesmer
Frankfort	Fred Farrier II
Glasgow	Rico Crowder
Hodgenville	Cutter Boley
Independence	Aba Selm
Lexington	Beau Allen
	Ty Bryant
	Jager Burton
	Hayden Dawahare
	Max DeGraff
	Trey Dennis
	Dane Key
	Jack Monday
Louisville	Jackson Schulz
	J.J. Weaver
Nicholasville	Eli Cox
Owensboro	Gavin Wimsatt
Pikeville	Carson Wright
Radcliff	Jordan Lovett
	Octavious Oxendine
Richmond	Malachi Wood
Science Hill	Jase Bruner
Somerset	Jacob Smith
	Jerod Smith II
Taylor Mill	Willie Rodriguez
Virgie	Lincoln Billiter
Winchester	Landon Marcum

Louisiana (1)

Baton Rouge	Chy Rivers
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Maryland (1)

Hyattsville	Pop Dumas-Johnson
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Michigan (3)

Detroit	Khamari Anderson
	Deone Walker
West Bloomfield	Maxwell Hairston

Mississippi (1)

Horn Lake	Josaih Hayes
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Missouri (2)

Kirkwood	Ja'Mori Maclin
St. Louis	Caleb Reed

Montana (1)

Billings	Jacob Kauwe
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New Jersey (2)

Newark	Nasir Addison
Willingboro	Demie Sumo-Karngbaye

North Carolina (3)

Charlotte	Jaden Smith
Rocky Mount	Keeshawn Silver
Weddington	Alex McLaughlin

Ohio (15)

Akron	Ben Christman
	Chip Traynum
	Alex Afari
	Santos Alvarez
	Darrion Henry-Young
	Josh Kattus
	Justin Kattus
	Terhyon Nichols
	Brandon White
Springfield	Anthony Brown-Stephens

Toledo	Marc Nave Jr.
Washington Court House	Tanner Lemaster
Youngstown	Tino Merlo
	Brian Robinson
	DJ Waller Jr.

Pennsylvania (3)

Pittsburgh	Tyrese Fearby
Philadelphia	Austin Ramsey
	David Washington Jr.

South Carolina (1)

Marion	Quay'Sheed Scott
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Tennessee (3)

Dickson	Tre'vonn Rybka
Nashville	Barion Brown
Powell	Steven Soles, Jr.

Texas (4)

Friendswood	Trent Baker
Fort Worth	Josh Terrell
Houston	Zion Childress
Tomball	Anfernee Crease

AUSTRALIA (1)

Maribyrnong	Wilson Berry
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SOUTH AFRICA (1)

Cape Town	Aidan Laros
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2024 SOCIAL MEDIA ROSTER

Name	X	Instagram
Nasir Addison	AddisonNasir	Nasaddison
Alex Afari Jr.	AlexAfari8	afari_2
Beau Allen	BeauAllen11	beaua11en
Santos Alvarez	SantosAlvarez00	tos.Alvarez
Khamari Anderson	espn_mar05	khamarianderson15
Trent Baker	trantbaker02	trentbacker02
Henry Bennett	Bennett19Henry	henrybennett19
Wilson Berry	Wilsonberry61	n/a
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Anthony Brown-Stephens	anthonybrownn_	anthonybrown7
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Jayvant Brown	JayvantBrown	jay.v_2
Jase Bruner	Jasebruner1	bruner.1
Ty Bryant	Ty_Bryant32	ty_bryant
Jackson Bunn	jacksontbunn	jacksontbunn
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Zion Childress	ZionChildress	freechamp
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Max DeGraff	MaxDegraff23	Max_degraff
Trey Dennis	Trey3dennis	treywdennis
Jordan Dingle	jordandingle21	jordandingle21
Cam Dooley	CamDooley1	cdooley.5
Jantzen Dunn	JantzenDunn	jantzen.dunn
Jalen Farmer	jalenfarmer5	officialpaid55
Fred Farrier II	n/a	f.farrier.2
Tyrese Fearbry	FearbryTyrese	tyresefearbry
Courtland Ford	FordCourtland	famous.cjf
Tavion Gadson	tavion_gadson	heartless_jh1t
Kendrick Gilbert	kgilbert23	kkendrick
Hardley Gilmore IV	GilmoreHardley	hardleygilmore_
Grant Godfrey	GrantGodfrey3	grantgodfrey_
Maxwell Hairston	Mhairston22	mhairston22
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Darrion Henry-Young	darrion_henry	iamdhenry
Walker Himebauch	WalkerHimebauch	walkerhimebauch
Dennious Jackson	DenniousJ	denn_ious
D'Eryk Jackson	Derykjakson4	derykjakson
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Josh Kattus	Jkattus	joshkattus84
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Ja'Mori Maclin	routerunner9	presidentmori
Landon Marcum	LandonMarcum4	landon_m05
Noah Matthews	n/a	_noahhhhhh

Jiquavious Marshall	JiquaviousQuavo	_quavom
Alex McLaughlin	AlexMclaughlin	alexwmclaughlin
Tino Merlo	tmassmerlo	tmassmerlo
Daniel Mincey	danielm1ncey	n/a
Gerald Mincey	GeraldMincey	geraldm1ncey
Kyle Mixon	KyleMixon9	kylemixon18
Tovani Mizell	TovaniMizell	tovanimizell
Jack Monday	JackHMonday	jackmondayy
Jarard Mosely	jarardmosely	jarardmosely
Marc Nave Jr.	marcnavejr	marcnavejr
Quintavion Norman	Focused_5	luhkquin1k
Terhyon Nichols	NicholsT24	rhyuniverse
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Lucas Padgett	Lucas_padgett71	lucas_padgett58
Jason Patterson	JPatterson_5	jasonpatterson__
Austin Ramsey	ramseyhouse	ramseyhouse76
Dylan Ray	dylanray22	d.ray70
Daveren Rayner	D9veren	d9veren
Alex Raynor	acraynor1	acraynor
Caleb Redd	CalebRedd20	_caleb_
Chy Rivers	chy_rivers	chyriders
Brian Robinson	BRob_2323	b_rob2323
Willie Rodriguez	w_rodriguez10	willie_rodriguez10
Tre'vonn Rybka	trevonnrybka	trevonnrybka
Kahlil Saunders	Kahlil_Saunders	theofficial_kahlil
Jackson Schulz	JacksonSchulz29	jackson_schulz_
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Aba Selm	abaselm1	abaselm1
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Antwan Smith	Antwansmith25	only1.smitty
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Steven Soles Jr.	6kSteven	6ixsticcs
Kristian Story	only1kstory	1kstory
Avery Stuart	n/a	chaos8stuart
Demie Sumo-Karngbaye	n/a	Shark0
Josh Terrell	joshterrell21	joshterrell_
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Brock Vandagriff	BrockVandagriff	brockvandagriff
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DJ Waller Jr.	dwaller6x	dwaller6
David Washington Jr.	dwjr25	dw_13
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Malachi Wood	BIGMAL_67	BIGMAL_67
Carson Wright	carsonwright33	carsonwright33
Tommy Ziesmer	tommy_ziesmer	tommyziesmer



2024 PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

Breakdown by Class (as of July 25)

Super Seniors (13)

Zion Childress
Eli Cox
Marques Cox
Courtland Ford
Josaih Hayes
Gerald Mincey
Octavious Oxendine
Daveren Rayner
Alex Raynor
Tre'vonn Rybka
Kristian Story
Chip Trayanum
J.J. Weaver

Seniors (11)

Beau Allen
Jase Bruner
Trey Dennis
Darrion Henry-Young
D'Eryk Jackson
Pop Johnson
Lucas Padgett
Keeshawn Silver
Demi Sumo-Karngbaye
Brock Vandagriff

Juniors (28)

Alex Afari Jr.
Wilson Berry
Barion Brown
Jayvant Brown
Jager Burton
Ben Christman
Jordan Dingle
Janzen Dunn
Fred Farrier II
Maxwell Hairston
JQ Hardaway
Dennious Jackson
Josh Kattus
Dane Key
Jordan Lovett
Ja'Mori Maclin
Alex McLaughlin
Jarard Mosely
Jack Monday
Dylan Ray
Kahlil Saunders
Jackson Schulz
Keeshawn Silver
Josh Terrell
Deone Walker
Gavin Wimsatt

Sophomores (21)

Nasir Addison
Santos Alvarez
Khamari Anderson
Henry Bennett
Lincoln Billiter
Anthony Brown-Stephens
Ty Bryant
Jackson Bunn
Darius Cannon
Anfernee Crease
Hayden Dawahare
Max DeGraff

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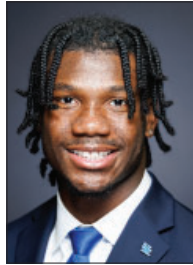
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Tommy Ziesmer

Freshmen (26)

Cutter Boley
Rico Crowder
Cam Dooley
Hardley Gilmore IV
Hayes Johnson
Justin Kattus
Jacob Kauwe
Quavo Marshall
Daniel Mincey
Kyle Mixon
Tovani Mizell
Mac Nave Jr.
Terhyon Nichols
Quintavion Norman
Jason Patterson
Caleb Redd
Brian Robinson
Willie Rodriguez
Aba Selm
Antwan Smith
Devin Smith
Jacob Smith
Jaden Smith
Jerod Smith II
Steven Soles Jr.
David Washington Jr.

From the Portal

Beau Allen - Ga. Southern
Anfernee Crease - Navarro College
Jalen Farmer - Florida
Fred Farrier II - UAB
Dennious Jackson - Contra Costa College
Pop Johnson - Georgia
Ja'Mori Maclin - North Texas
Alex McLaughlin - Illinois
Gerald Mincey - Tennessee
Kristian Story - Alabama
Chip Trayanum - Ohio State
Brock Vandagriff - Georgia
DJ Waller Jr - Michigan
Gavin Wimsatt - Rutgers



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NASIR
ADDISON
DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 199 • Sophomore-1L
Newark, N.J. (Irvington)

2023 - Freshman

- Saw action in eight games and had six tackles and a fumble recovery
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Akron and got one tackle
- Recovered a muffed Alabama punt in the first quarter to help set up the Cats' first touchdown and had one tackle
- Charted a career-best two tackles in the Gator Bowl vs. Clemson

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 Heartly
- 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

ADDISON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
2023	DB	8-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0	0
Totals		8-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0	0

ADDISON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. Akron	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	0
vs. Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0	0

ADDISON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs. Clemson, Dec 29, 2023
Fumble recovery: 1, vs. Alabama, Nov 11, 2023



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ALEX
AFARI JR.

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 222 • Junior-2L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West)

2023 - Sophomore

- Has played in 26 career games with 15 starting assignments
- Started in 12 of 13 games played in 2023
- Totaled 49 tackles, 5.5 for loss, 1.0 sack, one quarterback hurry, one pass breakup, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery this season
- Had a career-high nine tackles, including five solo tackles and one tackle for loss (-1 yard) in the win over Florida ... Had two tackles on third down that forced punts, plus a fourth-down stop that turned over the ball on downs
- Had eight tackles and a career-high tying 1.5 tackles for loss 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
- Totaled four tackles, a sack and his first career pass breakup vs. Mississippi State
- Had five tackles in the win over No. 9 Louisville and vs. Clemson in the Gator Bowl

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

Personal

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

Alex Says

- His nickname is "A2"
- He chose Kentucky because of the people
- Three words to describe him are humble, respectful and funny
- The one thing most people don't know about him is that he speaks fluent Twi (a dialect of the Akan language spoken in southern and central Ghana)
- His favorite family recipe that he likes to eat and make is jollof rice

AFARI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	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	13-12	49	1.0-6	5.5-12	1/1	1	0	2	0
Totals		26-15	70	2.0-11	8.5-22	1/1	1	0	3	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. EKV*	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1	0
at Vandy*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	9	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	4	1.0-6	1.0-6	0/0	1	0	0	0
vs. Alabama*	2	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	4	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Uofl.*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1	0
Totals	49	1.0-6	5.5-12	1/1	1	0	2	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: 9, vs Florida, Sept 30, 2023
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at Miss. State, Nov 4, 2023
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 EKV, Sept 9, 2023
Quarterback hurry: 1, 3x, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023
Pass breakup: 1, at Miss State, Nov 4, 2023



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BEAU ALLEN QUARTERBACK

6-2 • 223 • Senior-TR Lexington, Ky. (Georgia Southern/ Tarleton St./Lexington Catholic)

2024 - Senior

- Transferred back to Kentucky as a graduate transfer after one season at Georgia Southern and one at Tarleton State
- Will have two seasons of eligibility left

2023 - Junior (Georgia Southern)

- Sat out the season due to NCAA transfer rules
- Dean's List (Fall of 2023)

2022 - Sophomore (Tarleton State)

- Started 11 games for Tarleton State
- Named the Western Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year
- Threw for 2,836 yards and had 23 touchdowns on the season with just 11 interceptions
- Had 79 rushing attempts for 110 yards with one rushing TD
- Had five games with 300 yards or more through the air ... Tied for the third most 300+ yard games in a single-season in program history, tied with Steve Kelley (2001), only behind Kevin Vickers (seven, 1994) and Cliff Watkins (six, 2003)
- Led the WAC in passing touchdowns (23, 16th in FCS), passing yards (2,828, 17th in FCS)
- Threw for 316 yards and four scores at North Alabama, earning WAC Offensive Player of the Week honors ... Four touchdown passes tied for the third-most TD passes by a WAC QB in 2022 ... 86-yard pass to Jaden Smith was the longest pass in the conference
- Had a season-high 406 yards passing and three touchdowns at Southern Utah ... 406 yards were the 11th most in Tarleton Football history and the 12th 400+ yard game in program history ... Second-highest yards by a WAC QB in 2022
- Threw for three scores against Houston Christian
- Made the Honor Roll in the spring

2021 - r-Freshman (Kentucky)

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

2020 - Freshman (Kentucky)

- Redshirt season
- Mid-year enrollee
- Saw action in two games vs. Vanderbilt and at Alabama





- Completed 3-of-7 passes for 40 yards
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Vanderbilt on Nov. 14 and completed 3 of 5 passes for 40 yards

High School

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

Community Cats

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

Personal

- Born in Carmel, Indiana
- Son of Bill and Ingrid Allen
- Dad, Bill, also played quarterback at Kentucky from 1984-88
- Graduated from Georgia Southern in December of '23 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies with a minor in management ... Currently working on a second degree in finance at UK

Beau Says

- His nickname is "Beau" - his birth name is William
- After football his dream job is to be an investment advisor
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he reads every day
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is macaroni and cheese
- His go-to karaoke song is "Piano Man"

ALLEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2020	2-0	2	-9	0	3	7	0	42.9	40	0	20
2021	3-0	4	9	1	8	12	0	66.7	92	0	31
2022*	11-11	79	110	1	193	340	11	56.8	2836	23	86
at UK	5-0	6	0	1	11	19	0	57.9	132	0	31
Totals	16-11	85	110	2	204	359	11	56.8	2968	23	86

*at Tarleton State

ALLEN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (AT TARLETON)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Mississippi Valley State	23-38-0	300	3	39	2	3	0	10
at TCU	11-25-2	210	1	42	3	5	0	3
vs. Eastern New Mexico	21-37-1	313	2	59	6	32	1	14
at North Alabama	18-29-1	316	4	86	7	32	0	15
at S. Utah	15-34-1	406	3	74	11	55	0	13
at S.F. Austin	18-31-2	222	2	35	9	-32	0	9
vs. SW Baptist	15-21-0	82	0	17	9	31	0	11
vs. Sam Houston	15-28-3	202	2	34	6	-13	0	10
vs. Abilene Christian	16-27-0	181	2	54	8	-3	0	1
at Utah Tech	28-47-1	397	1	50	14	7	0	13
vs. Houston Christian	13-23-0	207	3	59	4	-7	0	9
Totals	193-340-11	2836	23	86	79	110	1	15

ALLEN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

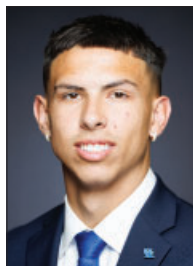
Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	4-7-0	52	0	31	1	-10	0	0
vs. NM State	3-4-0	40	0	23	2	-14	1	3
vs. Louisville	1-1-0	0	0	0	1	23	0	23
Totals	8-12-0	92	0	31	4	9	1	23

ALLEN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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

ALLEN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 28, vs Utah Tech, Nov 12, 2022
 Pass completions: 47, vs Utah Tech, Nov 12, 2022
 Pass yards: 406, vs Southern Utah, Oct 8, 2022
 Passing touchdowns: 4, vs Northern Alabama, Sept 24, 2022
 Long pass: 86, vs North Alabama, Sept 24, 2022
 Rush Attempts: 14, vs Utah Tech, Nov 12, 2022
 Rushing yards: 55, vs Southern Utah, Oct 8, 2022
 Rushing touchdowns: 1, twice, last vs Eastern New Mexico, Sept 17, 2022



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SANTOS
ALVAREZ IV

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 178 • Sophomore-SQ
Cincinnati, Ohio (Anderson)

2023 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Four-year letter winner 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 letter winner in track and basketball
- Member of the Future Business Leaders of America and the Student-Athlete Leadership Program

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2024)
- Made cards for kids in the Kentucky Children's Hospital (2024)
- Participated in a Back to School event at a local high school

Personal

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

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



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KHAMARI
ANDERSON

TIGHT END

6-5 • 252 • Sophomore-1L
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)

2023 - Freshman

- Saw action in 11 games
- Caught his first collegiate pass, good for 11 yards, in the win over No. 9 Louisville
- Also had two tackles on special teams ... Got his first career tackle vs. Mississippi State (Nov. 4) and also got one vs. Alabama
- Dean's List (Fall 2023)
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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 listed 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 an offensive lineman at Michigan
- Majoring in health promotion

Khamari Says

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



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TRENT BAKER

LONG SNAPPER

6-2 • 210 • Freshman-HS Friendswood, Texas (Friendswood)

High School

- Two-year starter at Friendswood High School for head coach Jordan Johnson
- Earned first-team District 10-5A Texas as a long snapper in 2023 and was a second-team choice in 2022
- Named Honorable Mention on the 2023 All-State Academic Team
- Also played at left tackle for the Mustangs
- Finished with the third-highest charting score in the country for the 2024 class and an average snap time of .69 seconds
- At the Kohl's National Scholarship Camp, finished with the fifth-highest charting score in his class
- Chose Kentucky over North Texas

Community Cats

- Visited the elderly at a local retirement home (2024)
- Participated in the My New Kentucky Home Community Engagement event with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2024)

Personal

- Born in Pearland, Texas
- Son of Michael and Lori Baker
- Has one sister, Claire
- Major is pre-marketing

Trent Says

- His dream job is to play in the NFL
- One thing people may not know about him is that he is participated in gymnastics for eight years
- Three words to describe him are fun, happy and outgoing
- One thing he will never do again is swim with sting rays
- His go-to Karaoke song is "Umbrella" by Rihanna



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HENRY BENNETT IV

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 201 • Sophomore-SQ West Palm Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Newman)

2023 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

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 pre-integrated strategic communication

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



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WILSON BERRY

PUNTER

6-4 • 217 • Junior-1L Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)

2023 - Sophomore

- Punted in all 13 games and had 56 punts for 2,185 yards and a 39.7 average (9th in the SEC)
- 13 punts inside the 20-yard line and nine 50-plus yarders
- 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
- 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
- Graduated in May of '23 with a degree in kinesiology ... Currently working on a master's degree in kinesiology and health promotion
- 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	13	56	2222	39.7	4	23	13	56	9
Totals	20	79	3152	39.9	4	34	20	56	11

BERRY'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. Ball State*	2	97	48.5	51	0
vs. EKU*	3	155	51.7	55	3
vs. Akron*	3	123	41.0	45	0
at Vandy*	5	204	40.8	48	0
vs. Florida*	3	143	47.7	56	1
at Georgia*	8	248	31.0	47	3
vs. Missouri*	5	190	38.0	55	0
vs. Tennessee*	1	36	36.0	36	0
at Miss. State*	6	222	37.0	44	3
vs. Alabama*	6	252	42.0	50	0
at USC*	5	229	45.8	53	1
at Uofl*	3	120	40.0	55	1
vs. Clemson*	6	203	33.8	45	1
Totals	56	3115	39.9	56	13

BERRY'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

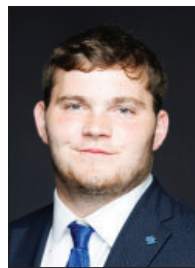
Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
at Missouri	1	35	35.0	35	1
vs. Vanderbilt*	2	70	35.0	40	2
vs. Georgia*	3	140	46.7	53	0
vs. Uofl*	3	128	42.7	47	1
vs. Iowa*	10	409	40.9	51	2
Totals	19	782	41.2	53	6

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 EKU, Sept 9, 2023 (3 for 155)
 Long Punt: 56, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023
 Tackles: 1, twice, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 & vs Iowa, Dec. 31, 2022



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LINCOLN
BILLITER

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 288 • Sophomore-SQ
Virgie, Ky. (Shelby Valley)

2023 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2023)
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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



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CUTTER
BOLEY

QUARTERBACK

6-5 • 214 • Freshman-HS
Hodgenville, Ky. (Lexington Christian)

2024 - Freshman

- Midyear enrollee

High School

- A consensus four-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- Rated the No. 14 quarterback in the 2024 class and top-ranked recruit in Kentucky according to 247Sports Composite
- A four-time letter winner and starter at QB
- Coached by Doug Charles at LCA
- Earned the 2023 Paul Hornung Award winner as the Commonwealth's top player
- 2023 Kentucky Mr. Football candidate
- Named First-Team Offense on the 2023 All-City High School Football Team
- Completed his prep career completing 565 of 937 passes for 8,331 passing yards with 82 scores
- Also ran for 17 touchdowns
- Threw for 2,187 yards and 24 touchdowns, completing 172 of 268 passes with nine interceptions as a senior ... Also rushed for five scores
- Helped lead Lexington Christian to an 11-2 record, advancing to the Class 2A quarterfinals in 2023
- Earned All-District honors
- Threw for 3,901 yards with 36 touchdowns and 15 interceptions on a 64 percent completion rate as a junior
- Played two seasons at LaRue County before transferring to LCA in 2022
- Also lettered two seasons on the basketball team
- Chose Kentucky over Florida State, Michigan and Penn State

Personal

- Born in Hodgenville, Kentucky
- Son of Scott and Mary Beth Boley
- Has two siblings, Jaxon and Erin
- Comes from a family of athletes as dad, Scott, played basketball at Western Kentucky (1989-92), brother, Jaxon, was a tight end at Wyoming (2018) and sister, Erin, was the 2016 Gatorade National Player of the Year coming out of Elizabethtown High School and went on to play three seasons at Oregon (2019-21)
- Major is undecided





Cutter Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be in construction management
Three words to describe him are determined, hard working and calm
If he could eat only one thing for the rest of his life he would chose buffalo chicken quesadillas
His sports hero is Tom Brady because of the way he carries himself
His go-to karaoke song is "Folsom Prison Blues" by Johnny Cash



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ANTHONY BROWN-STEPHENS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 176 • Sophomore-1L
Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)

2023 - Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games and totaled five catches for 44 yards and one score
Had a 4-yard touchdown reception, the first score of his career, vs. Missouri
Recorded his first career catch for six yards vs. EKU
SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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 letter winner under head coach Maurice "Moe" Douglass, a former Wildcat
Named first-team All-Greater Western Ohio Conference as a senior
Helped lead the Wildcats to 13-2 record and a spot in the state championship game by totaling 83 catches for 1,626 yards with a conference-high 20 touchdowns
Averaged a conference-high 19.6 yards per catch and led the GWOC with 126 points
Also had a conference-high eight kick returns for 215 yards for 26.9 yards per return and a touchdown and 15 punt returns for 249 yards, averaging 16.6 yards per return
Rushed 16 times for 99 yards
Led the Wildcats to a GWOC championship with a 6-1 league record
Advanced to the Division I state title game, where he caught six passes for 106 yards and a touchdown vs. Cleveland St. Ignatius
As a junior, led the conference with 57 receptions for 822 yards receiving and averaged 14.4 yards per catch with seven touchdowns
Earned honorable mention All-Ohio in 2021
An all-around athlete who also ran track and was on the basketball team
Also had offers from Cincinnati, Michigan, Oklahoma and Penn State

Personal

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

Table with columns: Year, Pos, G-GS, Rec, Yds, Avg, TD, KR, Yds, TD, PR, Yds, TD. Row for 2023 and Totals.

A. BROWN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec, Yds, TD, Long, Att, Yds, TD, Long, Avg. Rows for various opponents and Totals.

BROWN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, 5x, last at South Carolina, Nov. 28, 2023
Receiving yards: 20, vs Tennessee, Oct 28, 2023 (1 reception)
Receiving touchdowns: 1, vs Missouri, Oct 14, 2023
Long reception: 20, vs Tennessee, Oct 28, 2023
Kick returns: 1, at Georgia, Oct 7, 2023
Kick return yards: 16, at Georgia, Oct 7, 2023



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BARION BROWN

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 182 • Junior-2L
Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)

2024 - Junior

- Preseason Second Team All-America, RS (Athlon)
Preseason Fourth Team All-American, WR (Athlon)
Preseason Second Team All-America, RS (Phil Steele)
Preseason First Team All-SEC (Media, Phil Steele, Athlon)
Jet Award Preseason Watch List
Hornung Award Preseason Watch List
Has compiled 1,167 career yards receiving, moving up to No. 28 on UK's all-time receiving yards list
Has made a reception in every game as a Wildcat (26)
Has 2,407 career all-purpose yards with 1,167 yards receiving, 145 yards rushing, 1,016 kick return yards and 79 punt return yards
Holds the UK single-season (36.0) and career (31.75) records for KO return average
Holds the UK records for most kickoff return touchdowns in a career (4), season (3) and game (1)

2023 - Sophomore

- All-Bowl Team (AP)
First Team All-America (Sporting News)
Second Team All-America (247)
Second Team All-America (CBS Sports)
Third Team All-American (CFN)
First Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
First Team All-SEC (Pro FB Focus)
Second Team All-SEC (Coaches)
Second Team All-SEC (AP)
SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (9/4)
Started in 12 of 13 games played
Had a team-high 43 catches for 539 yards and four scores in 2023
Also had 12 rushes for 147 yards and one rushing TD
As UK's return specialist in 2023, he totaled 576 yards on 16 kickoff returns for a nation-high 36.0 yards per return avg. ... Had a long of 100 yards twice (vs. Louisville and Clemson) with a nation-high three returns for a touchdown
Ranks 17th overall in the college football annuals in single-season kick return average (36.0)
Also had three punt returns for 51 yards (17.0 ypr)
Returned three kickoffs for touchdowns, breaking the UK single-season and career record (4) for kickoff return TDs ... Tied the SEC records in both categories
Only player in the nation to chart three kickoff returns for touchdowns since South Florida's Brian Battie in 2021
Named the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Most Valuable Player and named to the All-Bowl team by The Associated Press after totaling three receptions



- for 100 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown reception ... Adding two carries for 26 yards and a 22-yard touchdown rushing (the first of his career) and a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown on the first play of the second half, his third TD return of the season and the fourth of his career
- His kickoff return for a TD, which was credited as 102 yards according to the Bowl's stat crew, is the longest in TaxSlayer Gator Bowl history, a record previously held by Andre Debose of Florida (99 yards) against Ohio State on Jan. 2, 2012
- His kickoff return for a TD is the second for a Kentucky player in a bowl game ... The other was by David Jones against East Carolina (99 yards, also at the beginning of the second half) in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl on Jan. 2, 2009
- Became the second player in school history to have a rushing, receiving and kickoff return for a touchdown in the same game ... Last to do so was Don "Dopey" Phelps vs. Michigan State in 1946 ... Also marked the first game of his career with both receiving and rushing TD
- Named SEC Co-Special Teams Player of the Week (11/27) after returning a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter against No. 9 Louisville ... Also caught two passes for 48 yards, including a crucial 23-yard catch that set up Ray Davis' game-winning touchdown run ... Had a career-high 250 all-purpose yards on the day, 180 on kickoff returns, 48 receiving and 22 rushing
- Is just the third player in school history with a kickoff return touchdown in consecutive seasons, joining Craig Yeast (1996-1998) and Derrick Locke (2008-2009)
- Had two 100+ yard games this season (100 vs. Clemson and 105 vs. Vanderbilt) ... Now has four in his career
- Hornung Award Watch List for the nation's most versatile player

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 were the second-most touchdowns 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	13-12	43	539	12.5	4	16	576	3	3	51	0
Totals		26-19	93	1167	12.5	8	32	1016	4	10	79	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
at Vandy*	4	105	0	55	1	4	0	4	4.0
vs. Florida	4	37	0	12	1	14	0	14	14.0
at Georgia*	1	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	3	18	0	12	1	17	0	17	17.0
vs. Tennessee*	5	58	1	32	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	4	24	0	16	1	22	0	22	22.0
vs. Alabama*	2	3	0	5	1	7	0	0	7.0
at USC*	4	30	1	14	0	0	0	0	0
at Uofl*	2	48	0	25	2	22	0	11	11.0
vs. Clemson*	3	100	1	60	2	26	1	22	13.0
Totals	43	539	4	60	12	147	1	26	12.3





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

Table with columns: Opponent, KR, Yds, Avg, Long, TD, PR, Yds, Avg, Long, TD. Rows include vs. Ball St., vs. EKU, vs. Akron, at Vandy, vs. Florida, at Georgia, vs. Missouri, vs. UT, at MSU, vs. Bama, at USC, at UofL, vs. Clemson, and Totals.

B. BROWN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec, Yds, TD, Long, Att, Yds, TD, Long, Avg. Rows include vs. Miami OH, at Florida, vs. YSU, vs. NIU, at Ole Miss, vs. USC, vs. Miss. State, at Tennessee, at Missouri, vs. Vanderbilt, vs. Georgia, vs. UofL, vs. Iowa, and Totals.

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

Table with columns: Opponent, KR, Yds, Avg, Long, TD, PR, Yds, Avg, Long, TD. Rows include vs. Miami, at Florida, vs. YSU, vs. NIU, at Ole Miss, vs. USC, vs. Miss. St, at UT, vs. Vandy, vs. Georgia, vs. UofL, vs. Iowa, and Totals.

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, 4x, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023
Rush yards: 34, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023 (2 carries)
Long rush: 26, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023
Rushing TDs: 1, vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023
Kick returns: 4, at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023
Kick return yards: 180, at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023
Long return: 100, 3x, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023
Kick return touchdowns: 1, 3x, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023 (100 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: 250, at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023



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JAYVANT BROWN

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0 • 225 • Sophomore-1L
Dearfield Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

2023 - Freshman

- Saw action in 11 games and totaled seven tackles
Saw his first collegiate action vs. EKU
Got a career-best two tackles vs. Akron, against Alabama and at Louisville

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
Totalled 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 communication

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

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds, TFL-Yds, FC/FR, INT, PBU. Rows include 2023 and Totals.

J. BROWN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int. Rows include vs. Ball State, vs. EKU, vs. Akron, at Vandy, vs. Florida, at Georgia, vs. Missouri, vs. Tennessee, at Miss. State, vs. Alabama, at USC, at UofL, vs. Clemson, and Totals.

J. BROWN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, 3x, last at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023



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JASE BRUNER

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 235 • Senior-SQ
Science Hill, Ky. (Somerset)

2023 - Senior

- Saw action in six games on special teams before suffering a season-ending knee injury vs. Alabama



- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Florida on special teams and also saw action at Georgia, vs. Missouri vs. Tennessee, at Mississippi State and vs. Alabama
- Dean's List (Fall 2023)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

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

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

- Graduated in December of '23 with a degree in management ... Currently working on a second degree in business with a double major in finance and marketing ... Also working on an undergraduate certificate in financial planning

Jase Says

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



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TY BRYANT

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 197 • Sophomore-1L
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2023 - Freshman

- Played in all 13 games with three starts
- Saw his first collegiate start vs. Tennessee and also started at Mississippi State and vs. Alabama
- Totaled 40 tackles and a pass breakup
- Got a career-high 12 tackles vs. the Vols, tied for the most tackles in a single game for a Wildcat this season ... Marked his first game with double digits
- Followed that performance with eight tackles in the win over Mississippi State and also led UK with eight tackles against Alabama
- Named SEC Co-Freshman of the Week for his performance against the Bulldogs
- Dean's List (Fall 2023)
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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 AP first-team All-State defense in 2021
- 2021 *Courier-Journal* all-state honorable mention defense
- High school teammates with current Wildcats Jager Burton and Dane Key
- Coached by Nate McPeck
- A five-year letter winner on the Broncos' baseball team as a middle infielder
- Excelled in the classroom with a 4.3 GPA ... Member of the Beta Club
- 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 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-G	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.	
2023	13-3	40	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0	
Totals	13-3	40	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	

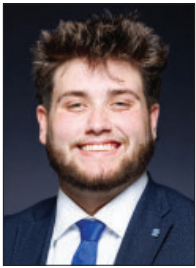
BRYANT'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME									
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.		
vs. Ball State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. EKV	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Akron	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
at Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
at Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Missouri	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Tennessee*	12	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
at Miss. State*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Alabama*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0		
at UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Clemson	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
Totals	40	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0		





BRYANT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 12, vs Tennessee, Oct 28, 2023
Pass breakup: 1, at South Carolina, Nov 18, 2023



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**JACKSON
BUNN**

DEFENSIVE LINE

**6-2 • 301 • Sophomore-SQ
Oxford, Ala. (Oxford)**

2023 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

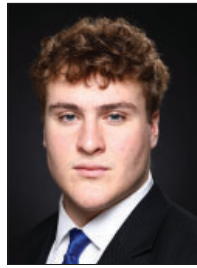
- Three-year letterman, two-year starter on the offensive line
- Played for head coach Sam Adams at Oxford High School
- Named first-team All-Calhoun County Offensive Line
- Earned the team's Senior Academic Award
- Member of the National Honor Society with a 4.7 grade point average

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



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**JAGER
BURTON**

OFFENSIVE LINE

**6-4 • 316 • Junior-2L
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)**

2023 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in 29 career games with 25 consecutive starts in games played
- Started in all 12 games he's played this season, earning the nod at center in the first three games before moving back to right guard at Vanderbilt
- Did not play vs. Missouri with injury
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

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 letter winner 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

Community Cats

- Participated in a bowling event with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2024)

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
- On track to graduate in December of '24 with a degree in communication

Jager Says

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



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**DARIUS
CANNON**

WIDE RECEIVER

**5-9 • 177 • Sophomore-SQ
Gainesville, Ga. (Gainesville)**

2023 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Four-year letter winner 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



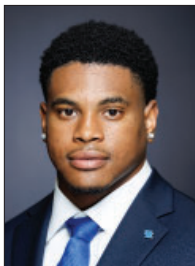
- During his four seasons, he helped Gainesville compile a 34-12 record, including a 14-1 record as a senior
- Named his team's Most Valuable Player in both 2021 and 2022
- Earned statewide Player of the Week in 2022 honors after piling up 241 all-purpose yards, including a 99-yard kickoff return for 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 letter winner 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 sport leadership

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



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ZION
CHILDRESS

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 195 • Senior-2L
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
- Started in all 13 games
- Totaled 59 tackles, 1.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL, three PBUs and a fumble recovery
- Got a season-high eight tackles vs. Tennessee and also vs. Clemson in the Gator Bowl

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 letter winner in basketball and track & field

Community Cats

- Participated in a bowling event with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2024)
- 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
- Graduated in May '24 with a degree in communication ... Currently working on a second degree in kinesiology with a minor in coaching

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	13-13	59	1.0-6	2.0-8	0/1	0	0	3
at UK		26-14	93	2.0-16	4.0-20	0/1	0	0	6
Totals		50-28	228	2.0-16	6.0-27	2/2	1	1	15

*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. EKU*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Akron*	3	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0		
at Vandy*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1		
vs. Florida*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
at Georgia*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Missouri*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Tennessee*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
at Miss. State*	3	1.0-6	1.0-6	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Alabama*	6	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0		
at USC*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1		
at UofL*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0		
vs. Clemson*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1		
Totals	59	1.0-6	2.0-8	0/1	0	0	3		

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)

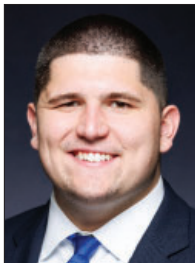
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CHILDRESS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (TEXAS STATE)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int., PBU. Rows include vs. SMU, vs. UTSA, at ULM, at Boston College, at Troy*, at South Alabama*, vs. BYU*, vs. Louisiana, vs. Appalachian St.*, at Ga. Southern*, vs. Arkansas State, vs. Coastal Carolina*, and Totals.

CHILDRESS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 11, vs ULM, Nov 6, 2021
Tackle for loss: 1.0, 6x, last vs Alabama, Nov 11, 2023 (2 yards)
Sacks: 1.0, twice, at Miss State, Nov 3, 2023 (6 yards)
Fumble Caused: 1, twice, last vs. FIU, Sept 11, 2021
Fumble Recovery: 1, SMU, Sept 5, 2020
Pass breakups: 2, vs Georgia Southern, Nov 13, 2021
Interceptions: 1, vs. UIW, Sept 18, 2021



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BEN CHRISTMAN
OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 325 • Junior-SQ
Akron, Ohio (Ohio State/Revere)

2023 - Sophomore

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Ohio State
Missed 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

Community Cats

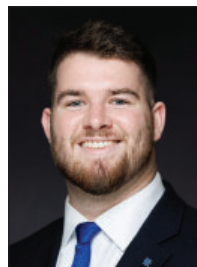
- Participated in a bowling event with Big Brothers, Big Sisters (2024)
Volunteered as a coach and flag football referee for elementary kids at Sculpt Fitness

Personal

- Born in Akron, Ohio
Son of Brian and Karen Christman
Siblings are Thomas and Brooks
On track to graduate in December of '24 with a degree in 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



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ELI COX
OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 309 • *Senior-3L
Nicholasville, Ky. (West Jessamine)

2024 - *Senior

- Returns for his sixth and final season in 2024
Has played in 44 career games with 35 straight starting assignments
Outland Trophy Watch List
Preseason Fourth Team All-SEC (Athlon)
Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

2023 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Second Team All-SEC (Coaches)
Named one of seven permanent team captains for the season
Started in all 13 games in 2023, starting at right guard in the first three games before moving back to center vs. Vanderbilt (played center in 2022)
Earned SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for the EKU 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
Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
Preseason SEC Media Days Third-Team Offense
Preseason Coaches All-SEC Football Third-Team Offense
Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

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
- Got married in January of '24 to Lauryn Willis
- Siblings are Avery and Ellie
- Graduated in May of '22 with a degree in integrated strategic communication with a business minor ... Currently working on a graduate certificate in sport, fitness and recreation management and is on track to earn that in December of '24
- One of three representatives for UK football on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the fourth straight year (2021-24) ... Also elected to the SEC Football Leadership Council in 2022 and 2023 ... Elected chair of the Leadership Council in 2023-24

Eli Says

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



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MARQUES COX

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 318 • *Senior-Tr
Peoria, Ill. (Northern Illinois/Peoria)

2024 - *Senior

- Returns for his seventh and final season in 2024
- 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
- Has played in 49 career games with 46 starts (34 of 36 games at NIU; 13 of 13 at UK)
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Preseason Fourth Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

2023 - Senior

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Earned his first start at UK in the season opener vs. Ball State at left tackle and has started in all 13 games
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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

2020 - Sophomore (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

Community Cats

- Volunteers at the Kentucky Children's Hospital, visiting with the kids and playing games each week (2023-present)

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 '22 with a degree in marketing with a professional sales certificate ... Completed an undergraduate certificate in business in December of '23 ... Currently working on a graduate certificate in sport, fitness and recreation management and is set to earn that certificate in December of '24

Marques Says

- His nickname is "Big Marq"
- He chose Kentucky because the people were amazing and it felt like home
- His dream job is to be a stay-at-home dad
- Three words to describe him are nice, funny and respectful
- His favorite family recipe to make is his mom Ruthie's chicken and potatoes



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ANFERNEE CREASE

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 315 • Sophomore-Tr
Tomball, Texas (Navarro College/Tomball Memorial)

2023 - r-Freshman (Navarro College)

- Played one season at Navarro College, helping the Bulldogs finish 6-5 overall, including 5-3 in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference with





- a No. 12 ranking in the final National Junior College Athletic Association poll
- Earned Second Team All-SWJCFC honors for his play on the offensive line
- Chose Kentucky over SMU, Cal, Texas Tech and USF

2022 - Freshman (Texas-Permian Basin)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-year starter at Tomball Memorial High School for head coach Sam Parker
- Earned Second Team 15-16A All-District honors as a senior and sophomore and First Team All-District honors as a junior
- Also a four-year letter winner on the basketball team at Tomball

Personal

- Born in Tomball, Texas
- Son of Tymesha Taylor
- Has two siblings, Za'haria Taylor and Akeelah Ardoin
- Major is pre-communication

Anfernee Says

- Nickname is "A.J." as his full name is Anfernee JaShun
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be an offensive line coach
- Three words to describe him are funny, caring and playful
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is gumbo
- One thing he will never do again is eat sushi



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RICO CROWDER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-4 • 188 • Freshman-HS
Glasgow, Ky. (Glasgow)

2024 - Freshman

- Midyear enrollee

High School

- A four-year letter winner and two-year starter at wide receiver, running back and defensive back for head coach Jeff Garmon at Glasgow High School
- Charted 2,012 all-purpose yards along with 50 receptions and 20 touchdowns as a senior
- Earned a spot on the 2023 All-SKY Conference's small-school first-team offense
- Had 11 catches for 213 yards and seven receiving touchdowns as a junior ... Also ran 34 times for 225 yards and scored three TDs ... Had six tackles and a sack on defense
- A three-sport standout who also excelled in basketball and track, earning three letters in both sports
- Member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2024)

Personal

- Born in Spalding County, Georgia
- Son of Latavia Long
- Major is undecided

Rico Says

- Nickname is "Rico" as full name is Ricardo
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a business owner
- Three words to describe him are tall, fast and outgoing
- His mom motivates him to work hard every day
- One thing he will never do again is ride a roller coaster



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HAYDEN DAWAHARE
OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 230 • Sophomore-SQ
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)

2023 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2023)
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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

Community Cats

- Serves as a mentor at Amachi Central Kentucky, an organization that serves children of incarcerated parents (2024-present)
- Served as an ambassador at UK's My New Kentucky Home (2024)
- Helped run a lemonade stand for the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation with all proceeds funding scholarships for kids to go to camp, college, etc. (2024)

- Participated in a bowling event with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2024)
- Participated in the Eastern Kentucky Christmas Project, shopping for kids in need and gathering clothes and toys (2023)
- Served as a guest speaker for Fellowship of Christian Athletes (2023)
- Volunteered at the Kentucky Children's Hospital (2023)
- Volunteered at Southland Christian's Joy Program, helping organize presents for those in need (2023)

Personal

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

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



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MAX DEGRAFF
WIDE RECEIVER/
KICKER

5-11 • 167 • Sophomore-SQ
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)

2023 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

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 letter winner in baseball, playing shortstop
- Named to the All-District Team in baseball as a junior in 2021

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2024)

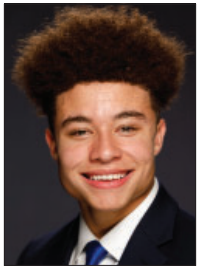


Personal

- 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



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TREY
DENNIS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-8 • 144 • Senior-SQ
Lexington, Ky. (Sayre)

2023 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2022 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

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

Personal

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

Trey Says

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



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JORDAN
DINGLE

TIGHT END

6-4 • 242 • Junior-2L
Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green HS)

2023 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 11 games, with two starting assignments vs. Akron and Florida
- Did not play in the final two regular-season games vs. South Carolina and at Louisville with a hand injury
- Totaled 12 catches for 270 yards, averaging 22.5 yards per reception
- Had a career-high tying four receptions vs. Tennessee and vs. Akron
- Totaled career-high 89 yards, including a career-long, 59-yard reception in the second quarter vs. Akron
- Caught a career-long 72-yard catch vs. Clemson in the Gator Bowl
- Dean's List (Fall 2023)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

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 for the My New Kentucky Home, helping make postcards for kid (2023)
- Volunteered with the Kentucky Children's Hospital at the Barbasol mini golf event (2021)
- Volunteered for the My New Kentucky Home Special Olympics event (2021)

High School

- A four-star prospect by ESPN and a three-star recruit by Rivals and 247sports
- Ranked the No. 5 player in the state and a top-25 tight end nationally by Rivals and 247sports
- Four-year letter winner and starter for head coach Mark Spader
- Caught 41 passes for 515 yards (12.6 ypc) with two touchdowns in helping lead Bowling Green to the 2020 Class AAAA state championship with a 10-2 overall record
- Caught five passes, ran for a touchdown, and had a quarterback sack in the state finals win
- 2020 4th Region AD Association Player of the Year
- Named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Named first-team All-State by the *Courier Journal* and AP as a senior
- Named a preseason All-America candidate by *Sports Illustrated*
- Named honorable mention All-State by the *Courier Journal* as a junior after catching 35 passes for 474 yards and five TDs
- Three-sport athlete who also was a four-year letter winner in basketball and a three-year letter winner in track and field (shot put and hurdles)
- Led Bowling Green to the 2020 4th region title and an elite eight appearance in basketball
- 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
- Older brother, Justice Dingle, played football at Kentucky from 2021-23
- Graduated in May of '24 with a degree in clinical leadership and management ... Currently working on a second degree in clinical leadership and management
- Serves on the UK Athletics Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) as the historian

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	11-2	12	270	22.5	0	72
Totals		28-14	34	544	16.0	3	72

JO. DINGLE'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State	0	0	0	0
vs. EKU	1	16	0	16
vs. Akron*	4	89	0	59
at Vandy	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	2	32	0	31
vs. Tennessee	4	61	0	22
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama	0	0	0	0
at USC		DNP		
at UofL		DNP		
vs. Clemson	1	72	0	72
Totals	12	270	0	72

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, 3x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct 28, 2023
 Receiving yards: 89, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023 (4 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 1, 3x, last at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022
 Long reception: 72, vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023



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CAM DOOLEY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 204 • Freshman-HS Valley, Alabama (Valley)

High School

- A four-star prospect by 247Sports
- Rated a three-star recruit by ESPN, Rivals and On3.com
- Listed as one of the top 60 players in Alabama by On3.com
- A triple threat athlete in high school who was a three-year letter winner and two-year starter at quarterback, wide receiver and safety for head coach Adam Hunter
- Named to the Super 8 Seniors list by the *Opelika-Auburn News* in the 2023 preseason
- Led Valley to a 7-4 record as a senior, completing 107 of 172 passes for 1,584 yards and 23 touchdowns in 11 games
- Rushed 122 times for 561 yards (4.6 yards per carry) for 12 scores
- Caught two passes for 24 yards
- Defensively, recorded 56 tackles, including 2.0 TFL, one interception and one forced fumble
- As a junior, threw for 721 yards and eight touchdown passes and defensively had seven total tackles and an interception in just eight games
- Also excelled on the hardwood, leading Valley to a 33-0 record and a Class 5A State championship in 2022
- Named the Class 5A State Tournament Most Valuable Player after scoring 19 second-half points to add to his nine rebounds, four steals and a block in the finals
- Helped Valley become the first AHSAA boys' basketball team to go undefeated since 2020-21 and just the 11th team in AHSAA history
- Chose Kentucky over Missouri

Personal

- Born in Opelika, Alabama
- Son of Nadette Avery and Danta Dooley
- Has one sister, Kayden Dooley
- Major is kinesiology

Cam Says

- His nickname is "Cam" which is short for Cam'Ron
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and it is a great environment
- His dream job is to be a chiropractor
- Three words to describe him are funny, cool and tall
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can dance

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JAMON "POP" DUMAS-JOHNSON

INSIDE LINEBACKER



6-1 • 245 • Senior-TR Hyattsville, Md. (Georgia/St. Frances Academy)

2024 - Senior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Georgia
- Played in 38 career games with 24 starting assignments and helped the Bulldogs win back-to-back national championships in 2021 and 2022
- Has 126 career tackles, including 17 tackles for loss, 9.5 sacks, six pass breakups, one interception and one forced fumble
- Preseason Second Team All-SEC Defense (Athlon and Phil Steele)

2023 - Junior (Georgia)

- Started in nine games, missing four due to injury
- Totaled 34 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, two pass breakups and a quarterback hurry
- Earned a spot on the several national watch lists, including the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Butkus Award and the Lombardi Award
- Selected to the AP Preseason All-America First Team and The Sporting News Preseason All-America First Team

2022 - Sophomore (Georgia)

- Started at linebacker in all 15 games for the Bulldogs
- Had a fantastic season as a true sophomore, becoming a finalist for the Butkus Award and being named a First-Team All-American by Sporting News and ESPN
- Earned second-team All-America honors by The Associated Press, AFCA and The Athletic
- Named to the Associated Press All-SEC second team
- Was the team's second-leading tackler with 70 total stops, including team-high 9.0 tackles for loss and 4.0 QB sacks ... Also had 26 QB hurries, third-most on the team
- Posted four tackles and two QB hurries against TCU in the CFP National Championship Game
- Had two tackles, a sack and three QB hurries against Ohio State in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

2021 - Freshman (Georgia)

- Played in 14 of UGA's 15 games as a reserve linebacker and on special teams as a true freshman
- Finished with 22 total stops on the season, along with 2.0 QB sacks, 2.5 tackles for loss, one interception and two QB pressures

High School

- Was ranked a four-star prospect and was the nation's No. 10 linebacker coming out of St. Frances Academy in Baltimore, Maryland
- Coached by Henry Russell





- As a junior in 2019, he helped lead the Panthers to an 11-1 record and the No. 3 high school team in the country
- Featured on HBO's "The Cost of Winning" documentary

Personal

- First name is pronounced "jah-MON"
- Born in Hyattsville, Maryland/Prince George's County
- Son of Jimmie Dumas and Julia Johnson
- Has six siblings - Javon, Jimmie, Brandon, Niko, Daron and Daenard
- Twin brother, Javon, is younger by 19 minutes
- Major is community and leadership development

Pop Says

- Nickname is "Pop"
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit
- One thing most people don't know is he's a twin
- Three words to describe him are funny, loud and understanding
- One thing he will never do again is swim in the ocean

JOHNSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	INT	PBU	QBH
2021*	ILB	14-0	22	2.0-22	2.5-23	0/0	1-20	1	2
2022*	ILB	15-15	70	4.0-24	9.0-35	1/0	0	3	26
2023*	ILB	9-9	34	3.5-32	5.5-37	0/0	0-0	2	1
Totals		38-24	126	9.5-78	17.0-95	1/0	1-20	6	29

*at Georgia

JOHNSON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (UGA)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. UT Martin*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Ball State*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. USC*	3	1.0-8	2.0-9	0/0	0	0	0
at UAB*	4	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0
at Auburn*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Kentucky*	4	1.5-15	1.5-15	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. Florida*	4	1.0-9	1.0-9	0/0	1	0	1
vs. Missouri*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	34	3.5-32	5.5-37	0/0	2	0	1

JOHNSON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (UGA)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. Oregon*	3	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Samford*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at USC*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	3
vs. Kent State*	6	2.0-7	3.0-8	0/0	0	0	1
at Missouri*	8	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	1	0	1
vs. Auburn*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	2
vs. Vanderbilt*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	7	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	5
vs. Tennessee*	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	0/0	0	0	3
at Miss. State*	4	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	1	0	0
at Kentucky*	8	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Ga. Tech*	5	0-0	1.0-2	1/0	0	0	2
vs. LSU*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	2

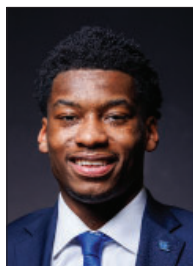
vs. Ohio St.*	2	1.0-12	1.0-12	0/0	0	0	3
vs. TCU*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	2
Totals	70	4.0-24	9.0-35	1/0	3	0	26

JOHNSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (UGA)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. UAB	0	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	1-20	0
vs. USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Auburn	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Kentucky	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. Missouri	5	1.0-9	1.0-9	0/0	0	0	1
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Charleston So.	6	0.5-1	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Ga. Tech	4	1.0-13	1.0-13	0/0	0	0	1
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Michigan	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	22	2.5-23	2.0-2	0/0	1	1-20	2

JOHNSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, twice, last at Kentucky, Nov 19, 2022
Sacks: 2.0, vs Kent State, Sept 24, 2022
Tackles for loss: 3.0, vs Kent State, Sept 24, 2022 (8 yards)
Interceptions: 1, vs UAB, Sept 11, 2021 (20 yards)
Quarterback hurry: 5, vs Florida, Oct 29, 2022
Pass breakups: 1, 6x, last vs Florida, Oct 28, 2023
Forced fumble: 1, at Florida, Oct 30, 2021



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JANTZEN DUNN

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 185 • Junior-1L
 Bowling Green, Ky. (Ohio State/South Warren)

2023 - Sophomore

- 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
- Played in all 13 games at UK in 2023 and totaled nine tackles, 2.0 tackle for loss and a sack
- Got a career-best four tackles vs. Akron, including his first-career TFL
- Also had a career-high four tackles vs. Clemson in the Gator Bowl, along with a his first career sack

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 letter winner 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	13-0	9	1.0-15	2.0-16	0/0	0	0	0
at UK	13-0	9	1.0-15	2.0-16	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	19-0	9	1.0-15	2.0-16	0/0	0	0	0

*at Ohio State





DUNN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU, Int. Rows include vs. Ball State, vs. ECU, vs. Akron, at Vandy, vs. Florida, at Georgia, vs. Missouri, vs. Tennessee, at Miss. State, vs. Alabama, at USC, at UofL, vs. Clemson, and Totals.

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

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU, Int. Rows include vs. Notre Dame, vs. Arkansas St., vs. Wisconsin, at Penn State, and Totals.

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

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU, Int. Rows include vs. Florida, vs. LSU, and Totals.

DUNN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, twice, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023
Tackles for loss: 1, twice, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023 (15 yards)
Sacks: 1, vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023 (15 yards)



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JALEN FARMER

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 314 • Sophomore-Tr
Covington, Ga. (Florida/Eastside)

2024 - Sophomore

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Florida
Played in four total games for the Gators

2023 - r-Freshman (Florida)

- Played in two games as a reserve offensive lineman for the Gators
Made his season debut vs. McNeese State and also saw action vs. Vanderbilt

2022 - Freshman (Florida)

- Redshirted but played in two games, vs. Eastern Washington and against South Carolina
Earned a spot on the SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-year starter on the offensive line for head coaches Troy Hoff and Jay Cawthon
Played left guard and defensive tackle his senior year
Totaled 50 tackles and two sacks with a touchdown, while starting both ways on offense and defense for the Eagles as a senior
Top-35 OL in the country by 247Sports Composite Rankings
Named the 2021 Georgia AAAAA Region 8 Lineman of the Year

Personal

- Born in Atlanta
Son of Kartella Fuller and Shaun Farmer
Has one brother, Tristan
Major is pre-communication

Jalen Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the family vibe
One word to describe him on the field is "mean"
The best advice he's ever received is "keep going"
His mom is his biggest motivator
If he could have dinner with one famous person, living or dead, he would invite Bernie Mac



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FRED FARRIER II

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 182 • Junior-TR
Frankfort, Ky. (UAB/Franklin County)

2024 - Junior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at UAB
Played in 27 career games with seven starts and totaled 29 catches for 389 yards and two touchdowns for the Blazers

2023 - Sophomore (UAB)

- Saw action in all 12 games with six starts
Recorded 18 catches for 266 yards and one touchdown

2022 - r-Freshman (UAB)

- Played in all 13 games with one start
Caught 11 passes for 123 yards and a score

2021 - Freshman (UAB)

- Redshirted in 2021 but saw action in two games vs. Jacksonville State and UTEP

High School

- Considered a three-star prospect coming out of Franklin County High School in Frankfort, Kentucky

- Played both receiver and defensive back for the Flyers
As a senior in 2020, played in 11 games and totaled 58 catches for 1,010 yards and 14 touchdowns
Also scored on a punt return, interception return and a rushing attempt
Charted 39 tackles as a senior defensive back
Coached by Eddie James

Personal

- Born in Cookeville, Tennessee
Son of Danita and Fred Farrier
Has one sister, India
Major is community and leadership development

Fred Says

- His nickname is "Fre'do"
He chose Kentucky because it's his home state and he wanted to make an impact on a bigger level
Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to create a personal training business
Three words to describe him are authentic, sharp and detailed
Besides playing sports, he's also good at cooking and drawing

FARRIER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, Long. Rows include 2021, 2022, 2023, and Totals.

FARRIER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows include vs. NC A&T, at Georgia Southern, vs. Louisiana, at Georgia, at Tulane*, vs. South Florida*, at UTSA, vs. Memphis*, vs. Florida Atlantic*, at Navy*, vs. Temple, at North Texas*, and Totals.

FARRIER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows include vs. Alabama A&M, at Liberty, vs. Georgia Southern, at Rice, vs. Middle Tennessee, vs. Charlotte, at Western Ky., at Florida Atlantic, vs. UTSA*, vs. North Texas, and at LSU.





FARRIER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

at Louisiana Tech	0	0	0	0
vs. Miami (OH)	2	20	0	12
Totals	11	123	1	27

FARRIER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Jacksonville St.	0	0	0	0
vs. UTEP	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0

FARRIER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 4, vs. NC A&T, Aug 31, 2023
 Receiving yards: 67, at Georgia Southern, Sept 9, 2023 (1 reception)
 Receiving TDs: 1, 2x, last at North Texas, Nov 25, 2023
 Long reception: 67, at Georgia Southern, Sept 9, 2023



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**TYREESE
FEARBRY**

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

**6-5 • 242 • Sophomore-1L
Pittsburgh, Pa. (Perry Traditional Academy)**

2023 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games and had six tackles, a tackle for loss, a pass breakup and two quarterback hurries
- Got a career-best two tackles and a PBU 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 pre-communication

Tyreese 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	13-0	6	1.0-1	0-0	0/0	1	2	0	0
Totals	16-0	7	1.0-1	0-0	0/0	2	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
at Vandy	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	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
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Georgia, Oct 7, 2023 (1 yard)
 Pass breakup: 1, twice, last vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
 Quarterback hurries: 1, twice, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023



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**COURTLAND
FORD**

OFFENSIVE LINE

**6-6 • 327 • *Senior-1L
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
- Played in all 13 games this season with two starts at right tackle vs. EKU and Clemson
- Overall, has played in 33 career games with 14 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
- On track to graduate in December of '24 with a degree in 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



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TAVION GADSON

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 295 • Freshman-RS Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)

2023 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
• Saw action in four games vs. Mississippi State, Alabama, South Carolina and Clemson
• Saw his first collegiate action in the win over Mississippi State
• Got his first career tackle vs. Alabama
• Dean's List (Fall 2023)
• SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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"

GADSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with 9 columns: Year, G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds, TFL-Yds, FF/FR, INT, QBH, PBU. Row 1: 2023, 4-0, 1, 0-0, 0.0-0, 0/0, 0, 0, 0. Row 2: Totals, 4-0, 1, 0-0, 0.0-0, 0/0, 0, 0, 0.

GADSON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 9 columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows: at Miss. State (0, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0), vs. Alabama (1, 0-0, 0.0, 0/0, 0, 0), at USC (0, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0), vs. Clemson (0, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0), Totals (1, 0-0, 0.0-0, 0/0, 0, 0).

GADSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1, at Miss State, Nov 4, 2023



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KENDRICK GILBERT

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 275 • Freshman-RS Indianapolis, Ind. (Indianapolis Cathedral)

2023 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
• Played in two games vs. Ball State and Clemson
• Recorded two tackles, one in each game

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 currently plays basketball at DePaul
• 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

Table with 9 columns: Year, G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds, TFL-Yds, FF/FR, INT, QBH, PBU. Row 1: 2023, 2-0, 2, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0, 0. Row 2: Totals, 2-0, 2, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0, 0.

GILBERT'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 9 columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows: vs. Ball State (1, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0), vs. Clemson (1, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0), Totals (2, 0-0, 0-0, 0/0, 0, 0).

GILBERT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1, twice, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023



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HARDLEY GILMORE IV

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 178 • Freshman-HS Belle Glade, Fla. (Pahokee)

High School

- A consensus four-star prospect
• Rated one of the top 45 wide receivers in the 2024 class by On3.com
• Reclassified from the class of 2025 to the 2024 recruiting class in June of 2023, forgoing his junior season
• Played varsity football as a two-way player at receiver and defensive back since the eighth grade, beginning his prep career at Glades Day
• Transferred to The Benjamin School in West Palm Beach for his freshman season where he caught 16 passes for 229 yards and seven scores ... Helped lead his squad to an 8-4 record and a run to the Class 3A region finals
• Transferred to Pahokee High School for his sophomore season and earned a spot on the Palm Beach Post Super 11 team after charting 43 catches for 1,003 yards and nine receiving touchdowns, while snagging 21 tackles, eight pass breakups and three interceptions on defense
• As a senior in the fall of 2023, caught 52 passes for 879 yards and 15 touchdowns along with 13 tackles, eight pass breakups and two interceptions
• Earned All-County honors by the Sun Sentinel



- Played for head coach Matthew Sparrowhawk at Pahokee in 2023
- Also ran track and placed third in Florida's state long jump and was sixth in the 800-meter run in 2022
- Chose UK over Penn State and Central Florida

Community Cats

- Volunteered with God's Pantry, packing bags of food for children in need (2024)

Personal

- Born in Belle Glade, Florida
- Son of Anita Perkins and Hardley Gilmore Jr.
- Has four siblings, Hardley Gilmore III, Har'Kecia Gilmore, Kimmy Alexander and Mikia Bluntson
- Major is sport leadership

Hardley Says

- He chose Kentucky because the people were genuine and it was the best place for him to become a better man
- After his football career, he hopes to coach or go into sports broadcasting
- Three words to describe him are chill, competitive and hungry
- A musical instrument he can play is the trumpet
- One thing he will never do again is participate in a hot chip challenge



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GRANT
GODFREY

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 225 • Freshman-RS
Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)

2023 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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

- 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 pre-communication

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



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MAXWELL
HAIRSTON

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 186 • Junior-2L
West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)

2024 - Junior

- Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Preseason Fourth Team All-America (Athlon)
- Preseason First Team All-SEC (Phil Steele, Athlon)
- Switched jersey numbers from 31 to 1

2023 - Sophomore

- Second Team All-SEC (Phil Steele, Coaches and AP)
- Honorable Mention All-America (CFN, Phil Steele)
- Second Team Midseason All-America (AP)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Started in all 13 games
- Ranked fifth nationally in total interceptions with five

- Led the SEC in interceptions (5), interception returns (26.20), interception return yards (131), interception return TDs (2)
- Ranked eighth in the SEC in passes defended (11)
- Totaled 68 tackles (third on the team) and a team-high six pass breakups to go along with his team-high five INTs ... Also had a forced fumble
- His five interceptions tied for fifth-most interceptions in a single season in program history
- His five in a single season are the most since Sam Maxwell in 2009 (6)
- Totaled 131 interception return yards, most since Greg Long had 176 return yards in 1981 (school record is 197 by Dave Hunter in 1968)
- Got his fifth interception this season, including his fourth in league action, vs. Missouri
- Intercepted his fourth pass of the season and fourth of his career in the game at No. 1 Georgia
- Named the SEC Defensive Player of the Week, the Jim Thorpe National Defensive Back of the Week and the Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week after tying an SEC record and setting a school record with two pass interception returns for touchdowns, and added a career-high three pass breakups, in the win over Vanderbilt
- Intercepted a pass in the first quarter and returned it 29 yards for the touchdown, giving UK a 14-0 cushion ... His interception and 54-yard TD return in the fourth quarter clinched the outcome
- Became just the sixth player in league annals to have two pick-sixes in one game
- Got his first collegiate start vs. Ball State in the season opener and made a career-high eight tackles, including seven solo tackles, which led the UK defense ... Also had a forced fumble
- Recorded his first career interception vs. ECU
- Had a career-high 10 tackles, including eight solo tackles and one-half tackle for loss (-1 yard), in the win over No. 22/23 Florida

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
- On track to graduate in December of '24 with a degree in 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	13-13	68	0-0	1.5-3	1/0	5	6	0
Totals		25-13	70	0-0	1.5-3	1/0	5	6	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. EKU*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-0	0
vs. Akron*	7	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0
at Vandy*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	3	2-83^	0
vs. Florida*	10	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-48	0
vs. Missouri*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-0	0
vs. UT*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
at USC*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
at UoFL*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. Clemson*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	68	0-0	1.5-3	1/0	6	5-131	0

^ - 2 pick sixes

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: 10, vs Florida, Sept 30, 2023
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
Forced fumble: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023
Interceptions: 2, at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023
Pick six: 2, at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023
Pass breakups: 3, at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023
Pick six: 2, at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023



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JQ

HARDAWAY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-3 • 191 • Junior-1L
North Jackson, Ohio (Dayton/Hoban)

2023 - Sophomore

- 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
- Saw action in all 13 games for UK in 2023 with one start, his first career start vs. Alabama
- Totaled 28 tackles, 1.0 tackles for loss, four pass breakups and a quarterback hurry
- Totaled a career-high six tackles to go along with a TFL, a PBU and a quarterback hurry in the bowl game vs. Clemson
- 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 letter winner 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	13-1	28	0-0	1.0-5	0/0	0	4	1
Totals		24-1	35	1.0-4	3.0-10	0/0	0	4	1

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. EKU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0
at Vandy	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. Alabama*	4	0-0	1.0-5	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at UoFL	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	1
Totals	28	0-0	1.0-5	0/0	4	0	1





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: 6, vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023
 Tackles for loss: 1, twice, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023
 Pass breakups: 2, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023
 Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023



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JOSIAH HAYES

NOSE GUARD

6-3 • 322 • *Senior-3L
 Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)

2023 - Senior

- Has played in 42 career games with four starts
- Saw action in all 13 games in 2023 with two starts vs. Akron and Missouri
- Totaled 24 tackles, including 4.5 TFL and 1.5 sacks, along with a PBU and QBH
- Got his first career QBH vs. Missouri
- Totaled a sack and three tackles, including a TFL, in the win over No. 9 Louisville

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 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 Thomasa Roger and Wilson Hayes
- Siblings are Nema Hendrix, Savanna Hawkins, and Isaiah Hayes
- Has one son, Cairo Ali Smith
- 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	13-2	24	4.5-13	1.5-9	1	0	0	1
Totals	42-4	48	6.0-18	2.5-14	2	0	1	1

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. ECU	3	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Tennessee	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at UofL	3	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	4.5-13	1.5-9	1	0	0	0	1

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, 4x, last at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023
 Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at Louisville, Nov. 25, 2023
 Fumble recovery: 1, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
 Pass Breakup: 1, twice, last vs Eastern Kentucky, Sept 9, 2023
 Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Missouri, Oct 14, 2023





50 DARRION HENRY-YOUNG

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 290 • Senior-2L Cincinnati, Ohio (Ohio State/Princeton HS)

2023 - Junior

- Saw action in eight games and had 10 tackles, including 2.0 for loss, 1.5 sacks, a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry before suffering a season-ending injury in the first half vs. Mississippi State

2022 - Sophomore

- Played in five games vs. Youngstown State, South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisville and Iowa

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

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'rianna and Olen
- On track to graduate in December of '24 with a degree in community and leadership development

Darrion Says

- His nickname is "D-Hen"
- He chose Kentucky because of the opportunities it provides

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to work with struggling youth
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- Hobbies include bowling, paint ball and playing basketball

HENRY-YOUNG'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Tackles, TFL-Yds, Sacks-Yds, PBU, FF, FR, QBH. Rows for 2020*, 2021*, 2022, 2023, at UK, and Totals.

*at Ohio State

HENRY-YOUNG'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows for various opponents and Totals.

HENRY-YOUNG'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows for various opponents and Totals.

HENRY-YOUNG'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows for vs. Tulsa, vs. Akron, and Totals.

HENRY-YOUNG'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows for vs. Nebraska, vs. Rutgers, and Totals.

HENRY-YOUNG'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs Florida, Sept 30, 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
Forced fumble: 1, vs Florida, Sept 30, 2023



56 WALKER HIMEBAUCH

LONG SNAPPER

6-1 • 223 • Sophomore-1L Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer Ridge)

2023 (Freshman)

- Saw action in all 13 games and was the primary snapper for both punts and field goals in nine games after an injury to Ron Gaines
- Contributed to a nearly perfect operation, as kicker Alex Raynor made 10-of-11 field goal attempts and 48-of-49 PATs
- Named to SEC All-Freshman Team
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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

Community Cats

- Volunteered for the My New Kentucky Home, helping make postcards for kid (2023)

Personal

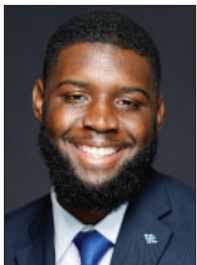
- Born in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Son of Jessica and Jonathan Himebauch
- Father, Jonathan Himebauch, was a center at USC from 1993-98, before a professional career that included stints at the Arizona Cardinals and the Kansas City Chiefs



- Jonathan currently serves as the offensive line coach and special teams coordinator for the Arlington Renegades of the UFL 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



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D'ERYK JACKSON

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 244 • *Senior-3L
Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)

2024 - Senior

- Has played in 39 career games with 23 starts, 21 consecutive
- Has recorded a tackle in 23 consecutive games
- UK's leading tackler in 2022 and 2023
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Athlon and Phil Steele)

2023 - Junior

- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Earned All-SEC Defense (PFF)
- Team's leading tackler for the second straight season, finishing with 89 (9th in the SEC) ... Also added 8.5 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks, two interceptions, one for a score, four pass breakups, two quarterback hurries and a forced fumble
- Totaled a team-high tying 11 tackles and his first forced fumble in the win over No. 9 Louisville
- Had three tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss and a 28-yard pick-six in the win over Mississippi State ... Marked the fourth interception of his career, the second this season, and the first pick-six of his career
- Got a team-high and a career-high-tying two tackles for loss (-2 yards) vs. Tennessee ... Added a season-high tying 11 tackles, the third double-figure tackling game of his career
- Led the Wildcats in tackles with a season-high 11 stops at No. 1 Georgia
- Got his first interception since 2021 in the win over Vanderbilt

- Had five tackles, his first career sack (-6 yards), 1.5 tackles for loss (-8 yards) and one pass breakup in the win over No. 22/23 Florida

2022 - r-Sophomore

- 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
- Totaled 18 tackles, a quarterback hurry and his second career interception
- Had seven tackles (tied for third on the team) and an interception vs. Iowa in the Citrus Bowl
- In his third game back, totaled a team and career-high eight tackles in the win over Louisville
- Charted three tackles and his first career quarterback hurry vs. New Mexico State
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2020 - Freshman

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

High School

- Three-star prospect by all three major recruiting services
- Rated the No. 47 inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports
- Three-time All-Region 2AAAA selection
- Led the team in tackles three straight seasons as a starter
- Tallied 129 total tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss, nine sacks, four quarterback hurries and an interception as a senior, earning Region 2AAAA Defensive Player of the Year by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*
- Had 96 tackles, 14 TFL and four sacks as a junior
- West Laurens Defensive Player of the Year as a junior
- Two-time Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Junior All-Star Game participant

- Ranked 20th in the state of Georgia among all classifications in total tackles
- Helped lead the Raiders to the Region 2AAAA championship title
- Coached by Kagan McClain
- Also played power forward on the basketball team
- Chose Kentucky over Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Purdue

Community Cats

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

Personal

- First name pronounced "dee-ERIC"
- Born in Dublin, Georgia
- Son of Shamika and Eric Jackson
- Has one sister, Dezhune
- Graduated in December of '23 with a degree in communication ... Currently working on an undergraduate certificate in leadership studies

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	13-13	89	2.0-7	8.0-21	1/0	2-29	4	2
Totals		39-23	178	2.0-7	12.0-32	1/0	4-37	6	3

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*	5	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Akron*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
at Vandy*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-1	1
vs. Florida*	5	1.0-6	1.5-7	0/0	1	0	0
at Georgia*	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. UT*	11	0-0	2.0-2	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	3	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	1-28	0
vs. Alabama*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC*	9	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	1	0	0
at UofL*	11	0-0	1.0-9	1/0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson*	8	1.0-1	1.5-1	0.0	1	0	0
Totals	89	2.0-7	8.0-21	1/0	4	2-29	2





JACKSON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL, FF/FR, PBU, Int-Yds, QBH. Rows include games vs. Miami OH*, at Florida, vs. YSU, vs. NIU, at Ole Miss, vs. USC*, vs. Miss. St.*, at Tennessee*, at Missouri*, vs. Vandy*, vs. Georgia*, vs. UofL*, vs. Iowa*, and Totals.

JACKSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

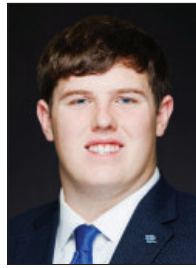
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JACKSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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

JACKSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 14, at Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last vs Clemson, Dec. 29, 2023
Tackles for loss: 2.0, twice, last vs Tennessee, Oct 28, 2023 (2 yards)
Interceptions: 1, 4x, last at Miss State, Nov 4, 2023 (28 yards)
Pick six: 1, vs Miss State, Nov 4, 2023 (28 yards)
Quarterback hurry: 1, 3x, last at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023
Pass breakups: 1, 6x, last vs Clemson, Dec. 29, 2023
Forced fumble: 1, at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023



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HAYES JOHNSON

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 300 • Freshman-HS
Campbellsville, Ky. (Taylor County)

High School

- A three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
Rated the top prospect in the 2024 class in Kentucky by 247Sports composite rankings
Four-year starter at guard and right tackle for head coach Scott Parkey
First-team all-state as a senior as selected by the Louisville Courier-Journal
Also first-team all-district
Helped lead the Cardinals to a 9-3 overall record
Advanced to the second round of the Class 4A playoffs
Named a third-team all-state selection as a junior after helping lead Taylor County to a 6-5 record and a top-15 ranking among then-Class 3A schools in scoring (31.7 points per game) and rushing yards (2,873 for 261.2 per game)
Also a two-year letter winner on the fishing team
Chose Kentucky over Michigan State, Baylor, Tennessee and Louisville

Personal

- Born in Campbellsville, Kentucky
Son of Paul and Stephanie Johnson
Has two younger sisters, Harper and Hadley
Mom, Stephanie, was a collegiate cheerleader at Campbellsville University from 1995-97
Major is animal science

Hayes Says

- He chose Kentucky because he grew up a Kentucky fan
One thing most people don't know about him is that he loves to play golf
Three words to describe him are competitive, an outdoorsman and funny
His dream job is anything outdoors
Other than playing sports, he's also really good at hunting



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JOSH KATTUS

TIGHT END

6-4 • 246 • Junior-2L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Arch Bishop Moeller)

2023 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 11 games with four starts (vs. ECU, at Mississippi State, vs. Alabama and vs. Clemson) ... Did not play in the Vanderbilt or Louisville game with injury
Totalled eight receptions for 108 yards and two scores
Caught a season-high tying two passes vs. Tennessee and Alabama
Also caught two passes for 11 yards and a touchdown at No. 1 Georgia ... Hauled in a four-yard score in the second quarter, his second career touchdown reception
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
Dean's List (Fall 2023)
Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2022 - Freshman

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

Community Cats

- Participated in the Dancing with the Lexington Stars event, raising more than \$34K for the Lexington Rotary Club Endowment Fund and Surgery on Sunday, a nonprofit that provides essential outpatient procedures at no cost to income-eligible individuals who are either uninsured or under-insured and do not qualify for federal or state assistance ... He and partner Mattie Lewis won the coveted Mirror Ball trophy
- Volunteers at the Kentucky Children's Hospital, visiting with the kids and playing games each week (2022-present)
- Volunteers at Lexington's Ronald McDonald House, packing meals and writing Get Well cards for the patients (2023-present)
- Volunteers at the Scott County Humane Society, helping find foster homes and raising awareness of fostering ... Has helped the Scott County Humane Society double their adoption rate since he started volunteering (2023-present)
- Volunteered for the My New Kentucky Home, helping make postcards for kid (2023)

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	11-4	8	108	13.5	2	28
Totals		22-7	15	233	15.5	2	70

KATTUS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

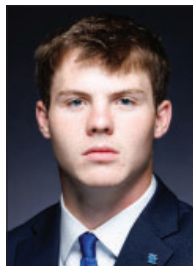
Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ball State	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	2	24	1	18
at Vanderbilt		DNP		
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	11	1	7
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	2	35	0	18
at Miss. State*	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama*	2	38	0	28
at USC	0	0	0	0
at UofL		DNP		
vs. Clemson*	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	108	1	28

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		
Totals	7	125	0	70

KATTUS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, 7x, last vs Alabama, Nov 11, 2023
Receiving yards: 76, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 (2 rec.)
Receiving TDs: 1, twice, last at Georgia, Oct 7, 2023
Long reception: 70, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022



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JUSTIN
KATTUS

TIGHT END

**6-1 • 216 • Freshman-HS
Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier)**

High School

- Four-year letter winner and two-year starter for head coach Steve Specht at St. Xavier
- Played on the offensive and defensive line as a senior ... Also spent some time at tight end and linebacker during his prep career
- Helped lead the Bombers to a 7-5 overall record with a second round appearance in the Ohio playoffs

- Two-year letter winner on the rugby team as a flanker and inside center
- Chose Kentucky early and never really considered other schools

Personal

- Name is pronounced Justin "KAT-us"
- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Lisa and Eric Kattus
- Has two brothers, Josh and Tucker
- 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 ... Brother, Josh, is a junior tight end for the Wildcats
- Major is undecided

Justin Says

- Nickname is "Katt Daddy"
- Besides playing football, he's also a really good bowler
- After football, his dream job is to be a financial advisor
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can sing, dance and play the piano
- The highlight of his life so far has been returning an onside kick for a touchdown



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JACOB
KAUWE

KICKER

**6-1 • 206 • Freshman-HS
Billings, Montana (Billings West)**

High School

- A three-star prospect by all On3.com, ESPN and 247Sports
- Listed as one of the nation's top 20 kickers by Kohl's Professional Camps
- Won the Kohl's Kicking kick-off competition at the Texas Showcase in May of 2023
- Four-year letter winner and two-year starter for coach Rob Stanton at Billings West
- Hit a career-long 49-yard field goal as a senior
- Earned second-team Montana AA All-State and first-team Eastern AA Conference honors as a kicker in 2023 with 45 touchbacks, 26 PATs, five field goals
- As a punter, named a second-team choice by the Eastern AA Conference and honorable mention by Montana AA with 839 yards, a 32.4 punt average and a career-long 51-yard punt
- Named first-team All-State as a kicker and second-team all-state as a punter in 2022
- Hit 13 of 16 field goals, a West High single-season record, and 29 of 31 extra points
- Hit a season-long 42-yard field goal and 37 of his 40 kickoffs were touchbacks
- Also punted for the Golden Bears, who made the first round of the Montana's Class 2A playoffs in 2022





- Played soccer during his freshman and sophomore seasons before concentrating solely on football
- Excellent student with a weighted GPA of 4.5 and aspirations of studying medicine
- Chose Kentucky over Montana State

Community Cats

- Volunteered for the My New Kentucky Home, community engagement event (2024)

Personal

- Last name is pronounced "COW-way"
- Born in American Fork, Utah
- Son of Merrell and Genevieve Kauwe
- Siblings are David Kauwe and Kalei Kauwe
- Major is biology

Jacob Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was the best place to come and develop
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's part Hawaiian
- Three words to describe him are chill, consistent and reserved
- Besides playing football, he's also a really good at math
- His sports hero is Cristiano Ronaldo



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KOBY KEENUM

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-4 • 302 • Freshman-RS
Florence, Ala. (Mars Hill Bible School)

2023 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

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

Community Cats

- Volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2024)

Koby Says

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



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DANE KEY

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 210 • Junior-2L
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2024 - Junior

- Has played in 26 career games with 24 starts
- Has 79 career catches for 1,155 career receiving yards (No. 29 on UK's all-time receiving yards list) and 12 touchdowns
- Second Team Preseason SEC All-Conference Team (Athlon)

2023 - Sophomore

- Named CSC Academic All-District
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Played in all 13 games with 12 starts in 2023
- Had 42 catches for a team-high 636 yards and six TDs
- Averaged 15.1 yards per catch
- Had four catches for 83 yards and a five-yard touchdown reception in the bowl game vs. Clemson ... His first catch of the game was a career-long, 58-yard reception, which set him up for a five-yard touchdown reception on the very next play to help Kentucky take a four-point lead over Clemson in the second quarter
- Hauled in two catches for 25 yards with a nine-yard touchdown in the second quarter at No. 9 Louisville
- Totaled a team-high 51 receiving yards at South Carolina
- Caught four passes for 36 yards and a 4-yard score in the win at Mississippi State
- Had a career-high seven receptions for a career-high 113 yards, including a seven-yard touchdown receiving vs. Tennessee ... Marked his first 100+ yard receiving game of his career ... His seven

receptions were the most for a Wildcat in a game this season

- Caught a team-high three passes for a team-best 65 yards at No. 1 Georgia

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 AAAAA state finals as a senior and sophomore
- Coached by Nathan McPeek
- Also a centerfielder on the baseball team three seasons
- Earned Academic Freshman of the Year
- 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	13-12	42	636	15.1	6	58
Totals		26-24	79	1155	14.6	12	58

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
at Vandy*	4	58	1	22
vs. Florida*	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	3	65	0	36
vs. Missouri*	1	21	0	21
vs. Tennessee*	7	113	1	34
at Miss. State*	4	36	1	13
vs. Alabama*	4	46	0	25
at USC*	4	51	0	17
at UofL*	2	25	1	16
vs. Clemson	4	83	1	58
Totals	42	636	6	58

KEY'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

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

vs. Iowa*	6	47	0	15
Totals	37	519	6	55

KEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 7, vs Tennessee, Oct 28, 2023
 Receiving yards: 113, vs Tennessee, Oct 28, 2023 (7 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 2, at Missouri, Nov 5, 2022
 Long reception: 58, vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023



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AIDAN
LAROS

PUNTER

6-2 • 212 • Junior-Tr
Cape Town, South Africa
(UT Martin/Charlotte/Northwood)

2024 - Junior

- Transferred to UK after two seasons at Charlotte and one at UT Martin

2023 - Sophomore (UT Martin)

- Played in all 11 games for the Skyhawks as the team's primary specialist for field goals, punts, kickoffs and point after attempts
- Helped team to inaugural Big South-OVC Football Association championship
- Led FCS in punting (47.3 ypp) and ranked ninth in net punting (40.83)
- Booted 52 punts for 2,458 yards
- Tallied 18 punts of 50 yards or more
- Placed 16 punts inside the 20-yard line
- Had 15 punts resulting in fair catches and seven touchbacks
- Averaged 47.3 yards per punt – the best mark in school history
- Converted 10-of-16 field goal attempts
- Converted 43-of-45 point after attempts
- Scored 73 points on the season
- Booted 65 kickoffs for 4,036 yards
- Averaged 62.1 yards per kickoff
- Posted 42 touchbacks and booted two out of bounds
- Tabbed consensus FCS All-American
- Named Augusta Sports Council FCS Punter of the Year
- AFCA FCS Coaches' All-America first team
- Associated Press FCS All-American first team
- FCS ADA All-America first team
- FCS Football Central All-American first team
- Phil Steele FCS All-American first team
- Stats Perform FCS All-American first team
- Walter Camp FCS All-American
- Tabbed Big South-OVC Football Association Special Teams Player of the Year
- Big South-OVC Football Association first team
- Phil Steele FCS Special Teams Player of the Year
- Phil Steele All-Conference first team (punter)
- Named to FCS Football Central All-Conference first team
- Phil Steele All-Conference fourth team (kicker)

- Earned a pair of Big South-OVC Specialist of the Week selection (Oct. 2 and Oct. 23)
- Booted a pair of 70-yard punts against Charleston Southern (Oct. 21) and Gardner-Webb (Oct. 28)
- Tallied four punts of 50 yards or more against No. 1 Georgia (Sept. 2)
- Scored a season-best 12 points against Houston Christian (Sept. 16)

2022 - r-Freshman (Charlotte)

- Handled all kickoff duties, tallying 51 kickoffs for 3,093 yards
- Averaged 60.6 yards per kickoff attempt
- Opponents returned just 13 kicks
- Booted 28 touchbacks
- Kicked a season-high 510 yards on eight attempts against Rice
- Earned 2022 C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal and to Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Named to Chancellor's List in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 with a perfect 4.0 GPA

2021 -Freshman (Charlotte)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Prepped at Northwood High School in Chapel Hill, North Carolina for head coach Cullen Homolka
- Helped team to 3A Big 8 Conference championship as a senior
- Ranked as a three-year starter after being called up to varsity during the playoffs as a freshman
- While also playing linebacker, was named Conference Defensive Player of the Year and a first-team all-league selection
- Earned Region Player of the Week honors as a junior for both his work as a specialist and linebacker
- Member of the National Honors Society

Community Cats

- Participated in the My New Kentucky Home Community Engagement event with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2024)

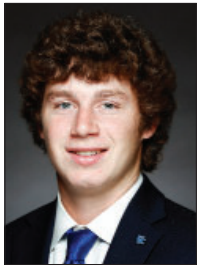
Personal

- Born in Cape Town, South Africa
- Son of Adrian and Ann Laros
- Siblings are Adam and Alison Laros
- Moved to the United States as a freshman in high school
- Father, Adrian, played 14 seasons of Division I rugby in South Africa and three seasons of professional rugby in France ... Grandfather, Paul Ripchik, was a left-handed pitcher in the Canadian League in the late 1950s
- Major is pre-finance

Aidan Says

- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's from South Africa
- Three words to describe him are humble, trustworthy and hardworking
- If he could have dinner with a famous person, dead or alive, he would choose Elon Musk
- His favorite musical instrument to play is the triangle
- The best advice he's ever received is from his family "never lose your hunger for success"





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SPENCER
LEADBETTER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 186 • Sophomore-SQ
Glenview, Ill. (Loyola Academy)

2023 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- A two-year starter for head coach John Holeck 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)

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2024)

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-communication

Spencer Says

- His nickname is "Leady"
- 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



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TANNER
LEMASTER

TIGHT END

6-5 • 250 • Freshman-RS
Washington Court House, Ohio (Washington)

2023 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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 Lemaster
- Siblings are Bentley and Hailey
- Major is pre-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



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JORDAN
LOVETT

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 205 • Junior-2L
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

2023 - Sophomore

- Has played in 25 career games with 21 starts
- Played in 11 games with 10 starting assignments
- Totaled 30 tackles, 1.0 tackle for loss, three interceptions and a fumble recovery this season
- Did not play vs. Tennessee or Mississippi State with injury
- Had UK's lone interception of the bowl game vs. Clemson, which he caught in the Kentucky endzone for a timely stop early in the fourth quarter ... Marked his third this season and fifth of his career
- His three interceptions are the most in a season for him and the second most of any player on the team in 2023
- Added four total tackles, including three solo stops against the Tigers
- His interception vs. Alabama was the third of his career, and his first of the season
- Made the game-clinching interception with two seconds left in the win over No. 9 Louisville ... Marked his second interception of the season and fourth of his career

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 TFL 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'Veell Wright
- Coached by Brent Thompson
- Also a two-year letter winner in basketball
- Named academic all-state as a junior
- Chose Kentucky over Cincinnati, Louisville, Missouri and West Virginia

Personal

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

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "J Love"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit for him
- Besides playing football, he's also good at basketball, video games and swimming
- One word to describe him on the field is "lit"

LOVETT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2021	DB	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2022	DB	13-11	62	0-0	1.5-3	0/0	1	2-34	3
2023	DB	11-10	30	0-0	1.0-1	0/1	0	3-0	0
Totals		25-21	93	0-0	2.5-4	0/1	1	5-34	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
at Vandy*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee			DNP					
at Miss. State			DNP					
vs. Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0	0
at USC*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL*	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1-0	0
vs. Clemson*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0	0
Totals	30	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	1	3-0	0

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, 5x, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023 (0 yards)
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022
Fumble recovery: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023



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JA'MORI
MACLIN

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 190 • Junior-Tr
Kirkwood, Mo. (North Texas/Missouri/Kirkwood)

2024 - Junior

- Transferred to Kentucky as a graduate transfer after spending two seasons at North Texas (2022-23) and two seasons at Missouri (2020-21)
- Has played in 29 career games with 13 starts
- Will have two years of eligibility remaining
- Totaled 73 receptions for 1,384 yards and 13 touchdowns in 26 games at North Texas
- Saw action in just three games at Mizzou
- Has four career 100-yard games, all coming in 2023

2023 - Sophomore (North Texas)

- Started in all 12 games played
- Named to the American Athletic Conference Second Team after catching a team-high 57 passes for 1,004 yards and 11 touchdowns (17.6 yards per catch)
- His 1,004 receiving yards ranked fifth in the American Athletic Conference and 31st nationally
- His 11 scores ranked second in the American Athletic Conference and tied for ninth nationally
- Climbed to ninth on UNT's single-season receiving yards list
- Became the first player in program history to average better than 17.0 yards per catch in a single season in which he also had 1,000 receiving yards
- Became the seventh player in program history to have 1,000 receiving yards in a single season
- Had a career-high nine catches for 118 receiving yards in UNT's final regular-season game vs. UAB
- Charted a career-high 163 receiving yards vs. Temple (10/14) and earned HM Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Player of the Week honors
- Had a long play of 80 yards vs. Abilene Christian (9/30)
- Named to the Preseason 2nd Team All-AAC (Phil Steele)
- AAC Weekly Honor Roll (9/4)
- Midseason Biletnikoff Award Watch List

2022 - r-Freshman (North Texas)

- Earned Conference USA All-Freshman Team (Coaches) honors
- Played in 14 games with one start vs. UTEP
- Caught 16 passes for 380 yards and two scores, averaging an eye-popping 23.8 yards per catch, after transferring from Missouri
- Finished the season ranked No. 2 nationally in yards per catch behind teammate Jyaire Shorter
- Caught two touchdowns and had four kickoff returns for 80 yards
- Helped lead the Mean Green to the C-USA Championship Game





2021 - Freshman (Missouri)

- Did not see action due to injury

2020 - Freshman (Missouri)

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in just three games vs. South Carolina, Vanderbilt and Arkansas
- Made one reception for five yards vs. the Gamecocks

High School

- Starred at Kirkwood (Mo.) High School for coach Farrell Shelton
- Three-star wideout prospect by all the major recruiting services
- Rivals rated him as the state's No. 12 overall prospect at any position
- 247Sports rated him as the state's No. 10 prospect at any position
- Posted 37 catches for 677 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior, averaging 18.3 yards per catch, and was hurt for much of the year, limiting his production
- Caught 45 passes for 762 yards and nine scores as a junior
- Finished his high school career with 113 catches for 2,029 yards and 22 touchdowns
- Also participated on the track and basketball teams

Personal

- First name is pronounced "jah-MORE-ee"
- Born in St. Louis, Missouri
- Son of Rose Swopes and Jairus Maclin
- Has 14 siblings
- Cousin, Jeremy Maclin, was an All-American wide receiver at Missouri who spent eight seasons in the NFL
- Graduated in the fall of '23 from North Texas with a degree in integrative studies ... Currently working on an undergraduate certificate in leadership studies at UK and is on track to receive that certificate in December of '24

Ja'Mori Says

- Nickname is "J-Mac"
- He chose Kentucky because of the family atmosphere
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can dance
- After his football career he hopes to get into coaching
- Three words to describe him are funny, loving and respectful

MACLIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2020	WR	3-0	1	5	5.0	0	5
2022	WR	14-1	16	380	23.8	2	53
2023	WR	12-12	57	1004	17.6	11	80
Totals		29-13	74	1389	18.8	13	80

MACLIN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (UNT)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. California*	4	122	2	59
at FIU*	3	61	1	39
at Louisiana Tech*	4	55	1	36
vs. Abilene Christian*	2	110	1	80
at Navy*	6	76	1	19
vs. Temple*	6	163	2	64
at Tulane*	8	71	1	16
vs. Memphis*	6	45	2	17
vs. UTSA*	5	63	0	21
at SMU*	2	59	0	54
at Tulsa*	2	61	0	49
vs. UAB	9	118	0	21
Totals	57	1004	11	80

MACLIN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (UNT)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	KR	Yds	TD	Long
at UTEP*	2	25	0	15	0	0	0	0
vs. SMU	1	53	0	53	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas So.	3	80	1	35	0	0	0	0
at UNLV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Memphis	3	81	1	41	0	0	0	0
vs. Fla. Atlantic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. La Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at UTSA	0	0	0	0	2	34	0	20
at Western Ky.	2	61	0	52	0	0	0	0
vs. FIU	3	55	0	34	0	0	0	0
at UAB	1	5	0	5	1	28	0	28
vs. Rice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at UTSA	1	20	0	20	0	0	0	0
vs. Boise State	0	0	0	0	2	21	0	18
Totals	16	380	2	53	5	83	0	28

MACLIN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (MISSOURI)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	KR	Yds	TD	Long
at USC	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0

MACLIN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 8, at Tulane, Oct 14, 2023
 Receiving yards: 163, vs Temple, Oct 14, 2023 (6 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 2, vs Memphis, Oct 28, 2023
 Long reception: 80, vs Abilene Christian, Sept 30, 2023
 Kick returns: 2, twice, last vs Boise State, Dec 17, 2022
 Kick return yards: 34, at UTSA, Oct 22, 2022



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LANDON MARCUM

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 187 • Sophomore-SQ
Winchester, Ky. (George Rogers Clark)

2023 - Freshman

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

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 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



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JIQUAVIOUS MARSHALL

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-4 • 181 • Freshman-HS
Macon, Ga. (Westside)

High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by ESPN, Rivals, 247Sports and On3.com



- Considered by On3.com as the No. 44-ranked player in talent-rich Georgia, and top 85 player in state by both Rivals and 247Sports
- Four-year starter and three-year letter winner at Westside
- Coached by Sheddrick Risper
- Named first-team All-Region in 2-4A after totaling 38 tackles, 11 pass breakups, one sack and one interception
- Less than 45 yards were given up in coverage
- Offensively, had 27 catches for 419 yards with four touchdowns, averaging 15.5 yards per catch
- Named to the 4A All-State Defensive Team by B2C
- As a junior, was a two-way star who caught 35 passes for 548 yards and six scores as well as totaling 31 tackles with seven PBUs and two interceptions
- Chose Kentucky over Florida State
- Also an excellent basketball player for Westside

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2024)

Personal

- First name pronounced "ja-QUAY-vee-us"
- Born in Macon, Georgia
- Son of Brittanni Denson and Chas Marshall
- Siblings are Chas Marshall Jr., Austin Denson, Jayden Marshall and Jikayla Marshall
- Major is undecided

Quavo Says

- Nickname is "Quavo"
- After his football career he would like to become an athletic trainer
- Besides playing football he's also an excellent basketball player
- Three words to describe him are athletic, tall and courageous
- His favorite family recipe to make is pasta



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NOAH MATTHEWS

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 254 • Sophomore-11
Bridgeville, Del. (Woodbridge)

2023 - r-Freshman

- Played in 10 games and had six tackles
- Totaled a career-best three tackles vs. Alabama
- Also got a tackle vs. Ball State, Georgia and Mississippi 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 letter winner as a small forward on the basketball team
- Chose Kentucky over Illinois

Personal

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

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	10-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals		14-0	6	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
at Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri			DNP				
vs. Tennessee			DNP				
at Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	6	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: 3, vs Alabama, Nov 11, 2023



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ALEX MCLAUGHLIN

LONG SNAPPER

5-10 • 229 • Junior-Tr
Weddington, N.C. (Illinois/NC State/Weddington)

2024 - Junior

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at NC State and one at Illinois

2023 - Sophomore (Illinois)

- Practiced with the team

2022 - r-Freshman (NC State)

- Started in the Duke's Mayo Bowl vs. Maryland

2021 - Freshman (NC State)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-year starter for head coach Andy Capone
- Played long snapper and on the offensive line for two-time state champion Weddington High School
- Earned all-conference honors at both positions as a junior and senior
- Earned a five-star ranking from Rubio Long Snapping

Personal

- Born in Philadelphia
- Son of Anna and Brad McLaughlin
- Has two brothers, Andrew and Patrick
- Major is pre-finance

Alex Says

- He chose Kentucky for the great culture and environment and so he could develop
- Three words to describe him are driven, persistent and technical
- The best advice he's ever received was from an old coach "control what you can control"
- His dream job is to be a chief financial officer for a major company
- One word to describe him on the field is "surgical"





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TINO MERLO

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-2 • 283 • Sophomore-SQ
Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)

2023 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

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 letter winner 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 pre-communication

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



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DANIEL MINCEY

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 290 • Freshman-HS
Pompano Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)

High School

- A versatile two-way lineman for head coach Matt DuBuc at Cardinal Gibbons
- Played center, tackle and guard and helped lead Cardinal Gibbons to a 9-4 overall mark as a senior with an appearance in the Regional Finals
- As a junior, helped the Chiefs go 11-2 and advance to the regional finals of Florida's new 2M playoffs

- Earned the team's Offensive Lineman of the Year as a junior and senior
- Part of the 4A 2021 state championship team as a sophomore
- Also played basketball and threw the javelin on the track & field team
- Chose Kentucky over Coastal Carolina, Appalachian State and Toledo

Personal

- Born in Pompano Beach, Florida
- Grandson of Barbara Mincey
- Has one brother, Gerald, a senior offensive lineman for the Wildcats
- Major is undecided

Daniel Says

- Nickname is "Big Red"
- He chose Kentucky because it's family
- Besides playing football and other sports, he's good at writing poetry and being creative
- Three words to describe him are wise, different and honcho
- His sports hero is his brother Gerald because he encouraged him to start playing football



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GERALD MINCEY

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 335 • *Senior-TR
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Tennessee/Florida/
Cardinal Gibbons)

2024 - Senior

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Tennessee and two seasons at Florida ... Will have one season of eligibility remaining
- Has played in 32 career games (21 at UT and 11 at UF)
- Has 13 career starts, all at UT

2023 - Junior (Tennessee)

- Played in all 12 games with six starts for the Vols in 2023, seeing action on 510 snaps and allowing only two sacks

2022 - Sophomore (Tennessee)

- Transferred to UT from Florida in January of 2022
- Played in nine games with seven starts in 2022
- Part of an offensive line that was named a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award for the first time in school history
- Saw action on 457 offensive snaps and allowed only one sack

2021 - r-Freshman (Florida)

- Saw action in 10 games as a reserve lineman

2020 - Freshman (Florida)

- Redshirt season

- Saw his first collegiate action against Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl

High School

- Rated a consensus three-star prospect out of high school and the No. 48 offensive tackle in the country according to the 247Sports Composite
- A standout at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Helped lead CGHS to a FHSAA Class 5A state championship his junior season

Personal

- Born in Pompeno Beach, Florida
- Son of Barbara Mincey
- Has two brothers, Daniel and Joshua
- Major is community and leadership development

Gerald Says

- Nickname is "G-1"
- Two things people don't about him is that he's a great cook and can write poems
- After his football career, his dream job is to be a social worker
- The best advice he's ever received is "nobody cares, work hard"
- His favorite family recipe to make is cheesy grits



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KYLE MIXON

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 322 • Freshman-HS
Warner Robins, Ga. (Northside)

High School

- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter at left tackle for head coach Chad Alligood at 6A Northside High School
- Earned invitations to the Blue-Gray All-American Game and the Scout Trout/ESPN+ All-American Game
- Named Second Team All-Region as a junior
- Played in the Georgia Elite Classic as a sophomore and junior
- Also a three-year letter winner on the swim team, competing in the 100-meter fly, 200-meter individual medley, 200-meter medley relay, 400-meter medley relay, 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter freestyle
- Chose Kentucky over Georgia Southern and Georgia Tech

Personal

- Born in Warner Robins, Georgia
- Son of Kevin and Laura Mixon
- Siblings are Noah and Parsa
- Earned an Eagle Scout in 2023, the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America
- Major is undecided



Kyle Says

- After his football career, he wants to be a tour boat captain in the Caribbean
- His go-to karaoke song is "I Want It That Way" - Backstreet Boys
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's distantly related to Pocahontas
- Besides playing football and other sports, he's also really good at wilderness survival
- His favorite family recipe to make is chocolate pie



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TOVANI
MIZELL

RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 215 • Freshman-HS
Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Western)

High School

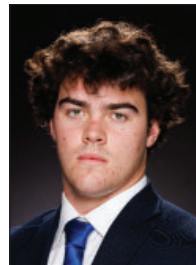
- Rated a three-star prospect by ESPN, Rivals, 247Sports and On3.com
- All recruiting services listed him among the top 100 overall players in the deeply competitive state of Florida
- Rated as the No. 39 running back prospect in the nation and the 44th best overall running back prospect in the class by the 247Sports Composite rankings
- Coached by Adam Ratkevich
- Suffered a knee injury during fall practice and missed his senior season at Western
- Started his prep career in 2020 at Stranahan High School in Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) where he played in the FBU Freshman All-American Bowl
- Transferred to Cardinal Newman in West Palm Beach (Fla.) as a sophomore in 2021 and had an impressive season, totaling 1,097 yards of offense (616 rushing and 481 receiving) with 14 touchdowns
- Helped the Crusaders post a 9-4 overall record
- Named First-Team All-County and earned a spot on the 2A All-State Football Team
- Earned the Co-Underclassmen of the Year and received the MVP at the Miami Under Armour Camp
- Moved to Hyattsville (Md.) Dematha Catholic for his junior season in 2022 before returning back to Florida for his senior year
- Five-year letter winner in track and earned one letter in weight lifting ... Broke five school records at Cardinal Newman for javelin, 4X100, 4X200, 4x400 and spring medley ... Won gold in 4x100 relay at Florida's 1A track meet in the spring of 2022 ... Placed second in the district in the shot put, third in the 400-meters and long jump
- Clocked a personal-best time of 10.82 in the 100-meter dash
- Chose Kentucky over reported offers from Alabama, Florida, Louisville, North Carolina, Tennessee and others
- Excellent student with a 4.0 GPA

Personal

- Named is pronounced "tuh-VON-ee" "MY-zell"
- Born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- Son of Travis and Cindra Mizell
- Has five sisters, Carisa, Dorian, Ciona, Cerena, Taliyah and one brother, Trevion
- Comes from a family of athletes as dad, Travis, was a cornerback at UAB from 1992-95; Mom, Cindra, played for the Miami Fury in the Women's Football Alliance in 2001-02; Cousin, Jordan Fuller, currently plays for the Carolina Panthers; Cousin, Devin Fuller, was a wide receiver with the Atlanta Falcons; Cousin Coco Gauff, is an American professional tennis player; Cousin, Keyon Dooling, played 13 seasons in the NBA
- Left-handed
- Major is sport leadership

Tovani Says

- He chose Kentucky because he loves the coaching staff and it was the right fit for him
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a real estate investor
- Three words to describe him are respectful, hardworking and funny
- The best advice he's ever received was from his dad "no man can interfere what God has planned for you"
- One thing he will never do again is ride Superman: Ride of Steel at Six Flags



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JACK
MONDAY

TIGHT END

6-1 • 225 • Junior-SQ
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)

2023 - Sophomore

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

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 management

Jack Says

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



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JARARD
MOSELY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 193 • Junior-SQ
West Palm Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Newman)

2023 - Sophomore

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

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 letter winner 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 pre-finance

Jarard Says

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



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MARC NAVE JR.

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 335 • Freshman-HS Toledo, Ohio (Central Catholic)

High School

- Rated as a unanimous three-star recruit by Rivals, On3, ESPN and 247Sports
- Rivals has him as the No. 17 interior offensive lineman in the nation and the No. 22 player in Ohio
- Four-year letter winner and four-year starter for head coach Greg Dempsey at Central Catholic
- Bolstered an offense that averaged 39.6 points per game and 373.2 yards per game as a senior in 2023
- Helped Central Catholic to a 16-0 record and its second straight Ohio High School Athletic Association Championship title after defeating Columbus Bishop, 27-7, in 2023
- Had zero sacks or pressures allowed and graded out over 95 percent at his position en route to Offensive Lineman of the Year honors from his team
- Aided an offense in that championship game that had a 318-139 advantage in total yards and a 247-6 advantage in yards on the ground
- Named to the All-Ohio, All-District and All-Blade First Teams in 2023
- Also participated on the basketball and track & field teams
- Excelled in the classroom as a member of the National Honor Society, while also earning All-Academic Athlete honors from 2020-23
- Chose Kentucky over Auburn, Georgia, Missouri and Ohio State

Personal

- Last name pronounced with long "a" sound and rhymes with Dave
- Born in Toledo, Ohio
- Son of Reshawna and Marc Nave
- Siblings are Brandi, Liza, Layla and Marcyia
- Major is psychology

Marc Says

- His dream job is to be a football coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's Samoan
- Three words to describe him are serious, funny and kind
- His favorite family recipe to make is chicken parmesan
- The best advice he's ever received is from his mom and author Stephen Covey "keep the main thing the main thing"



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TERHYON NICHOLS

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-11 • 195 • Freshman-HS Cincinnati, Ohio (Withrow)

High School

- Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals, 247Sports, On3.com and the 247Sports Composite
- On3 listed him the No. 3 overall prospect in the state of Ohio and No. 87 player overall nationally
- The247Sports Composite ranked him a top 30 overall player nationally
- A versatile player who saw action at defensive back, running back and wide receiver
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter
- As a senior, was named to the All-Ohio First Team Defense by the Ohio Prep Sports Writers Association and the Ohio High School Athletic Association
- Also a first-team all-conference and first-team All-Southwest District selection
- Every recruiting service ranked him as a top 35 defensive back in the nation
- Totaled 67 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, 1.0 sacks, three interceptions, five pass breakups with 11 total touchdowns, including two kickoff return touchdowns and one punt return for a touchdown as a senior
- Coached by Kali Jones and Anthony Berry
- Helped lead Withrow to a 12-2 record and berth in the state semifinals as a senior
- Totaled 59 tackles (46 solo) and three forced fumbles as a junior, helping Withrow to a Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference (CMAC) Red championship with a 5-0 undefeated record in league play
- Named first-team All-CMAC, first-team all-city Div. II (Enquirer), first-team All-Southwest Ohio District and first-team All-Ohio in Div. II

- Finalist for Cincinnati Sports Awards' Defensive Player of the Year
- Selected to participate in the Under Armour Next Football Camp series in Columbus in 2022
- Named second-team all-CMAC as a sophomore
- Also played basketball and ran track at Withrow
- Set the school record in the 100-meter dash as a junior with a time of 10.6 and was named the Conference Boy's Runner of the Year
- Was the CMAC champion in the 100-meters and finished fourth in the region in that event
- Earned first-team all-conference honors as a junior in track & field
- Also excelled in the classroom, graduating with a 4.71 GPA and finishing top five in his class
- Named a CMAC Scholar-Athlete
- Chose Kentucky over offers from 36 schools, including Cincinnati, Illinois, Louisville, Michigan, Missouri, Notre Dame and Ohio State

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2024)

Personal

- First name is pronounced "tuh-RYAN"
- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Keisha Burgess
- Has one brother, Terrell Nichols
- Major is sport leadership

Terhyon Says

- His nickname is "Rhy"
- Enjoys fishing and being in nature
- Three words to describe him are thorough, creative and chivalrous
- His favorite family recipe to make is pancakes
- If money were no object he would buy a Chipotle franchise



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QUINTAVION NORMAN

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 210 • Freshman-HS Covington, Georgia (Newton)

High School

- A three-star recruit who was ranked as one of the top 100 linebackers in the football-rich state of Georgia by 247Sports, despite playing only one season at Newton
- Earned All-Region honorable mention for Region 4-AAAAAAA after totaling 6.0 sacks in seven games
- Originally headed the junior college route before the Kentucky coaches found him and saw his potential
- Signed in the late signing period
- Coached by Camiel Grant and Josh Skelton

Personal

- Born in Covington, Georgia



- Son of Cindy Maddox
- Siblings are Diamond Norman, Tay Gowan, Duke Norman, Stuffu Maddox, Kashy Maddox, Darius Maddox, Meshia Stanley and Gotti Stanley
- Older brother, Tay Gowan, was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the sixth round of the 2021 NFL Draft and has appeared in six games, for three different teams (Philadelphia, Minnesota and Tennessee), in the past three seasons
- Major is undecided

Quintavious Says

- His nickname is "Q"
- Enjoys fishing and hunting
- Three words to describe him are cool, loving and loyal
- The highlight of his life so far has been signing with Kentucky
- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life he would choose chicken wings



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OCTAVIOUS
OXENDINE

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-1 • 278 • *Senior-3L
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

2024 - Senior

- Has played in 35 career games with 19 starts
- Three-year letter winner

2023 - Junior

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Started in eight of 13 games played
- Totaled 21 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, a quarterback hurry, a forced fumble and a blocked kick
- Got a tackle and his first blocked field goal attempt in the season opener vs. Ball State
- Led UK with a career-high six tackles in the win over Vanderbilt, which included four solo tackles ... Added one quarterback hurry
- Got a career-high tying 2.0 TFL at Georgia
- Recorded a career-high 2.0 sacks and a career-high tying 2.0 tackles for loss in the bowl game vs. Clemson

2022 - Sophomore

- 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 - r-Freshman

- Played in six games with three starts before a knee injury vs. LSU sidelined him for the rest 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

- 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	13-8	21	5.5-39	3.5-35	0	1/0	2	1
Totals		35-18	58	9.5-61	5.5-51	0	1/0	6	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. EKU*	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
at Vandy	6	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	1	0
vs. Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	3	2.0-4	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT*	4	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at USC	2	1.0-18	1.0-18	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson	2	2.0-13	2.0-13	0	1/0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	5.5-39	3.5-35	0	1/0	0	0	2	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

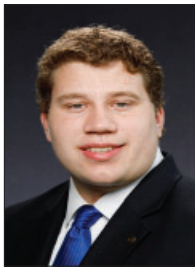


OXENDINE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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: 6, at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023
Tackles for loss: 2.0, twice, last at Georgia, Oct 8, 2023 (2 yards)
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023 (8 yards)
Quarterback hurries: 2, at Florida, Sept 10, 2022
Blocked kicks: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (field goal attempt)



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LUCAS PADGETT

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

2023 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

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 letter winner on UK's volleyball team from 1994-97 ... Older brother, Logan, currently plays basketball at Shelton State Community College
- Major is agricultural economics

Lucas Says

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



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JASON PATTERSON

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 206 • Freshman-HS
Sneads, Fla. (Sneads)

High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by Rivals, 247Sports and On3.com
- Each recruiting service considered him a top 50 running back in the class
- Coached by Bill Thomas
- An all-around athlete who started all for seasons and played quarterback, running back, free safety and linebacker at Sneads
- Rushed for more than 3,800 yards and 50 touchdowns his junior and senior seasons
- Had 122 carries for 1,195 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns (9.8 yards per carry) as a senior
- Led the state of Florida in rushing as a junior with 2,721 yards and 35 touchdowns in 2022
- Averaged 13.1 yards per carry
- Named a first-team SBLive All-State selection
- Saw some action at quarterback and helped lead Sneads to an 11-1 overall record and an appearance in Florida's new 1R classification
- A three-sport standout who also runs track and plays basketball
- Averaged 12.2 points, 8.1 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game as a junior
- Was a state qualifier in the 100-meter dash, placing 11th at 1A meet during his junior track season

- Posted times of 10.97, 11.05, 11.18 and 11.21 in the event while also going 23.86 in the 200-meter dash at a district meet
- Chose Kentucky over reported offers from Boston, Cincinnati, Rutgers and Vanderbilt

Personal

- Born in Tallahassee, Florida
- Son of Jason and Elaine Patterson
- Has one sister, Koi Patterson
- Major is sport leadership

Jason Says

- After football, his dream job is to be a physical therapist
- Three words to describe him are funny, enjoyable and exciting
- The highlight of his life so far has been getting closer to God
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can sing
- If he could go back in time and change one thing he would work harder in class



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AUSTIN RAMSEY

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 328 • Freshman-RS
Philadelphia, Pa. (Roman Catholic)

2023 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

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 community and leadership development

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



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DYLAN
RAY

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 310 • Junior-1L
Noblesville, Indiana (West Virginia/Noblesville)

2023 - Sophomore

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at West Virginia
- Saw action in all 13 games with 10 starts
- Earned his first career start vs. ECU
- Began his collegiate career at WVU as a walk-on ... Came to UK on scholarship after transferring in May of 2023
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

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 letter winner 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 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



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DAVEREN
RAYNER

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 217 • *Senior-1L
Indianapolis, Indiana (Northern Illinois/
Lawrence Central)

2023 - Senior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Northern Illinois
- Compiled 126 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks and three pass breakups at NIU
- Started in 17 of 22 games at NIU
- Saw action in all 13 games at Kentucky, with one start vs. Missouri
- Career totals are now 35 career games played with 23 starts
- Totaled 30 total tackles this season with 3.0 TFL, two PBUs and one QBH
- Led Kentucky with a season-high 10 tackles, including five solo tackles, vs. Missouri ... Added one tackle for loss (-1 yard) and his first quarterback hurry of the season
- Got his first TFL at UK in the win over Florida

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 letter winner 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 Ariaah
- 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	13-1	30	0-0	3.0-3	0/0	0	1	2
at UK	13-1	30	0-0	3.0-3	0/0	0	1	2
Totals	35-18	157	5.5-28	11.5-37	0/0	0-0	5	5

*at Northern Illinois





RAYNER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 8 columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, INT, QBH, PBU. Rows include vs. Ball State, vs. EKU, vs. Akron, at Vandy, vs. Florida, at Georgia, vs. Missouri*, vs. Tennessee, at Miss. State, vs. Alabama, at USC, at UofL, vs. Clemson, and Totals.

RAYNER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 8 columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, INT, QBH, PBU. Rows include vs. Eastern Ill.*, at Tulsa*, vs. Vanderbilt*, at Kentucky*, at Ball State*, vs. Toledo, at Eastern Mich.*, at Ohio*, and Totals.

RAYNER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 8 columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows include at Georgia Tech*, vs. Wyoming*, at Michigan*, vs. Maine*, at Kent State, vs. Ball State, vs. Western Mich., and Totals.

RAYNER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 8 columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows include vs. Buffalo, vs. Central Mich.*, at Ball State*, at Western Mich.*, vs. Toledo*, at Eastern Mich.*, and Totals.

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



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ALEX
RAYNOR
KICKER

6-0 • 185 • *Senior-1L
Kennesaw, Georgia (Georgia Southern/
Harrison)

2023 - Senior

- Lou Groza Award Watch List
William V. Campbell Trophy semifinalist
SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll
A graduate transfer who came to Kentucky after three seasons at Georgia Southern
Three-time member of the Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll
Ranks fourth all-time in career field goals made at Georgia Southern with 45 ... His 76.3 percent career field goal percentage ranks seventh all-time
Has seen action in 49 career games (36 at GSU and 13 at UK) and has compiled 322 career points
Ranked third in the SEC in field goal percentage (10-of-11 for 90.91 percent) in 2023 ... Set a new UK career and season FG percentage record
Hit two or more FGs in three games (Ball State, Florida and Tennessee)
Hit 48-of-49 extra points ... His 48 PATs made ranked sixth in the SEC and tied for third on UK's single-season list
Hit 13 straight field goals (dating back to Georgia Tech) before missing a 53-yard attempt vs. Tennessee ... Now has hit three straight
His seven straight field goals made as a Wildcat tied for fourth in UK history
Ranked 12th on the NCAA's active career scoring list with 333 points
Ranked 15th on the NCAA's active career field goals list with 55
Ranked 9th on the NCAA's active career PATs list with 157
Ranked 30th on the NCAA's active points per game list with 6.6
Ranked 32nd on the NCAA's active career PATs percentage list (0.974 - 152-of-156)
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 were 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

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 ... Graduated in May of '24 from UK with an undergraduate certificate in business ... Currently working on a graduate certificate in sport, fitness and recreation management

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	47
2022	18-20	46	49-50	103
2023	10-11	50	48-49	78
Totals	55-70	50	157-162	322

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	4-4	1-1	4-4	1-2	10-11	50
Totals	1-1	23-24	17-20	13-20	1-5	55-70	50

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: 50, vs Florida, Sept 30, 2023
 Consecutive FGs made: 13, from Nov, 2022 to Oct 23, 2023
 PATs made: 8, twice, last vs Morgan State, Sept 3, 2022
 PATs attempted: 8, twice, last vs Morgan State, Sept 3, 2022



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CALEB
REDD

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 232 • Freshman-HS
St. Louis, Missouri (De Smet)

High School

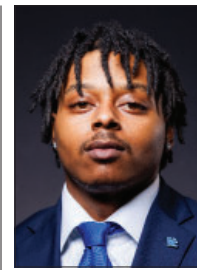
- Rated a three-star recruit by Rivals, 247Sports and On3.com
- The247Sports Composite rankings considered him the No. 54 edge rusher in the country and No. 12 overall player in Missouri
- Three-year starter for head coach John Merritt
- Despite being double- and triple-teamed most of the season as a senior, totaled 49 tackles with 9.0 tackles for loss and 13 sacks along with a forced fumble
- Helping lead the Spartans to the Metro Catholic Conference title on their way to the Class 6 state semifinals for the second straight season
- Named the *Post-Dispatch* All-Metro Football Defensive Player of the Year
- Earned first-team All-Metro honors by the *Post-Dispatch* and the St. Louis Metropolitan Football Coaches Association in 2023
- Named to the Missouri Football Coaches Association All-State and All-District teams in 2023
- Helped lead the Spartans to two district titles
- As a junior, totaled 63 tackles with a state-best and 21 sacks, also a single-season school record
- In 2021, he had 45 tackles with six sacks
- Also participated in track as a freshman and sophomore, running the 4x100 relay
- Chose Kentucky over Kansas State, Oklahoma, Southern Cal and Oregon

Personal

- Born in St. Louis, Missouri
- Son of Christina and Ricardo Redd
- Siblings are Aliyah Clark, Aljiah Clark, RiKayla Redd, Ricky Redd, Rashad Redd and Trevor Greer
- Brother, Aljiah, was a safety at Missouri S&T from 2019-22
- Major is undecided

Caleb Says

- His nickname is "C Redd"
- After football, his dream job is to be a YouTuber
- Three words to describe him are funny, chill and relaxed
- The highlight of his life so far is breaking Mekhi Wingo's sack record at De Smet
- The best advice he's ever received was from his brother "if you want it, you've got to go get it"



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CHY
RIVERS

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-8 • 181 • Sophomore-SQ
Baton Rouge, La. (Parkview Baptist School)

2023 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2023)
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-year letter winner 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

Community Cats

- Participated in the My New Kentucky Home Community Engagement event with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2024)

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





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BRIAN ROBINSON

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 261 • Freshman-HS
Youngstown, Ohio (Westerville North)

High School

- Rated a unanimous four-star recruit by ESPN, On3, 247Sports and Rivals
- ESPN has him as the No. 14 edge in the nation and the No. 3 player in Ohio
- Began his prep career as a two-year starter at quarterback at Austintown Fitch High School (2022, 2021)
- Transferred to Westerville North High School and played under head coach Stanley Jackson as a senior in 2023
- In just seven games, recorded 58 tackles, 7.0 tackles for loss, six sacks, one interception, one fumble recovery and one blocked field goal ... Also had five defensive touchdowns
- Helped the Pirates to a 9-3 record and reach the Region 3 quarterfinals
- Earned First Team Ohio Capital Conference honors in the Capital Division
- Named All-Ohio Honorable Mention by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association
- Selected to play in the Under Armour All-American game in 2024
- Recorded 75 tackles, 16.5 tackles for loss and seven sacks as a junior at Fitch in 2022

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags and deliver food for God's Pantry (2024)
- Read to kids at a local elementary school (2024)

Personal

- Born in Dallas, Texas
- Son of George Robinson
- Siblings are Ashlyn Robinson, Olivia Robinson, Fallon Patton and Ahmari Bell
- Major is undecided

Brian Says

- His nickname is "B-Rob"
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit for him
- Three words to describe him are intelligent, disciplined and different
- His hobbies are bowling, archery and outdoor activities
- His biggest motivator to work hard is his dad
- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life it would be veggie subs



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WILLIE RODRIGUEZ

TIGHT END

6-4 • 245 • Freshman-HS
Taylor Mill, Kentucky (Covington Catholic)

High School

- Rated a unanimous three-star recruit by ESPN, Rivals, On3 and 247Sports
- ESPN has him as the No. 24 tight end in the nation and Rivals has him as the No. 4 player in Kentucky
- A four-year letter winner and two-year starter as a tight end for head coach Eddie Eviston at Covington Catholic
- Helped the Colonels compile an impressive 42-11 overall record during his prep career, including a 14-1 record in 2023
- Recorded 29 catches for 488 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior, helping lead Covington Catholic to 14 straight wins and an appearance in the Kentucky High School Athletics Association Class 4A Championship Game
- Also added 48 tackles, three sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery on defense
- Named *USA Today* High School Sports Star of the Week after scoring three touchdowns to help his team remain undefeated in November 2023
- Voted team captain by his peers
- Earned the team's Most Valuable Player award
- Named Second Team All-State by *The Courier Journal* in 2023
- As a junior, Recorded 14 catches for 295 yards and five touchdowns, also adding 10 tackles and two sacks on defense
- Also a four-year letter winner on the wrestling team and earned two letters on the baseball team
- State qualifier three times in three different weight classes
- Placed fifth at the 2023 KHSAA state wrestling championships
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Auburn, Ole Miss, Purdue, Tennessee and Virginia Tech

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Jody and Willie Rodriguez
- Has five siblings - Alexes, Sofia, Gabby, Antonio and Emilio
- Comes from a family of athletes as mom, Jody, was an outside hitter on the volleyball team at Dayton from 1993-97; Dad, Willie, was a middle linebacker at Thomas Moore from 1992-96; Sister, Sofia, is currently a soccer player at Western Carolina; Cousin, Patrick Schen, was a tight end at Kentucky from 2017-21
- Major is undecided

Willie Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the family environment, the Big Blue Nation and the coaching staff
- One word to describe him on the field is physical

- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life he would choose Cuban food
- If he could have dinner with one famous person, living or dead, he would invite Drake
- His hobbies include baseball, wrestling, basketball, fishing and hanging out with friends and family



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TRE'VONN RYBKA

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 284 • *Senior-3L
Dickson, Tenn. (Dickson County)

2024 - Senior

- Has seen action in 36 career games with 13 starts
- Three-year letter winner

2023 - Junior

- Played in 11 of UK's 13 games with four starts vs. Vanderbilt, South Carolina, Louisville and Clemson
- Totaled 27 tackles, including 5.0 tackles for loss, a sack and two quarterback hurries this season
- Totaled a career-high six tackles in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl vs. Clemson, including 1.0 TFL

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 QBH
- 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	11-4	27	5.0-17	1.0-10	0/0	2	0	0
Totals	36-13	61	6.5-25	2.0-18	0/0	4	0	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
at Vandy*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida			DNP					
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	3	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	3	1.5-11	1.0-10	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama	5	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at UofL*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson8	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	5.0-17	1.0-10	0	0	0	0	2

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: 6, vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023
 Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at Miss State, Nov 4, 2023 (5 yards)
 Tackles for loss: 1.5, at Miss State, Nov 4, 2023 (11 yards)
 Quarterback hurry: 1, 4x, last at South Carolina, Nov 18, 2023



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KAHLIL SAUNDERS

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 291 • Junior -2L
 Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)

2023 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 13 games and had 18 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks and two quarterback hurries
- 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 pre-communication

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	QBH
2021	4-0	2	2.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	1
2022	11-0	13	1.0-6	0.5-6	0	0	0	0
2023	13-0	18	3.5-19	1.5-14	0	0	0	2
Totals	28-0	33	6.5-27	2.0-20	0	0	0	3





SAUNDERS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows include games vs. Ball State, ECU, Akron, Vandy, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, Miss. State, Alabama, USC, UofL, and Clemson.

SAUNDERS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

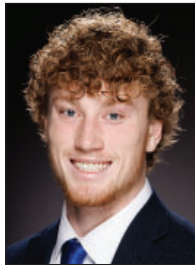
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SAUNDERS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows include games vs. ULM, Florida, NMST, and Louisville.

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, 3x, last vs Alabama, Nov 11, 2023



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JACKSON SCHULZ

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 198 • Junior-Sq
Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)

2023 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
Dean's List (Fall 2023)
Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2022 - Freshman

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

High School

- Accepted a preferred walk-on position
Four-year letter winner at safety and nickel for head coach Bob Beatty at Trinity
Helped the 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

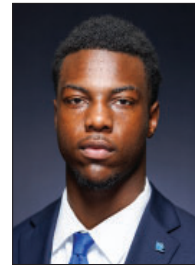
- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
Son of Kelly Schulz and the late Christopher Schulz
Siblings are Ally and Ben
Major is communication

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



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QUAY'SHEED SCOTT

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 192 • Freshman-HS
Marion, South Carolina (Marion)

High School

- Rated a four-star recruit by On3 and a three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals
On3 had him as the No. 29 cornerback in the nation and the No. 5 player in South Carolina
Played at Marion High School under head coach Brian Hennechy and helped the Swamp Foxes win four straight region championships, played for a state title in 2020 and compiled a 33-8 record in his four seasons on the team
Totaled 1,616 career receiving yards with 23 touchdowns, 1,357 rushing yards and 21 touchdowns, two TD passes, four kickoff returns for touchdowns, 10 interceptions and one punt return for a TD
As a senior in 2023, had 26 catches for 764 yards and nine touchdowns, but also carried the football 51 times for 643 yards and 12 more touchdowns
Threw a touchdown pass and returned two kickoffs for touchdowns
Defensively, had 63 tackles, six tackles for loss, three interceptions, one pass breakup, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery
Named South Carolina's Region 8-AA Player of the Year
Helped his team to a 10-2 record, a regional championship title and an appearance in the second round of the state playoffs
Chosen to play and got an interception in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, helping South Carolina defeat North Carolina, 24-0
Earned All-State Class 2A honors by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association
Named to the All-Region 8 team
Also Earned an invitation to the Shrine Bowl as a junior
Two-year letter winner on the track team, participating in the 100-meters and 4x100-meter relay
Two-time member of the AB Honor Roll
Chose Kentucky over South Carolina

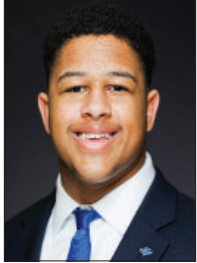
Personal

- First name is pronounced "quah-SHEED"
Born in Marion, South Carolina
Has one son, Sevyn Scott
Son of Ashley Williams and Kenynon Scott
Cousin, Cam Smith, currently is a cornerback for the Miami Dolphins; Cousin Xavier Legette, is currently a wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers; Cousin, T.J. Sanders, currently plays defensive tackle at South Carolina
Has one sister, Seniyah
Major is undecided

Quay'sheed Says



- His nickname is "Q"
- He chose Kentucky because of all the love the coaches showed
- His dream job is to be a business owner
- The highlight of his life was the birth of his son
- Three words to describe him are honest, him and trustworthy



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ABA
SELM

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 303 • Freshman-HS
Independence, Ky. (Simon Kenton)

High School

- Rated as a unanimous three-star recruit by On3, ESPN, 247Sports and Rivals
- On3 listed him as the No. 18 interior offensive lineman in the nation and the No. 2 player in Kentucky
- Four-year starter and four-year letter winner at Simon Kenton High School under head coach Roy Lucas Jr.
- First-team all-state as a senior as chosen by the *Louisville Courier-Journal*
- Helped an offense that combined for 129 pass completions on 212 pass attempts for more than 2,000 yards and 16 touchdowns, along with 392 carries for 1,944 yards and 29 rushing TDs as a senior in 2023
- Meanwhile, on defense as a defensive lineman, added 59 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and six sacks
- Helped his team reach the first round of the Kentucky High School Athletics Association Class 6A Playoff in 2023
- Earned numerous honors after his senior season, including Northern Kentucky John Schlarman Lineman of the Year and the Class 6A District 6 Player of the Year
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Cincinnati, Penn State and Purdue

Personal

- First name is Hamadoun but goes by "Aba" pronounced "AB-uh"
- Born in Independence, Kentucky
- Son of Daniel Selm
- Siblings are Daniel Selm Jr., Michael Selm and Sara Selm
- Major is sport leadership

Aba Says

- His nickname is "Aba"
- He chose Kentucky because of the great coaching staff
- His dream job is to be a physical therapist
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is meatloaf
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"



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KEESHAWN
SILVER

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 336 • Junior-1L
Rocky Mount, N.C. (North Carolina/
Rocky Mount)

2023 - Sophomore

- Transferred to Kentucky after playing two seasons at North Carolina
- Totaled four tackles in six games played for the Tar Heels
- Started in all 11 of 12 games played in 2023 for Kentucky ... Missed the Missouri game with injury
- Totaled 17 tackles, including 2.0 tackles for loss
- 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 EKU

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 of colon cancer when he was nine years old
- Major is communication

Community Cats

- Hosted the inaugural Big Kountry Camp in his hometown of Rocky Mount, N.C. in June of '24, teaching football skills to over 100 kids from his community (2024)
- Volunteered at a bowling event with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2023)

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	12-11	17	2.0-3	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at UK	DT	12-11	17	2.0-3	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals		18-11	21	2.0-3	0-0	0/0	0	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. EKU*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vandy*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	2	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri			DNP					
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at UoFL*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	2.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

SILVER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (UNC)

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 (UNC)

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 EKU, Sept 9, 2023
Tackles for loss: 1.0, twice, last vs Florida, Sept 30, 2023



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ANTWAN SMITH

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 205 • Freshman-HS
Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake)

High School

- Rated as a unanimous three-star recruit by On3, ESPN, 247Sports and Rivals
- On3 listed him as the No. 47 linebacker in the nation and the No. 76 player in Georgia
- Played at Westlake High School under head coach Rico Zackery, helping the Lions compile a 43-10 record during his four seasons
- Recorded 21 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, 3.0 sacks (-10 yards) and two caused fumbles as a senior in 2023
- Helped his team to a 9-3 record and the Class 7A Georgia High School Football Playoffs in 2023
- Named to the Georgia High School Football Daily Defensive First Team in 2023
- Lettered as a junior and senior on the track team
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Duke and NC State

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2024)

Personal

- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of Tiffani and Dadra Smith
- Has one brother, Deon Jackson
- Comes from a family of athletes as mom, Tiffani, ran track at the University of Miami and earned All-America honors after placing 13th in the long jump at the 1995 NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships ... Dad, Dadra, played basketball at Utah State from 1995-97 ... Brother, Deon, played football at Duke from 2017-2020 and is currently a running back for the New York Giants
- Major is sociology

Antwan Says

- His nickname is "Smitty"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to work in real estate
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he loves cars
- Three words to describe him are quiet, chill and funny



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DEVIN SMITH

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0 • 221 • Freshman-HS
Brunswick, Georgia (Brunswick)

High School

- A three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports, On3 and ESPN
- Listed one of the top 55 linebackers in the 2024 recruiting class by Rivals
- Rated the No. 70 player in the state of Georgia by On3
- Three-year starter at linebacker for head coach Garrett Grady
- Totaled 22 career sacks, the most in Brunswick High history
- Named the *Brunswick News'* 2022-23 Coastal Georgia All-Area Football Team's Defensive Player of the Year
- Totaled 62 tackles, including 18.0 tackles for loss and 12.0 sacks, along with one forced fumble as a senior
- Earned the Region 2-6A Defensive Player of the Year in 2022 after leading the Brunswick Pirates to a 10-1 season and a berth in the Georgia High School Association 6A playoffs
- Despite missing games to injury as a junior, still totaled 63 tackles, including 10.0 tackles for loss, along with six sacks and three fumble recoveries
- Named to the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association All-State Team (2022 and 2023)
- Helped Brunswick record a 10-1 record in Class 6A in 2022
- Also participated on the track team
- Chose Kentucky over LSU, South Carolina, Alabama and Auburn

Personal

- Born in Brunswick, Georgia
- Son of Marion Grant
- Siblings are Iyke, James, Jovontae and Geya
- Major is undecided

Devin Says

- His nickname is "Dev"
- He chose Kentucky because of the coaching staff
- Besides playing football, he's also really good at drawing
- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life he would chose steak
- One way to describe his play on the field is "high motor"



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JACOB SMITH

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-4 • 240 • Freshman-HS
Somerset, Ky. (Corbin)

High School

- A four-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
- Listed as the state's No. 2 prospect
- Rated a top-20 edge rusher nationally by Rivals
- Began his prep career at Somerset before spending two seasons in Connecticut, one at Cheshire Academy and one at Loomis Chaffee School
- Transferred to Corbin in the fall of 2023 for his senior season
- In his lone season with the Redhounds, totaled 103 tackles, including 5.0 tackles for loss and 4.0 sacks in 12 games
- Earned first-team all-state by the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and also first-team all-district
- Ranked tied for third in the state with three forced fumbles, recovering two
- Part of a Corbin defensive squad that ranked No. 1 in the state in team defense, allowing just 5.9 points per game
- Helped the Redhounds finish 12-1 overall, concluding the season in the 2023 Class 4A quarterfinals
- Named an Under Armour All-American
- Coached by Tom Greer
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2024)

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Jerod and Susan Smith
- Dad is currently a master sergeant in the United States Marine Corps
- Siblings are Toi Singleton, Tanner Stamper Smith, Jaylaan Smith, Jeryiah Smith and Jerod Smith
- Twin brother, Jerod, is a fellow signee in the 2024 class ... Jerod is older by 15 minutes
- Major is undecided

Jacob Says

- His nickname is "Jake"
- Besides playing football, he's also really good at making people laugh
- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life he would chose candy
- One thing he will never do again is give up
- The best advice he's ever received is "keep going!"





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JADEN
SMITH

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-3 • 206 • Freshman-HS
Charlotte, North Carolina (West Charlotte)

High School

- Considered a consensus four-star prospect by all the major recruiting sites
- Ranked as the No. 3 prospect in North Carolina and No. 92 nationally
- 247Sports Composite ranks him as the No. 11 athlete in the high school class of 2024
- Coached by Sam Greiner at West Charlotte High School
- Four-time All-Conference selection
- Named the 2023 Queen City 3A/4A Defensive Player of the Year at linebacker by *The Charlotte Observer*
- Earned the team's Most Valuable Player award and the First Team All-State by HighSchoolOT as a senior
- Helped his team finish 9-4 overall and advance to the third round of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 3A West playoffs in 2023
- Also participated on the track team
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville, Michigan and Southern California

Personal

- Born in Charlotte, North Carolina
- Son of Tish Boyd and Travis Smith
- Siblings are Beedy, Crystal Boyd, Zion, Kayden-Fat, Ricco, Ren, Honesty and Noonie
- Major is undecided

Jaden Says

- His nickname is "J4"
- He chose Kentucky because of the love and support
- His dream job is to be a clothing designer
- Besides playing football, he's also really good at boxing
- One thing he will never do again is skydive



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JEROD
SMITH II

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 273 • Freshman-HS
Somerset, Ky. (Corbin)

High School

- A four-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
- Rated a top-10 edge rusher nationally by ESPN
- Listed as the state's No. 3 prospect
- Began his prep career at Somerset before spending two seasons in Connecticut, one at Cheshire Academy and one at Loomis Chaffee School
- Transferred to Corbin in the fall of 2023 for his senior season
- In his lone season with the Redhounds, was named the Class 4A District 8 Player of the Year by the KFCA and a first-team All-District choice after totaling 90 tackles, including a team-high 20 tackles for loss
- Ranked sixth in the state in sacks with 9.0
- Part of a Corbin defensive squad that ranked No. 1 in the state in team defense, allowing just 5.9 points per game
- Helped the Redhounds finish 12-1 overall, concluding the season as the 2023 Class 4A runner ups
- Named an Under Armour All-American
- Earned Ixon Law Office Player of the Week after recording nine tackles, 3.0 TFL and 3.0 sacks in a win over Lexington Catholic
- Coached by Tom Greer
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food bags for God's Pantry (2024)
- Volunteered at a bowling event with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2024)

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Jerod and Susan Smith
- Dad is currently a master sergeant in the United States Marine Corps
- Siblings are Toi Singleton, Tanner Stamper Smith, Jaylaan Smith, Jeryiah Smith and Jerod Smith
- Twin brother, Jacob, is a fellow signee in the 2024 class ... Jerod is older by 15 minutes
- Major is undecided

Jerod Says

- His nickname is "Rod"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- His dream job is to be a business owner
- Besides playing football, he's also really good at playing video games
- One word to describe him on the field is "versatile"



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STEVEN
SOLES JR.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 225 • Freshman-HS
Powell, Tenn. (Powell)

High School

- Rated as a unanimous three-star recruit by ESPN, On3, 247Sports and Rivals
- ESPN listed him as the No. 70 linebacker in the nation and the No. 21 player in Tennessee
- Four-year starter at Powell High School under head coach Matt Lowe
- Recorded 66 tackles, 8.0 tackles for loss, 7.0 sacks (-23 yards) and 38 quarterback hurries, all of which were team highs, as a senior in 2023
- Added four pass deflections, one interception returned for 38 yards, one fumble recovery, one blocked punt and one blocked field goal
- Helped his team to a 9-4 record and an appearance in the Tennessee Division I Class 5A quarterfinals
- Named the Class 5A Region 2 Most Valuable Player, The Knoxville Focus and Coaches Poll Player of the Year and a semifinalist for Class 5A Mr. Football in 2023
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Alabama, Miami and Tulane

Personal

- Born in Knoxville, Tennessee
- Son of Antonia Whitmore and Steven Soles Sr.
- Siblings are Shamiyah Whitmore, Markise Witt Jr., Key Juan Witt and Shemar Soles
- Major is pre-communication

Steven Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the people and the culture
- After 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 can rap
- Three words to describe him are cool, funny and enthusiastic
- The craziest thing he's ever done is swim with sharks



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KRISTIAN STORY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 213 • *Senior-TR Lanett, Ala. (Alabama/Lanett)

2024 - Senior

- Transferred to Kentucky after four seasons at Alabama
Will have one season of eligibility remaining
Has played in 39 career games with two starting assignments
Totalled 22 tackles, three pass breakups and an interception in his career for the Tide

2023 - Junior (Alabama)

- Saw action in 14 games with two starts vs. Kentucky and Chattanooga
Totalled 15 tackles, including one for loss (-1 yard) and also broke up two passes and recorded an interception
Picked off his first career pass, returning the interception two yards vs Chattanooga

2022 - Sophomore (Alabama)

- Played in 13 games and recorded five tackles

2021 - r-Freshman (Alabama)

- Saw action in 12 games, primarily on special teams
Totalled two tackles

2020 - Freshman (Alabama)

- Redshirt season

High School

- A consensus four-star prospect out of Lanett High School
An all-around athlete who played quarterback and safety
Set the record for career touchdowns in the history of the Alabama High School Athletics Association with 175 total scores
Selected to play in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game
Finished his career with 13,219 yards of total offense while also setting the AHSAA record
Led Lanett to the 2019 Alabama State Championship
Earned Alabama Gatorade Player of the Year honors
Earned all-state honors as a safety in 1A following the 2018 season
Threw for 2,434 yards and 40 touchdowns as a sophomore in 2018 to go along with 1,207 rushing yards and 16 scores
Added 33 tackles and nine interceptions on defense as a junior
Threw for 3,286 yards and 35 scores while rushing for 765 yards and seven scores in 2018
Coached by his father Clifford Story at Lanett

Personal

- Born in Valley, Alabama
Son of Kristina Story and Clifford Story Jr.
Siblings are Mallory, LaKendra, Tre and Caden
Comes from a family of athletes as mom, Kristina, played basketball at Faulkner and Auburn University at Montgomery from 1992-96; Dad, Clifford, played football and baseball at Jacksonville State from 1992-96; brother Tre, played football at Richmond from 2017-19 and Tuskegee from 2019-21; brother, Caden, currently is a defensive tackle at Clemson; uncle, Marcus Pollard, spent 14 years in the NFL and is currently the director of player engagement and youth football for the Jacksonville Jaguars
Graduated from Alabama with a degree in sport management ... Currently working on an undergraduate certificate in leadership studies

Kristian Says

- His nickname is "Ken Ken" because his middle name is Kennedy
He chose Kentucky because he believes in the coaching staff and their ability to develop players
His dream job is to have a podcast with friends
Most people don't know that he used to be a life guard and he can play the drums
The best advice he's ever received was from his dad "live your life so you look back with no regrets"

STORY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Y, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int., PBU. Rows for 2021*, 2022*, 2023*, and Totals.

*at Alabama

STORY'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (UA)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int., PBU. Rows for various opponents including Middle Tenn., Texas, South Fla., Ole Miss, Miss. State, Texas A&M, Arkansas, Tennessee, LSU, Kentucky*, UTC*, Auburn, Georgia, Michigan, and Totals.

STORY'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (UA)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int., PBU. Rows for Utah State, Texas, ULM, Vanderbilt, and Totals.

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STORY'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (UA)

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, Int., PBU. Rows for Miami, Mercer, Florida, Southern Miss, Ole Miss, Texas A&M, Miss. State, Tennessee, LSU, New Mexico St., Arkansas, Auburn, Georgia, Cincinnati, and Georgia.

STORY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Kentucky, Nov 11, 2023
Tackle for loss: 1.0, at Kentucky, Nov 11, 2023 (1 yard)
Pass breakups: 1, twice, last vs Georgia, Dec 02, 2023
Interceptions: 1, twice, last vs. Georgia, Dec 02, 2023(2 yards)



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AVERY STUART

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 196 • Freshman-RS Montgomery, Ala. (Alabama Christian)

2023 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
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



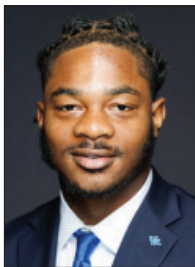
- on3.com ranked him a four-star recruit and No. 241 overall
- Four-year starter for Alabama Christian Academy under head coach Michael Summers
- As a defensive back, recorded 12 solo tackles as a senior in 2022
- As a wide receiver, made nine catches for 228 yards and five touchdowns
- Totaled 13 career 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



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DEMIE
SUMO-
KARNGBAYE
RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 210 • Senior-1L
 Willingboro, N.J. (NC State/Willingboro)

2023 - Junior

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at NC State and played in 14 total games for the Wolfpack
- Saw action in all 13 games for UK, totaling 20 carries for 139 yards and a score ... Also had 14 receptions for 69 yards and a score
- 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
- Caught a 4-yard touchdown pass on Kentucky's first drive of the game in the win over Mississippi State ... Marked his second score this season but his first receiving

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 Blidi, is currently on the defensive line at Indiana, while another cousin, Jeremie 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	13-0	20	139	7.0	1	42	14	69	4.9	1	18
at UK	13-0	20	139	7.0	1	42	14	69	4.9	1	18
Totals	27-0	75	444	5.9	4	42	26	217	8.3	2	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
at Vandy	2	4	0	4	2	3	0	4
vs. Florida	4	32	0	28	1	-2	0	0
at Georgia	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	28	0	28	3	13	0	7
vs. Tennessee	1	2	0	2	3	24	0	15
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	4
vs. Alabama	4	7	0	6	0	0	0	0
at USC	2	5	0	3	1	7	0	7
at UofL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	139	1	42	14	69	1	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, 6x, last at Miss State, Nov 4, 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, twice, last at Miss State, Nov 4, 2023
Tackles: 1, at East Carolina, Sept 3, 2022





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JOSH TERRELL

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 174 • Junior-SQ
Fort Worth, Texas (Grapevine Faith Christian)

2023 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

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

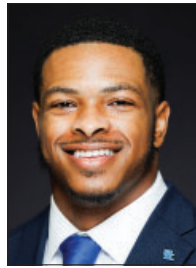
- Volunteered to work with children as part of My New Kentucky Home (2022)

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 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



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CHIP TRAYNUM

RUNNING BACK

5-11 • 227 • *Senior-TR
Akron, Ohio (Ohio State/Arizona State/
Archibald Hoban)

2024 - *Senior

- Comes to Kentucky as a graduate transfer after spending two seasons at Ohio State (2022-23) and two seasons at Arizona State (2020-21)
- Will have one year of eligibility remaining
- Has played in 36 total games in his career, 23 at Ohio State and 13 at Arizona State
- Has 1,157 career rushing yards and 13 touchdowns, and he has also caught 15 passes for 91 yards
- Carried the ball 127 times for 692 rushing yards (5.5 avg.) and 10 touchdowns for the Sun Devils ... Also had five receptions for 24 yards
- Transferred to Ohio State and briefly switched positions to linebacker and totaled 14 tackles before returning back to running back due to depth issues
- Totaled 100 carries for 465 yards and three scores for the Buckeyes

2023 - Senior (Ohio State)

- Appeared in 12 games and was Ohio State's second-leading rusher with 373 yards on 85 attempts (4.4 avg.) with three touchdowns
- Also caught nine passes for 53 yards and had one kickoff return for 14 yards
- Appeared on Bruce Feldman's (The Athletic) College football Freaks List
- Had a season-high 61 yards and a score against Maryland
- Had one tackle vs. Penn State

2022 - Junior (Ohio State)

- Earned a varsity letter after seeing action in 11 games
- Totaled 46 plays on offense, 36 plays on defense and 154 on special teams for 236 plays
- Rushed for 92 yards, including 83 against rival Michigan
- Also recorded 13 tackles, including a high of four vs. Rutgers and a high of three solo tackles vs. Michigan State
- Had three kickoff returns for 29 yards

2021 - Sophomore (Arizona State)

- Carried the ball 78 times for 401 yards and six scores in 2021 in nine games played
- Also caught four passes for 19 yards
- Ran for season-high 89 yards and a score versus Washington State
- Totaled two tackles vs. Washington State

2020 - Freshman (Arizona State)

- In a COVID-shortened seven-game season in 2020, was Arizona State's second-leading rusher with 290 yards and four touchdowns on 49 carries
- Also caught one pass for five yards
- Played in just four games

High School

- Was unanimously regarded as a four-star recruit by all major services in the Class of 2020
- The No. 4 prospect out of Ohio by ESPN, No. 5 by 247Sports and No. 6 by Rivals
- Named first team Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association D-II All-Ohio at linebacker as a junior
- A four-year starter who helped Hoban win three state titles
- Finished with 60 tackles, eight sacks, five forced fumbles and 10 pass breakups as a junior.

Personal

- Last name is pronounced "TRAY-num"
- Born in Akron, Ohio
- Son of Shereefa Cameron
- Graduated from Ohio State in the fall of '23 with a degree in education and human ecology ... Currently working on a an undergraduate certificate in business and is on track to receive that in December of '24

Chip Says

- His nickname is "Chip"
- The highlight of his life so far was being baptized
- Besides playing football, he's also enjoys golf and outdoor activities
- Three words to describe him are charismatic, outgoing and humble
- His favorite family recipe to make is sugar cookies

TRAYNUM'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2020*	4-0	49	290	5.9	4	26	1	5	5.0	0	5
2021*	9-0	78	402	5.2	6	20	4	19	4.8	0	12
2022!	11-0	15	92	6.1	0	24	1	14	14.0	0	14
2023!	12-0	85	373	4.4	3	40	9	53	5.9	0	19
Totals	36-0	227	1,157	5.1	13	40	15	91	6.1	0	19

*at Arizona State
! at Ohio State

TRAYNUM'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (OHIO STATE)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Indiana	8	57	0	17	0	12	0	12
vs. YSU	6	20	0	9	0	0	0	0
vs. WKU	5	56	1	40	0	0	0	0
at Notre Dame	6	13	1	4	1	12	0	12
vs. Maryland	20	61	1	8	1	-18	0	0
at Purdue	6	28	0	10	1	9	0	9
vs. Penn State	9	22	0	5	1	19	0	19
at Wisconsin	6	13	0	4	2	7	0	4
at Rutgers	2	6	0	4	0	0	0	0
vs. Michigan St.	7	35	0	18	2	12	0	8
vs. Minnesota	4	25	0	11	0	0	0	0
at Michigan	6	37	0	12	0	0	0	0
Totals	85	373	3	40	9	53	0	19





**TRAYANUM'S
2022 GAME-BY-GAME (OHIO STATE)**

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas St.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Toledo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Rutgers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Michigan St.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	1	9	0	9	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Michigan	14	83	0	24	1	14	0	14
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	92	0	24	1	14	0	14

**TRAYANUM'S
2021 GAME-BY-GAME (ARIZONA STATE)**

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. So. Utah	6	52	2	20	0	0	0	0
at UCLA	16	68	1	13	1	1	0	1
vs. Stanford	9	50	0	17	0	0	0	0
at Utah	10	46	0	14	1	-5	0	0
vs. Wash. State	19	89	1	15	2	23	0	12
vs. USC	3	28	1	14	0	0	0	0
at Washington	6	20	0	6	0	0	0	0
at Oregon State	4	12	1	6	0	0	0	0
vs. Arizona	5	37	0	11	0	0	0	0
Totals	78	402	6	20	4	19	0	12

**TRAYANUM'S
2020 GAME-BY-GAME (ARIZONA STATE)**

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at USC	12	84	2	25	0	0	0	0
vs UCLA	15	108	0	21	1	5	0	5
at Arizona	10	41	1	9	0	0	0	0
at Oregon St.	12	57	1	26	0	0	0	0
Totals	49	290	4	26	1	5	0	5

TRAYANUM'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 20, vs Maryland, Oct 7, 2023
 Rush yards: 89, vs Washington State, Oct 30, 2021 (19 carries)
 Long rush: 40, vs Western Kentucky, Sept 16, 2023
 Rushing TDs: 2, vs Southern Utah, Sept 2, 2021
 Total TDs: 2, vs Southern Utah, Sept 2, 2021
 Receptions: 2, 3x, last vs Michigan State, Nov 11, 2023
 Receiving yards: 23, vs Washington State, Oct 30, 2021
 Long reception: 19, vs Penn State, Oct 21, 2023
 Receiving TDs: n/a
 Kick returns: 1, 4x, last vs Penn State, Oct 21, 2023
 Kick return yards: 17, vs Toledo, Sept 17, 2022
 Long kick return: 17, vs Toledo, Sept 17, 2022
 Tackles: 4, vs Rutgers, Oct 1, 2022



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BROCK
VANDAGRIFF
QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 217 • Junior-TR
Bogart, Ga. (Georgia/
Prince Avenue Christian)

2024 - Junior

- Came to Kentucky as a graduate transfer after spending three seasons at Georgia (2021-2023)
- Will have two years of eligibility remaining
- Appeared in 13 total games in his career, completing 12 of 21 passes for 165 yards and two scores ... Also ran six times for 46 yards
- Part of back-to-back National Championship teams in 2021 and 2022 with the Bulldogs

2023 - Sophomore (Georgia)

- Saw action in eight games, completing 12 of 18 passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns and rushing five times for 39 yards
- Completed two of three passes for 77 yards, including a 56-yard touchdown pass, in season-opening victory over UT Martin
- Saw action as a reserve quarterback in win over Ball State
- Completed four of five passes for 37 yards, including a 21-yard pass, in win over UAB
- Completed five of seven passes for 46 yards and one touchdown as a reserve vs. Kentucky

2022 - r-Freshman (Georgia)

- Appeared in three games vs. Samford, South Carolina and Vanderbilt, rushing one time for seven yards and 0-for-2 passing

2021 - Freshman (Georgia)

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in two games vs. UAB and Charleston

High School

- Played at Prince Avenue Christian and was coached by his dad, Greg Vandagriff
- Selected to the 2021 All-American Bowl
- Invited to the 2020 Elite 11 Finals
- Rated a five-star prospect by three of the four major recruiting services
- ESPN.com rated him a four-star prospect
- Ranked as the #2 dual-threat quarterback prospect, #2 prospect in Georgia, and #14 prospect nationally
- Helped lead Prince Avenue Christian to a 13-1 record in his 2020 senior season, clinching the Class A-Private state title
- Completed 70.9 percent of his passes for more than 4,000 yards, 46 touchdowns, and seven interceptions, along with 74 carries for more than 500 yards and 17 rushing touchdowns
- Named finalist for 2020 National High School Quarterback of the Year Award by National Quarterback Club

- Named the Atlanta Touchdown Club 2020 "Mr. Georgia"
- Named to 2020 USA Today Preseason All-USA Second Team offense
- Named to Atlanta Journal-Constitution 2020 all-classification Player of the Year and to Georgia's Super 11
- Led Wolverines to 9-3 record and second round of Class A-Private State Playoffs in 2019 junior season, completing 71.6 percent of his passes for 2,471 yards, 31 touchdowns, and three interceptions despite missing four games to leg injury ... Also ran for 262 yards and six rushing touchdowns
- Named to 2019 AJC All-State Class A-Private First Team offense
- Named to 2019 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Class A All-State Team offense
- Named to 2019 Georgia Sports Writers Association Class A-Private All-State Team offense
- Led Wolverines to 11-2 record and semifinals of Class A-Private State Playoffs in 2018 ... Threw for 3,190 yards for 28 touchdowns and seven interceptions, completing 64.9 percent of his passes ... Rushed for 1,001 yards and 23 touchdowns
- Named to 2018 AJC All-State Class A-Private First Team offense
- Named to 2018 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Class A All-State Team offense
- Named 2018 Georgia Sports Writers Association Class A Offensive Player of the Year and named to Class A All-State Team offense
- Recipient of the Bill & Margaret Young Football Scholarship, the Ramsey Scholarship for Academic and Athletic Excellence, and the Louis S. Sohn Jr. Athletic Scholarship Endowment

Personal

- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of Greg and Kelly Vandagriff
- Has two sisters, Anna and Audrey
- Comes from a family of athletes as his dad, Greg, played football at Tennessee Wesleyan; mom, Kelly, played basketball at Southern Union; sister, Anna, is currently on the volleyball team at Eastern Kentucky University
- Graduated in December of '23 from Georgia with a degree in communication studies ... Currently working on a master's degree in community and leadership development at UK

Brock Says

- He chose Kentucky because of its culture, the offense and the coaching staff
- After his football career is complete he hopes to own and manage his own farm
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he knows American Sign Language
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is deer burgers
- His go-to karaoke song is "How I Got to Be This Way" by Justin Moore





VANDAGRIFF'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Rush, Yds, TD, Comp., Att., Int., Pct., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for 2021*, 2022*, 2023*, and Totals.

*at Georgia

VANDAGRIFF'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (AT GEORGIA)

Table with columns: Opponent, Comp.-Att.-Int., Yds., TD, Long, Rush, Yds., TD, Long. Rows for games vs. UT Martin, Ball State, UAB, Kentucky, Florida, Missouri, Ole Miss, and Tennessee.

VANDAGRIFF'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (AT GEORGIA)

Table with columns: Opponent, Comp.-Att.-Int., Yds., TD, Long, Rush, Yds., TD, Long. Rows for games vs. Samford, So. Carolina, and Vanderbilt.

VANDAGRIFF'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (AT GEORGIA)

Table with columns: Opponent, Comp.-Att.-Int., Yds., TD, Long, Rush, Yds., TD, Long. Rows for games vs. UAB and Charleston.

VANDAGRIFF'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 7, vs Kentucky, Oct 7, 2023
Pass completions: 5, vs Kentucky, Oct 7, 2023
Pass yards: 77, vs UT Martin, Sept 2, 2023
Passing touchdowns: 1, twice, last vs Kentucky, Oct 7, 2023
Long pass: 56, vs UT Martin, Sept 2, 2023
Rush Attempts: 2, vs Kentucky, Oct 7, 2023
Rushing yards: 27, vs Kentucky, Oct 7, 2023
Longest rush: 18, vs UAB, Sept 23, 2023
Rushing touchdowns: n/a



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DEONE WALKER

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 345 • Junior-2L
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)

2024 - Junior

- Preseason Second Team All-American (Walter Camp, Athlon, Phil Steele)
Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List
Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
Outland Trophy Watch List
Preseason First Team All-SEC (Media, Athlon and Phil Steele)

2023 - Sophomore (Team Captain)

- Third team All-America (CFN)
Fourth team All-America (Phil Steele)
First team All-SEC (AP, Phil Steele, PFF)
Second Team All-SEC Defense (Coaches)
Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List
Bronko Nagurski Watch List
Outland Trophy Watch List
Named one of seven permanent season team captains
Has started in 25 of 26 career games, including 24 straight
Despite battling frequent double teams, led the team in tackles for loss (12.5), quarterback sacks (7.5) and quarterback hurries (8) in 2023 ... Also added two pass breakups
Ranked eighth in the SEC in sacks (7.5)
Totaled a career-high nine tackles at South Carolina, including 2.0 TFL and a sack
Played a dominant role in the defensive front during Kentucky's 33-14 win over No. 22/23-ranked Florida ... Made two tackles, including a quarterback sack, and a crucial pass breakup ... In the first quarter, the 348-pound Walker dropped back in pass defense and helped break up a pass that was intercepted by UK and returned to the Florida 15-yard line, setting up the first touchdown of the game ... On the next possession, his eight-yard sack helped force a punt that led to a Kentucky touchdown drive ... Early in the second quarter, made a two-yard tackle, helping force a punt that led to another Kentucky TD ... Part of the UK defense that limited UF to 14 points and 313 yards - 13.5 points and 99.5 yards below their averages entering the game
Totaled a career-high 4.0 tackles for loss in the Missouri game ... Tied for the third-most TFLs in a game in school history and the most since Josh Allen had 4.0 vs. South Carolina on Sept. 29, 2018
Preseason SEC Media Days Second-Team Defense
Preseason Coaches All-SEC Football Second-Team Offense

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)
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 letter winner at Cass Tech coached by Thomas Wilcher and Marvin Rushing
Also played offensive tackle as a senior
Combines massive frame with impressive agility
Named to the Detroit Free Press All-State Dream Team in 2021
Named First-Team All-State after totaling 43 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and six sacks in seven games
Also played center on the basketball team
Picked Kentucky over Georgia, Michigan, Missouri and Alabama

Personal

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





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	13-13	55	12.5-48	7.5-38	0/0	2	8	0
Totals		26-25	95	17.0-63	8.5-46	1/0	4	13	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. EKU*	5	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Akron*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vandy*	2	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Florida*	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0	0	1	0
at Georgia*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
vs. Missouri*	7	4.0-7	1.0-3	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Tennessee*	3	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	1
at Miss. State*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama*	5	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at USC*	9	2.0-9	1.0-6	0	0	0	0	1
at Uofl*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Clemson*	4	2.0-6	2.0-6	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	55	12.5-48	7.5-38	0	0	0	2	8

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: 9, at South Carolina, Nov 18, 2023
Tackles for loss: 4.0, vs Missouri, Oct 14, 2023 (7 yards)
Sacks: 1.0, 5x, last at South Carolina, Nov 18, 2023 (6 yards)
Pass breakups: 1, 4x, last at Georgia, Oct 7, 2023
Quarterback hurry: 2, twice, last vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023 (10 yards)



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DJ
WALLER JR.

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-3 • 202 • Sophomore-Tr
Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan/Chaney)

2023 - Freshman (Michigan)

- Played in 11 games in the secondary and on special teams as a true freshman in 2023 at Michigan
- Helped the Wolverines amass a 15-0 record and win the College Football Playoff National Championship
- Contributed 12 tackles with one pass breakup to earn a varsity letter at UM
- Named the Defensive Freshman of the Week five times during the season for his performances against UNLV, Bowling Green, Indiana, Nebraska and Michigan State

High School

- A consensus 3-star prospect who was rated the No. 35 athlete in the nation and the No. 20 player in Ohio by Rivals.com
- Two-way player at wide receiver and defensive back for head coach Seth Antram at Chaney High School
- Totaled 47 tackles with 7.0 tackles for loss, one sack, and one interception on defense
- Charted 215 receiving yards with two scores offensively
- Helped the Cowboys finish 10-2 in 2022, the school's first 10-win season in more than 20 years
- Named first-team all-state defense, Division III OPSWA All-Ohio
- Earned All-District (Northeast Inland) first team in 2022

Personal

- Born in Youngstown, Ohio
- Son of D'Juan and Micah Waller and Phillisa Patton
- Has seven siblings
- Major is undecided

DJ Says

- He chose to play at Kentucky because Coach Stoops is a great defensive backs coach and he will coach him hard
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he loves to write music
- Three words to describe him are humble, unique and relentless
- The person who motivates him to work hard is his dad because he's always trying to make him a better person and lead him the right way
- If he could invite one famous person, dead or alive, to a dinner he would choose Kobe Bryant

WALLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2023*	11-0	12	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
Totals	11-0	12	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0

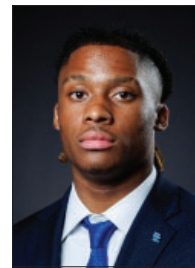
*at Michigan

WALLER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. ECU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UNLV	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. BGU	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Rutgers	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Purdue	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Nebraska	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Indiana	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Mich. State	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Maryland	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	12	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0

WALLER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs UNLV, Sept 9, 2023
Pass breakups: 1, at Michigan State, Oct 21, 2023



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DAVID
WASHINGTON JR.

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 203 • Freshman-HS
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (St. Joseph's)

High School

- Rated as a unanimous three-star recruit by ESPN, Rivals, 247Sports and On3
- ESPN has him as the No. 132 wide receiver in the nation and Rivals has him as the No. 16 player in Pennsylvania
- An all-around player who saw action at wide receiver, running back, linebacker, kick returner and punt returner
- Three-year starter and letter winner for head coach Timothy Roken
- Recorded 30 receptions for 561 yards and six touchdowns as a senior in 2023 ... Added three rushes for 27 yards
- Helped St. Joseph's to a 13-1 record and its second straight Class 6A State Championship title after defeating North Allegheny, 45-23
- Named a three-time All-Catholic First Team and All-State selection
- Twice named is team's Offensive Player of the Year
- Also participated on the track team as a sprinter
- Chose Kentucky over Virginia, Wisconsin and Syracuse





Community Cats

- Participated in the My New Kentucky Home Community Engagement event with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2024)

Personal

- Born in Camden, New Jersey
Son of David Washington Sr. and Shareen Osbourne
Siblings are Ronald, Amaya, Dayshawn and Damir
Brother, Damir, played football at Rowan University from 2018-21
Major is undecided

David Says

- His nickname is "D-Dubb"
Most people don't know that he can't swim
Three words to describe him are chill, laid back and funny
His sports hero is Odell Beckham Jr. because he inspired him to become a wide receiver
One thing he will never do again is do a back flip off a house into a swimming pool



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J.J. WEAVER

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 255 • *Senior-4L
Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)

2024 - Senior*

- Four-year letter winner and two-time team captain
Has seen action in 48 career games with 29 career starts, including 19 straight
Has totaled 165 career tackles, including 32.0 tackles for loss, 16.5 sacks, 11 quarterback hurries, seven pass breakups, two interceptions, four forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries
Earned the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame's 2024 Ron Butler Character in Adversity Award
Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
Preseason Fourth Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Watch List
Wuerffel Trophy Watch List

2023 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Named one of seven permanent season team captains for the second straight season
Jason Witten Man of the Year semifinalist
SEC Community Service Team
Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List
Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
Totaled 45 tackles in 2023 and ranked tied second for second on the team in TFLs with 8.5 and second in sacks with 7.0
Led the team with two tackles for loss (-12 yards), both of which were sacks and had five total tackles, including two solo stops, in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl vs. Clemson

- Named co-SEC Defensive Player of the Week and earned the Howard Schnellenberger Award as the Governor's Cup's Most Valuable Player for his performance against No. 9 Louisville ... Turned the game on its head with game-changing defensive plays on consecutive possessions ... Chased down Louisville running back Jawar Jordan from behind late in the third quarter, stripping the football and then recovering his forced fumble, leading to a game-tying field goal ... Fell on a fumble caused by teammate D'Eryk Jackson to set up a fourth quarter touchdown by Ray Davis to give the Wildcats their first lead ... Totaled eight tackles, two fumble recoveries, one caused fumble and a quarterback sack that also came in the fourth quarter
Preseason SEC Media Days Third-Team Defense
Preseason Coaches All-SEC Football Second-Team Defense

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

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
In his first game since returning from a torn ACL, totaled two tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and a career-high 1.5 sacks in the season opener vs. ULM

2020 - r-Freshman

- All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches)
Suffered a torn ACL in his right knee at Florida (11/28) and missed the final two games of the season
In nine games, had 33 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, two quarterback hurries and a pass breakup
Totaled a career-high tying six tackles in his first collegiate start at Florida
Earned SEC Freshman of the Week after totaling a career-high six tackles in Kentucky's 34-7 win at No. 18/17-ranked Tennessee ... Made two tackles for loss, totaling -8 yards ... Had a three-yard TFL in the third quarter, helping force a punt that preceded a UK touchdown drive on the ensuing possession
FWAA Freshman All-America Team Watch List

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
Saw action in three games (Missouri, Vanderbilt and Louisville)
Had six tackles, two PBUs and a quarterback hurry
Totaled five tackles, along with a tackle for loss and a QBH in the win over Vanderbilt
Made his collegiate debut vs. Missouri and totaled a tackle and a PBU

High School

- 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 Nike glove during games
Graduated in December of '23 with a degree in community leadership and development ... Currently working on a second degree in family science with a minor in communication

Community Cats

- Started a foundation, "15 for Freddie," while he was in high school in 2015 to honor his grandfather, Freddie Weaver ... 15 for Freddie visited and helped feed the homeless.
"15 for Freddie" morphed into "The Perfect Fit" upon his arrival to UK in 2019 and has since led



several community service projects in Lexington and his hometown community of Louisville.

- Visited a local elementary school to talk about his polydactyly (six fingers on one hand) and emphasize to the kids that being different is ok (2021)
- Organized a football camp for children in his hometown of Louisville in 2022 and 2024
- Organized an event called "Back to School with J.J." where he bought backpacks, school supplies and offered free haircuts for 100 children in Louisville (2022).
- Organized an event called "The Perfect Fit Bike Drive" at Iroquois Park in Louisville (2023) ... Bought and handed out 111 bicycles for kids and gave a talk to the kids about being a positive impact in their community.
- His second annual bike drive was held Saturday, July 20, 2024 in Lexington where he also gave out over 100 bicycles
- 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 ... Became an advocate for mental health and counseling ... In September of 2023, helped launch an 8-week peer-led grief counseling group on UK's campus, the first of its kind at UK called "The Perfect Fit Support Group."
- With J.J.'s help, "The Perfect Fit Support Group" received a \$40,000 grant and now will be available to all students on UK's campus beginning in the fall of 2024.
- Attended the "Supporting Children and Teens Through Loss" event at the Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families (2024) ... Spoke to the group about going through grief and participated in a drum circle with the children.
- Attended the 2024 Annual Symposium on Children's Grief in Denver, Colorado June 17-19 hosted by the National Alliance for Children's Grief ... Shared his story and the work he's doing on UK's campus.

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	13-13	45	8.5-51	7.0-48	1/2	2	1	0	0	
Totals		48-29	165	32.0-157	16.5-125	4/5	7	11	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	0	
vs. EKU*	3	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Akron*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Vandy*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
vs. Florida*	2	1.0-13	1.0-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Missouri*	5	1.5-3	1.0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. UT*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at MSU*	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Alabama*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at USC*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Uofl*	8	1.0-7	1.0-7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Clemson*	5	2.0-12	2.0-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	45	8.5-51	7.0-48	1	2	0	2	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	0	1	
at Florida*	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. YSU*	1	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. NIU			DNP								
at Ole Miss			DNP								
vs. USC	4	0.5-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Miss. St.	1	1.0-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Tennessee*	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Missouri*	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Vandy*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
vs. Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
vs. Uofl*	7	1.0-20	1.0-20	1	1-14	0	1	0	0	0	
vs. Iowa*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	47	6.0-45	3.0-37	2	3	0	1	3	1	1	

WEAVER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME											
Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH	Blk		
vs. ULM	2	1.5-14	1.5-14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Missouri	3	2.0-11	1.0-8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. UTC*	4	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
at USC	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Florida	2	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	1-20	0	1	0	0	
vs. LSU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Georgia	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Miss. State*	6	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Tennessee*	4	2.5-12	2.5-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Vanderbilt*	3	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
vs. NMST*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	
at Louisville*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	
vs. Iowa			DNP								
Totals	34	9.0-43	6.0-39	1	0	2-21	1	4	0	0	

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

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

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, 7x, last at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023
Quarterback hurry: 2, vs Vanderbilt, Nov 12, 2022
Forced fumble: 1, 4x, last at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023
Recovered fumble: 2, at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023
Interceptions: 1, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (1 yards)
Blocked Kick: 1, vs Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022 (punt)



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BRANDON WHITE

WIDE RECEIVER

5-9 • 167 • Sophomore-Sq Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)

2023 - r-Freshman

- Played in four games vs. EKU, Akron, Georgia and Alabama

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 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



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JAMARION WILCOX

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 197 • Freshman-RS
Douglasville, Ga. (South Paulding)

2023 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

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
- Totaled 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

Community Cats

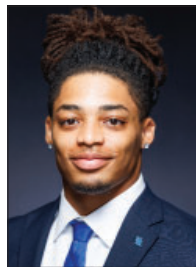
- Participated in the My New Kentucky Home Community Engagement event with Big Brothers Big Sisters (2023)

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



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GAVIN WIMSATT

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 227 • Junior-Tr
Owensboro, Ky. (Rutgers/Owensboro)

2024 - Junior

- Returned to his home state after playing three seasons with the Scarlet Knights

- Has played in 25 games with 19 starts in three seasons
- Is 8-11 as a starter
- Completed 212 of 455 passes for 2,537 yards and 14 touchdowns against 17 interceptions at Rutgers
- Rushed for 628 yards and 11 scores on 180 carries as a true dual-threat quarterback

2023 - Sophomore (Rutgers)

- Started in all 13 games and went 7-6 as a starter
- Had a breakout season as a junior, passing for 1,735 yards (138-of-289) and nine touchdowns versus eight interceptions in 13 starts at quarterback
- Also rushed for 497 yards and 11 scores on 131 carries
- Named team captain
- Ranked ninth in the Big Ten with 171.7 yards of total offense per game
- Total of 2,232 yards placed 10th for a season in program history
- Accounted for 20 touchdowns (11 rushing, nine passing)
- The 122 points responsible for ranked sixth in the Big Ten
- Set a Rutgers quarterback record with 497 rushing yards, most in the Big Ten and No. 20 nationally among quarterbacks
- Had four games with multiple rushing touchdowns
- The 11 rushing scores were ninth-most in a season in program history and most ever by a quarterback
- The total also led Big Ten quarterbacks in 2023, ranked tied for sixth among quarterbacks nationally and tied for third among all Big Ten players
- Had 10 games with double-digit completions

2022 - r-Freshman (Rutgers)

- Played in eight games with six starts at quarterback
- Completed 65 passes for 757 yards and five touchdowns
- Rushed for 63 yards
- Earned first Big Ten start at Minnesota (10/29) and completed six passes for 68 yards
- Made first collegiate start and rushed for 62 yards with a touchdown pass in home opener versus Wagner (9/10)

2021 - Freshman (Rutgers)

- Redshirt season
- Played in four games
- Completed nine passes for 45 yards and rushed for 68 yards on the season
- Made collegiate debut with a 13-yard completion on fourth down to extend go-ahead drive in the win at Illinois (10/30)

High School

- A consensus four-star prospect
- Top player in Kentucky and the No. 4 dual-threat quarterback nationally by Rivals
- The No. 11 signal caller in the country and a top-150 prospect by 247Sports
- An ESPN 300 recruit and No. 7 quarterback nationally by ESPN
- Coached by Jay Fallin at Owensboro
- Elite 11 finalist
- KHSAA Class 5-A State Player of the Year





- Helped the Red Devils to an appearance in the KHSAA Class 5-A state title game as a junior in 2020 and the semifinals as a sophomore in 2019
- Finished high school career with 5,304 passing yards and 62 passing touchdowns
- Threw for 504 yards and five touchdowns in two games for Owensboro as a senior in 2021
- Completed 143 passes for 2,075 yards and 26 touchdowns to go along with 408 yards and six touchdowns on the ground as a junior
- 2020 first team all-state selection by the coaches
- 2020 Offensive Player of the Year by *The Owensboro-Times*
- Also threw for 2,729 yards and 31 touchdowns as a sophomore in 2019

Personal

- Born in Owensboro, Kentucky
- Son of Darniece Douglas and Antoni Wimsatt
- Has two older brothers, Darrion and Rashai
- On track to graduate in May of '25 with a degree in African American and Africana Studies

Gavin Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was a great opportunity to play in his home state with great coaches
- After his football career is complete he hopes to own a trucking business
- One thing most people don't know about him is that his first love is baseball
- Three words to describe him are silly, caring and optimistic
- He's motivated every day by his parents who sacrificed, battled adversity and taught him about work ethic

WIMSATT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2021*	4-0	9	68	0	9	21	2	.428	45	0	13
2022*	8-6	40	63	0	65	145	7	.448	757	5	55
2023*	13-13	131	497	11	138	289	8	.477	1735	9	69
Totals	25-19	180	628	11	212	455	17	.466	2537	14	69

*at Rutgers

WIMSATT'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (AT RUTGERS)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Northwestern*	17-29-0	163	1	20	9	33	1	8
vs. Temple*	10-21-0	198	1	61	8	24	0	17
vs. Va. Tech*	7-16-0	46	1	23	11	87	1	34
at Michigan*	11-21-1	180	1	69	6	28	0	15
vs. Wagner*	12-19-0	146	1	41	7	15	2	7
at Wisconsin*	16-35-1	181	1	30	9	43	0	21
vs. Michigan St.*	13-28-2	181	1	29	7	-11	0	5
at Indiana*	5-12-0	39	0	11	16	143	3	80
vs. Ohio State*	10-25-1	129	1	35	13	49	0	17
at Iowa*	7-18-1	93	0	29	3	-2	0	3
at Penn State*	10-16-1	130	0	19	17	31	0	22
vs. Maryland*	13-34-1	165	1	42	16	48	2	25
vs. Miami (FL)*	7-15-0	84	0	23	9	9	2	4
Totals	138-289-8	1735	9	69	131	497	11	80

WIMSATT'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (AT RUTGERS)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
at Boston College	5-9-1	47	0	17	5	40	0	48
vs. Wagner*	4-12-1	63	0	41	6	62	0	28
at Temple	1-2-0	7	0	7	2	4	0	3
at Minnesota*	6-17-1	68	0	18	4	9	0	8
vs. Michigan*	14-29-3	166	1	48	4	-18	0	0
at Mich. State*	20-34-0	236	2	31	8	-8	0	8
vs. Penn State*	10-29-1	122	1	55	7	-13	0	9
at Maryland*	5-13-0	48	0	27	4	-13	0	1
Totals	65-145-7	757	5	55	40	63	0	48

WIMSATT'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (AT RUTGERS)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
at Illinois	1-1-0	13	0	13	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	0-0-0	0	0	0	3	20	0	20
at Penn State	1-4-1	2	0	2	2	9	0	5
vs. Wake Forest	7-16-1	30	0	10	4	39	0	32
Totals	9-21-2	45	0	13	9	68	0	32

WIMSATT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 35, at Wisconsin, Oct 7, 2023
 Pass completions: 20, at Michigan State, Nov 12, 2022
 Pass yards: 198, vs Temple, Sept 9, 2023
 Passing touchdowns: 1, vs Maryland, Nov 25, 2023
 Long pass: 69, at Michigan, Sept 23, 2023
 Rush Attempts: 17, at Penn State, Nov 18, 2023
 Rushing yards: 143, at Indiana, Oct 21, 2023
 Longest rush: 80, at Indiana, Oct 21, 2023
 Rushing touchdowns: 3, at Indiana, Oct 21, 2023



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MALACHI WOOD

OFFENSIVE LINE

**6-8 • 320 • Freshman-RS
 Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central)**

2023 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in his first career game in the TaxSlayer Bowl vs. Clemson

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 letter winner 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 communication

Malachi Says

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



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CARSON WRIGHT

INSIDE LINEBACKER

**5-10 • 210 • Sophomore-Sq
 Pikeville, Ky. (Pikeville)**

2023 - Freshman

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

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 letter winner on the track & field team as a shot put and discus thrower
- Chose Kentucky over Eastern Kentucky

Community Cats

- Participated in the My New Kentucky Home Community Engagement event, making cards and videos for kids (2023)

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



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TOMMY ZIESMER

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-2 • 282 • Freshman-RS
Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)

2023 - Freshman

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