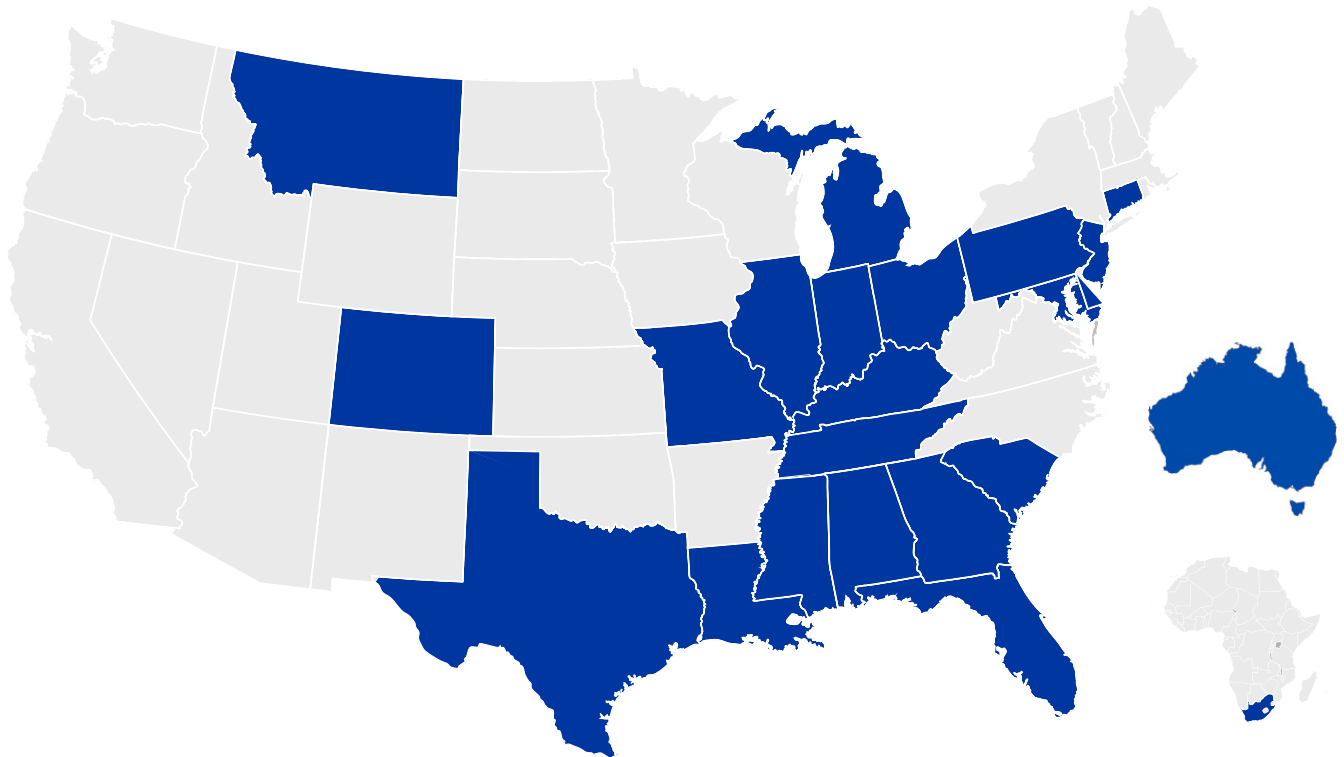




# CATS ON THE MAP

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 |
|------------------|------------------|

## Delaware (1)

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

## 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     |
|               | Quintavon 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)

|          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| Glenview | 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 |
|-------------|------------|

## Maryland (1)

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Hyattsville | Pop Dumas-Johnson |
|-------------|-------------------|

## Michigan (3)

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Detroit         | Khamari Anderson |
|                 | Deone Walker     |
| West Bloomfield | Maxwell Hairston |

## Mississippi (1)

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

## Missouri (2)

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Kirkwood  | Ja'Mori Maclin |
| St. Louis | Caleb Reed     |

## Montana (1)

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| Billings | Jacob Kauwe |
|----------|-------------|

## 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 Trayanum          |
| Cincinnati  | 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 |
|--------|------------------|

## 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 |
|-------------|--------------|

## SOUTH AFRICA (1)

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| Cape Town | Aidan Laros |
|-----------|-------------|



## 2024 SOCIAL MEDIA ROSTER

| Name                   | X               | Instagram         |
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| Nasir Addison          | AddisonNasir    | Nasaddison        |
| Alex Afari Jr.         | AlexAfari8      | afari_2           |
| Beau Allen             | BeauAllen11     | beaua11en         |
| Santos Alvarez         | SantosAlvarez00 | tos.Alvarez       |
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| Trent Baker            | trantbaker02    | trentbacker02     |
| Henry Bennett          | Bennett19Henry  | henrybennett19    |
| Wilson Berry           | Wilsonberry61   | n/a               |
| Lincoln Billiter       | lincolnbillit06 | lincoln.billiter  |
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| Jayvant Brown          | JayvantBrown    | jay.v_2           |
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| Ty Bryant              | Ty_Bryant32     | ty_bryant         |
| Jackson Bunn           | jacksontbunn    | jacksontbunn      |
| Jager Burton           | Jager_burton    | jagerburton       |
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| Zion Childress         | ZionChildress   | freechamp         |
| Ben Christman          | benchristman_   | ben.christman_    |
| Eli Cox                | Elicox59        | elicox75          |
| Marques Cox            | MonsterMarq     | marquescox        |
| Anfernee Crease        | supremeeaj      | n/a               |
| Rico Crowder           | RicoCrowderJr   | ricocrowder       |
| Hayden Dawahare        | HDawahare       | hayden_dawahare   |
| Max DeGraff            | MaxDegraff23    | Max_degraff       |
| Trey Dennis            | Trey3dennis     | treywdennis       |
| Jordan Dingle          | jordandingle21  | jordandingle21    |
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| Fred Farrier II        | n/a             | f.farrier.2       |
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| Tavion Gadson          | tavion_gadson   | heartless_jh1t    |
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| Hardley Gilmore IV     | GilmoreHardley  | hardleygilmore_   |
| Grant Godfrey          | GrantGodfrey3   | grantgodfrey_     |
| Maxwell Hairston       | Mhairston22     | mhairston22       |
| JQ Hardaway            | Jhardaway_24    | _jq_1516_         |
| Josaih Hayes           | josaihayes      | josaihayes        |
| Darrion Henry-Young    | darrion_henry   | iamdhenry         |
| Walker Himebauch       | WalkerHimebauch | walkerhimebauch   |
| Dennious Jackson       | DenniousJ       | denn._ious        |
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| Josh Kattus            | Jkattus         | joshkattus84      |
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| Jacob Kauwe            | JacobKauwe16    | jacobkauwe16      |
| Koby Keenum            | keenum_koby     | thekobykeenum     |
| Dane Key               | DaneKey6        | dane6k_           |
| Spencer Leadbetter     | spencerlead5    | spencerleadbetter |
| Tanner Lemaster        | TannerLemaster_ | Tanner.Lemaster   |
| Jordan Lovett          | Jordan_Lovett1  | n/a               |
| Ja'Mori Maclin         | routerunner9    | presidentmori     |
| Landon Marcum          | LandonMarcum4   | landon_m05        |
| Noah Matthews          | n/a             | _noahhhhhh        |

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|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
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| 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        |
| Octavious Oxendine   | Octaviousoxend1 | octavi8us          |
| 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      | chyivers           |
| 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_    |
| Quay'Sheed Scott     | QuaysheedScott  | qua2sheed          |
| Aba Selm             | abaselm1        | abaselm1           |
| Keeshawn Silver      | keeshawn_       | keeshawn           |
| Antwan Smith         | Antwansmith25   | only1.smitty       |
| Devin Smith          | datboy_dd       | devvv._nosocial    |
| Jackson Smith        | jacksonsmithh27 | jackson.smith14    |
| Jacob Smith          | jjls_14         | jjls_14            |
| Jaden Smith          | n/a             | _j4smith           |
| Jerod Smith II       | Jerodsmith44    | smith_jerod        |
| Steven Soles Jr.     | 6kSteven        | 6ixsticcs          |
| Kristian Story       | only1kstory     | 1kstory            |
| Avery Stuart         | n/a             | chaos8stuart       |
| Demie Sumo-Karngbaye | n/a             | Shark0             |
| Josh Terrell         | joshterrell21   | joshterrell_       |
| DeaMonte Trayanum    | Chipperrz_      | chipperrz_         |
| Brock Vandagriff     | BrockVandagriff | brockvandagriff    |
| Deone Walker         | deonewalker0    | deonewalker0       |
| DJ Waller Jr.        | dwaller6x       | dwaller6           |
| David Washington Jr. | dwjr25          | dw._13             |
| J.J. Weaver          | jjtimee         | jjtimee            |
| Brandon White        | Bwhite3         | brandonw6ix        |
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| Gavin Wimsatt        | GavinWimsatt    | gavin.wimsatt2     |
| Malachi Wood         | _BIGMAL_67      | _BIGMAL_67         |
| Carson Wright        | carsonwright33  | carsonwright33     |
| Tommy Ziesmer        | tommy_ziesmer   | tommyziesmer       |



2024 PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

Breakdown by Class

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  
Janzten 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

Jalen Farmer  
Tyrese Fearbry  
Spencer Leadbetter  
Landon Marcum  
Noah Matthews  
Tino Merlo  
DJ Waller Jr.  
Brandon White  
Carson Wright

r-Freshmen (12)

Tavion Gadson  
Kendrick Gilbert  
Grant Godfrey  
Walker Himebauch  
Koby Keenum  
Tanner Lemaster  
Austin Ramsey  
Avery Stuart  
Malachi Wood  
Jamarion Wilcox  
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-2L  
Newark, N.J. (Irvington)

2024 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 12 games and totaled nine tackles and a PBU
- Got a career-high three tackles and his first career PBU vs. Tennessee

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 had 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
- Totalled 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   |
| 2024   | DB   | 12-0 | 9       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals |      | 20-0 | 15      | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   |

ADDISON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks-Y | TFL-Y | FF/FR | PBU | INT | QBH | Blk |
|----------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| vs. So. Miss   | 0       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. USC        | 0       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Georgia    | 0       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Ohio       | 1       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Ole Miss    | 0       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Vandy      | 0       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Florida     | 0       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Auburn     | 1       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Tennessee   | 3       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Murray St. | 2       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Texas       | 2       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Louisville | 0       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals         | 9       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/1   | 1   | 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: 3, at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024  
Fumble recovery: 1, vs Alabama, Nov 11, 2023  
Pass breakup: 1, at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024





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ALEX  
AFARI JR.

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 222 • Junior-3L  
Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West)

#### 2024 - Junior

- Has played in 38 career games with 21 starting assignments
- Saw action in all 12 games with six starts vs. South Carolina, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Murray State, Texas and Louisville
- Third on the team in total tackles (62)
- Led the team in tackles for loss with 11.0
- Also had 1.5 sacks, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry
- Had a 2.5 tackles for loss (-11 yards), including 1.5 quarterback sacks (-9), both career highs, vs. Florida
- Got a career-high 10 tackles at Tennessee and vs. Louisville
- Moved to inside linebacker after seeing action as a defensive back his first two seasons
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

#### 2023 - Sophomore

- Started in 12 of 13 games played in 2023
- Totaled 49 tackles, 5.5 for loss, 1.0 sack, 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 prospect 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   |
| 2024   | ILB  | 12-6  | 62   | 1.5-9   | 11.0-28 | 0/0   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Totals |      | 38-21 | 132  | 3.5-20  | 19.5-50 | 1/1   | 2   | 0   | 4   | 0   |

#### AFARI'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Tackles | Sacks-Y | TFL-Y   | FF/FR | PBU | INT | QBH | BLK |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| vs. Southern Miss | 2       | 0-0     | 2.0-2   | 0/0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. USC*          | 5       | 0-0     | 2.0-4   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Georgia       | 0       | 0-0     | 0/0     | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Ohio          | 3       | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Ole Miss       | 3       | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Vandy*        | 3       | 0-0     | 0.5-2   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Florida        | 7       | 1.5-9   | 2.5-11  | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| vs. Auburn        | 8       | 0-0     | 0.5-1   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Tennessee*     | 10      | 0-0     | 1.0-1   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Murray St.*   | 4       | 0-0     | 0.5-1   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Texas*         | 7       | 0-0     | 1.0-5   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. UofL*         | 10      | 0-0     | 1.0-1   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals            | 62      | 1.5-9   | 11.0-28 | 0/0   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   |

#### AFARI'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent        | Tackles | Sacks-Y | TFL-Y  | FF/FR | PBU | INT | QBH | BLK |
|-----------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| vs. Ball State* | 8       | 0-0     | 1.5-2  | 1/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. ECU*        | 1       | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0/1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Akron*      | 1       | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| 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:** 10, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
**Sacks:** 1.5, at Florida, Oct 19, 2024  
**Tackle for Loss:** 2.5, at Florida, Oct 19, 2024 (11 yards)  
**Forced fumble:** 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023  
**Fumble recovery:** 1, vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023  
**Quarterback hurry:** 1, 4x, last at Florida, Oct 19, 2024  
**Pass breakup:** 1, twice, last vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2024





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BEAU  
ALLEN  
QUARTERBACK

6-2 • 223 • Senior-SQ  
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
- Practiced with the team

#### 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

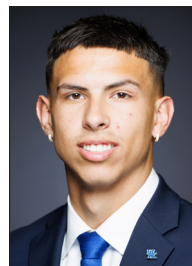
| Opponent       | Comp.-Att.-Int. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rush | Yds. | TD | Long |
|----------------|-----------------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. ULM        | 4-7-0           | 52   | 0  | 31   | 1    | -10  | 0  | 0    |
| vs. NM State   | 3-4-0           | 40   | 0  | 23   | 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)

#### 2024 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

#### 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



15  
KHAMARI  
ANDERSON

TIGHT END

6-5 • 252 • Sophomore-2L  
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)

2024 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 11 games with one start vs. Tennessee
- Missed the final game of the regular season against Louisville with injury
- Totaled five catches for 29 yards
- Recorded a career-best two catches for 14 yards vs. Auburn
- Also had four tackles on special teams (vs. South Carolina, Ohio, Vanderbilt and Florida)

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"

ANDERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|----|------|
| 2023   | TE   | 11-0 | 1    | 11   | 11.0 | 0  | 11   |
| 2024   | TE   | 11-1 | 5    | 29   | 5.8  | 0  | 14   |
| Totals |      | 22-1 | 6    | 40   | 6.7  | 0  | 14   |

ANDERSON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long | Tackles |
|-------------------|------|------|----|------|---------|
| vs. Southern Miss | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| vs. Georgia       | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| vs. Ohio          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1       |
| at Ole Miss       | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| vs. Vandy         | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1       |
| at Florida        | 1    | 2    | 0  | 2    | 1       |
| vs. Auburn        | 2    | 14   | 0  | 14   | 0       |
| at Tennessee*     | 1    | 9    | 0  | 9    | 0       |
| vs. Murray St.    | 1    | 4    | 0  | 4    | 0       |
| at Texas          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| vs. Louisville    |      | DNP  |    |      |         |
| Totals            | 5    | 29   | 0  | 14   | 4       |

ANDERSON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent             | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long | Tackles |
|----------------------|------|------|----|------|---------|
| vs. Ball State       | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| vs. Eastern Ky.      | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| vs. Akron            | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| at Vanderbilt        | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| vs. Florida          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| at Georgia           | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| at Mississippi State | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1       |
| vs. Alabama          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1       |
| at South Carolina    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| at Louisville        | 1    | 11   | 0  | 11   | 0       |
| vs. Clemson          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0       |
| Totals               | 1    | 11   | 0  | 11   | 2       |

ANDERSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Receiving yards: 14, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024 (2 rec.)  
Receiving TDs: n/a  
Long reception: 14, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Tackles: 1, 5x, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 12, 2024



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TRENT  
BAKER

LONG SNAPPER

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

2024 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

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



**38**  
HENRY  
BENNETT IV  
RUNNING BACK

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

#### 2024 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

#### 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-2L  
Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)

#### 2024 - Junior

- Saw action in all 12 games, primarily serving as the holder on special teams
- Punted in five games, totaling 12 punts for 484 yards ... Averaged 40.3 yards per punt ... Five punts were inside the 20-yard line
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

#### 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 26 years old (birthday is in June), oldest player on the team
- Married to the former Courtney Stewart of Paducah, Kentucky
- The couple has one son, Leo
- Older brother, Jordan, played football at Eastern Kentucky and 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   |
| 2024   | 12 | 12    | 484  | 40.3 | 0   | 5  | 5         | 49   | 0   |
| Totals | 32 | 91    | 3636 | 40.0 | 4   | 39 | 25        | 56   | 11  |

## BERRY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent           | Punts | Yds. | Avg. | Long | Inside 20 |
|--------------------|-------|------|------|------|-----------|
| vs. Southern Miss* | 1     | 37   | 37.0 | 37   | 1         |
| vs. USC*           | 6     | 260  | 43.3 | 49   | 1         |
| vs. Georgia*       | 4     | 154  | 38.5 | 41   | 2         |
| vs. Ohio           | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         |
| at Ole Miss        | 1     | 33   | 33.0 | 33   | 1         |
| vs. Vandy          | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         |
| at Florida         | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         |
| vs. Auburn         | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         |
| at Tennessee       | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         |
| vs. Murray St.     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         |
| at Texas           | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         |
| vs. Louisville     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         |
| Totals             | 12    | 484  | 40.3 | 49   | 5         |

## 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)

## 2024 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

## 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-RS  
Hodgenville, Ky. (Lexington Christian)

## 2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in four games with his first career start coming against Louisville in the regular-season finale
- Completed 26-of-53 passes for 338 yards with two scores and four interceptions
- Also had 10 rushes for -43 yards
- Completed six of his 15 passing attempts for 48 yards in the Louisville game
- Became the first true freshman quarterback to start a game for UK since Destin Wade in the 2022 Music City Bowl and the first true freshman quarterback to start against Louisville in the Governor's Cup era
- Got his first collegiate action at Florida and also saw action vs. Murray State and at No. 3/3 Texas
- Completed 10-of-14 for 130 yards and his first two collegiate touchdowns, both to Anthony Brown-Stephens in the win over Murray State ... Also had a 30-yard scamper on his first collegiate rushing attempt
- Completed a career-high-tying 10 passes on a career-high 18 pass attempts and a career-high 160 yards at No. 3 Texas ... Logged a career-long, 43-yard pass on his first attempt of the game

## 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

BOLEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | G-GS | Rush | Yds | TD | Comp. | Att. | Int. | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|--------|------|------|-----|----|-------|------|------|------|------|----|------|
| 2024   | 4-1  | 10   | -43 | 0  | 26    | 53   | 4    | 49.1 | 338  | 2  | 43   |
| Totals | 4-1  | 10   | -43 | 0  | 26    | 53   | 4    | 49.1 | 338  | 2  | 43   |

BOLEY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Comp.-Att.-Int. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rush | Yds. | TD | Long |
|----------------|-----------------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| at Florida     | 0-6-1           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Murray St. | 10-14-0         | 130  | 2  | 22   | 2    | 21   | 0  | 30   |
| at Texas       | 10-18-1         | 160  | 0  | 43   | 5    | -57  | 0  | 0    |
| vs. UofL*      | 6-15-2          | 48   | 0  | 29   | 3    | -7   | 0  | 5    |
| Totals         | 26-53-4         | 338  | 2  | 43   | 10   | -43  | 0  | 30   |

BOLEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 18, at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Pass completions: 10, twice, last at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Pass yards: 160, at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Passing touchdowns: 2, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Long pass: 43, at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Rush Attempts: 5, at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Rushing yards: 21, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Rushing touchdowns: n/a



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TROY  
BOOKER

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-10 • 186 • Freshman-SQ  
Evans, Ga. (Augusta Christian)

2024 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- In his first time playing football, had a breakout season in 2023 under the initial leadership of Chris Thomas at Augusta Christian in Martinez, Ga. ... Concluded the season with Mark Etheridge
- As a running back and slot receiver, totaled nine touchdowns with 1,200 rushing yards
- Also saw action at cornerback
- Named first-team All-Conference
- A two-sport athlete who was a four-year starter at the point guard on the basketball team, helping the Lions win two state championships under head coach Brandon Dotson
- Averaged 15.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game
- Four-time All-Conference honoree
- Named to the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) 4A Boys All-Tournament Team in 2023
- Played in the North-South SCISA All-Star Game
- Also excelled in the classroom as a member of the National Honor Society
- Chose Kentucky over Georgia Southern and Charleston Southern

Personal

- Born in Augusta, Georgia
- Son of Tonda and Troy Booker
- Cousin, Terrence Dupree, was a tight end at Duke and for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Has one sister, Taylor
- Major is pre-mechanical and electrical engineering

Troy Says

- His nickname is "Book"
- Three words to describe him are respectful, hard-working and funny
- Outside of football, he enjoys gaming, spending time with his family and friends, board games, biking and playing basketball
- After his football career he plans to enhance the family real estate business and become a development mogul
- The person who motivates him the most to work hard is his grandmother



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ANTHONY  
BROWN-  
STEPHENS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 176 • Sophomore-2L  
Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)

2024 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 12 games with three starts vs. South Carolina, Ole Miss and Auburn
- Had seven carries for 31 yards and five catches for 77 yards and two scores on the season
- Against Ohio, caught a career-long 25-yard pass and had a career-high four rushes for a career-high tying eight yards

- In the Murray State game, caught three passes for 51 yards and two touchdowns, all career-highs ... Scored UK's last two touchdowns on catches of 22 and 14 yards

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. ECU
- 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 stepfather Anthony Williams
- Has four siblings, Michael, Makenzie, Izaiah and Zariq
- Brother, Michael Brown-Stephens, is a 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

| Year   | Pos | G-GS | Rec | Yds | Avg  | TD | Att | Yds | TD | KR | Yds | TD |
|--------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|
| 2023   | WR  | 13-0 | 5   | 44  | 8.8  | 1  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1  | 16  | 0  |
| 2024   | WR  | 12-3 | 5   | 77  | 15.4 | 2  | 7   | 31  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Totals |     | 25-3 | 10  | 121 | 12.1 | 3  | 7   | 31  | 0  | 1  | 16  | 0  |

A. BROWN'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Rec | Yds | TD | Long | Att | Yds | TD | Long | Avg  |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|------|-----|-----|----|------|------|
| vs. So. Miss   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| vs. USC*       | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 1   | 8   | 0  | 8    | 8.0  |
| vs. Georgia    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 1   | 3   | 0  | 3    | 2.0  |
| vs. Ohio       | 1   | 25  | 0  | 25   | 4   | 8   | 0  | 9    | 2.0  |
| at Ole Miss*   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| vs. Vandy      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| at Florida     | 1   | 1   | 0  | 1    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| vs. Auburn*    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| at Tennessee   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| vs. Murray St. | 3   | 51  | 2  | 22   | 1   | 12  | 0  | 12   | 12.0 |
| at Texas       | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| vs. Louisville | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| Totals         | 5   | 77  | 2  | 25   | 7   | 31  | 0  | 12   | 4.4  |

A. BROWN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Rec | Yds | TD | Long | Att | Yds | TD | Long | Avg |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|------|-----|-----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Ball State | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. ECU        | 1   | 6   | 0  | 6    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Akron      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Vandy       | 1   | 6   | 0  | 6    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Florida    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Georgia     | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Missouri   | 1   | 4   | 1  | 4    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Tennessee  | 1   | 20  | 0  | 20   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Miss. State | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Alabama    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at USC         | 1   | 8   | 0  | 8    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at UofL        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals         | 5   | 44  | 1  | 20   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   |

BROWN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 3, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Receiving yards: 51, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024 (3 receptions)  
Receiving touchdowns: 2, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Long reception: 25, vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024  
Rush attempts: 4, vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024  
Rush yards: 12, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Long rush: 12, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
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-3L  
Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)

2024 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Honorable Mention All-American, KR (Phil Steele)
- First Team All-SEC, return specialist (coaches, Phil Steele, CFN)
- Second Team All-SEC, all-purpose (coaches, AP)
- SEC Kick Returner of the Year (CFN)
- Concluded his UK career at No. 10 on UK's all-time receiving yards list with 1,528 yards ... Tied for No. 14 on UK's all-time receptions list with 122 with James Whalen
- Made a reception in 36 of 37 games played as a Wildcat
- Had 3,273 career all-purpose yards with 1,528 yards receiving, 195 yards rushing, 1,465 kick return yards and 85 punt return yards
- Holds the UK single-season (36.0) and career (30.33) records for KO return average
- Holds the UK records for most kickoff return touchdowns in a career (5), season (3) and game (1)
- Started in nine of 11 games played in 2024 ... Did not see action vs. Murray State with injury
- Second on the team in receptions (29), receiving yards (361) and receiving TDs (3) ... Averaged 12.4 yards per catch
- Had 18 kick returns for 449 yards, averaging 24.9 yards per return
- Recorded his fifth-career kickoff return for a touchdown, a 99-yard runback in the second quarter at Florida
- Holds the SEC record and leads the nation among active players with five kickoff return touchdowns in a career
- Got his 100th career catch vs. Georgia, becoming the 20th player in Kentucky history with at least 100 receptions
- Tied for the fourth-fastest player in school history to reach 100 catches (29 games)
- Against Florida, caught two passes, including a 45-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter, for a team-high 56 yards ... Became the first player in Kentucky history to have two games featuring a kickoff return TD and a touchdown catch of at least 45 yards
- Since 1976, became one of two FBS players with at least 11 career receiving touchdowns and five kickoff return touchdowns prior to his senior season (also Tyron Carrier of Houston, 2008-10)
- Had five catches for 88 yards, including a 63-yarder on 4th-and-7 from the UK 20-yard line to set up Kentucky's game-winning touchdown at No. 6/5 Ole Miss
- Preseason First Team All-American, RS (Sporting News)

- Preseason Second Team All-American, RS (Athlon, USA Today)
- Preseason Fourth Team All-American, WR (Athlon)
- Preseason Second Team All-American, RS (Phil Steele)
- Preseason First Team All-SEC (Media, Phil Steele, Athlon)
- Jet Award Preseason Watch List
- Hornung Award Watch List

2023 - Sophomore

- All-Bowl Team (AP)
- First Team All-American (Sporting News)
- Second Team All-American (247)
- Second Team All-American (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
- 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
- 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-American (Pro Football Focus, On3.com, 247sports.com)
- Second Team Freshman All-American (The Athletic)
- Third Team Freshman All-American (College Football News)
- Fourth Team All-American (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 touchdown receptions by a freshman in program history ... Teammate Dane Key holds the record with six
- Caught 10 passes for 145 yards, season highs in both categories, vs. No. 1 Georgia ... 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)
- 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 ... 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   | G-GS  | Rec | Yds  | Avg  | TD | Att | Yds | TD | Avg  | KR | Yds  | TD | PR | Yds | TD |
|--------|-------|-----|------|------|----|-----|-----|----|------|----|------|----|----|-----|----|
| 2022   | 13-7  | 50  | 628  | 12.6 | 4  | 4   | -2  | 0  | -0.5 | 16 | 440  | 1  | 7  | 28  | 0  |
| 2023   | 13-12 | 43  | 539  | 12.5 | 4  | 12  | 147 | 1  | 12.3 | 16 | 576  | 3  | 3  | 51  | 0  |
| 2024   | 11-9  | 29  | 361  | 12.4 | 3  | 13  | 50  | 1  | 3.8  | 18 | 449  | 1  | 1  | 6   | 0  |
| Totals | 36-27 | 122 | 1528 | 12.5 | 11 | 29  | 195 | 2  | 6.7  | 50 | 1465 | 5  | 11 | 95  | 0  |

B. BROWN'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Rec | Yds | TD | Long | Att | Yds | TD | Long | Avg  |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|------|-----|-----|----|------|------|
| vs. So. Miss*  | 4   | 28  | 2  | 12   | 3   | 14  | 0  | 10   | 4.7  |
| vs. USC        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| vs. Georgia*   | 3   | 34  | 0  | 18   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| vs. Ohio*      | 5   | 28  | 0  | 19   | 1   | 23  | 1  | 23   | 23.0 |
| at Ole Miss    | 5   | 88  | 0  | 63   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| vs. Vandy*     | 3   | 36  | 0  | 23   | 1   | 10  | 0  | 10   | 10.0 |
| at Florida*    | 2   | 56  | 1  | 45   | 3   | 7   | 0  | 4    | 2.3  |
| vs. Auburn*    | 1   | 8   | 0  | 8    | 1   | 2   | 0  | 2    | 2.0  |
| at Tennessee*  | 3   | 29  | 0  | 16   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| vs. Murray St. |     |     |    |      |     |     |    |      |      |
| at Texas*      | 1   | 43  | 0  | 43   | 2   | 5   | 0  | 3    | 2.5  |
| vs. UofL*      | 2   | 11  | 0  | 7    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    |
| Totals         | 279 | 361 | 3  | 63   | 13  | 50  | 1  | 23   | 3.8  |

B. BROWN'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

| Opponent      | KR | Yds | Avg  | Long | TD | PR | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|---------------|----|-----|------|------|----|----|-----|-----|------|----|
| vs. So. Miss. | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  |
| vs. USC       | 4  | 74  | 18.5 | 23   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  |
| vs. Georgia   | 1  | 17  | 17.0 | 17   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  |
| vs. Ohio      | 1  | 27  | 27.0 | 27   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  |
| at Ole Miss   | 1  | 14  | 14.0 | 14   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  |
| vs. Vandy     | 2  | 60  | 30.0 | 38   | 0  | 1  | 6   | 0   | 6    | 0  |
| at Florida    | 2  | 115 | 1    | 99   | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  |
| vs. Auburn    | 1  | 19  | 19.0 | 19   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  |
| at UT         | 1  | 23  | 23.0 | 23   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  |
| vs. MSU       |    |     |      |      |    |    |     |     |      |    |
| at Texas      | 4  | 70  | 17.5 | 31   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  |
| Totals        | 17 | 419 | 24.6 | 99   | 1  | 1  | 6   | 0   | 6    | 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. EKU*        | 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.

| Opponent      | KR | Yds | Avg   | Long | TD | PR | Yds | Avg  | Long | TD |
|---------------|----|-----|-------|------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|
| vs. Ball St.* | 2  | 117 | 58.5  | 99   | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| vs. EKU*      | 1  | 20  | 20.0  | 20   | 0  | 2  | 47  | 23.5 | 36   | 0  |
| vs. Akron*    | 1  | 16  | 16.0  | 16   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| at Vandy*     | 1  | 13  | 13.0  | 13   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| vs. Florida   | 1  | 32  | 32.0  | 32   | 0  | 1  | 4   | 4.0  | 4    | 0  |
| at Georgia*   | 0  | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| vs. Missouri* | 1  | 16  | 16.0  | 16   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| vs. UT*       | 1  | 30  | 30.0  | 30   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| at MSU*       | 0  | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| vs. Bama*     | 2  | 30  | 0     | 16   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| at USC*       | 1  | 22  | 22.0  | 22   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| at UofL*      | 4  | 180 | 45.0  | 100  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| vs. Clemson*  | 1  | 100 | 100.0 | 100  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| Totals        | 16 | 576 | 36.0  | 100  | 3  | 3  | 51  | 17.0 | 36   | 0  |

B. BROWN'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

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

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

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

B. BROWN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 10, vs Georgia, Nov 19, 2022  
Receiving yards: 145, vs Georgia, Nov 19, 2022 (10 receptions)  
Receiving touchdowns: 2, twice, last vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2024  
Long reception: 70, vs Northern Illinois, Sept 24, 2022  
Rush attempts: 3, vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2023  
Rush yards: 34, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023 (2 carries)  
Long rush: 26, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023  
Rushing TDs: 1, twice, last vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024  
Kick returns: 4, twice, last vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024  
Kick return yards: 180, at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023  
Long return: 100, 3x, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023  
Kick return touchdowns: 1, 5x, last at Florida, Oct 19, 2024 (99 yds)  
Punt returns: 3, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022  
Punt return yards: 47, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023  
Long punt return: 36, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023  
All purpose yards: 250, at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023



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JAYVANT  
BROWN

INSIDE LINEBACKER

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

2024 - Sophomore

- Saw action in four games vs. Ohio, at Ole Miss vs. Vanderbilt and Murray State
- Recorded one tackle

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

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Tackles | Sacks-Yds. | TFL-Yds. | FC/FR | INT | PBU |
|--------|------|------|---------|------------|----------|-------|-----|-----|
| 2023   | ILB  | 11-0 | 7       | 0-0        | 0-0      | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| 2024   | ILB  | 4-0  | 1       | 0-0        | 0-0      | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals |      | 15-0 | 8       | 0-0        | 0-0      | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |

J. BROWN'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FC/FR | QBH | Int. |
|-------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| vs. Southern Miss |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |
| vs. USC           |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |
| vs. Georgia       |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |
| vs. Ohio          | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Ole Miss       | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Vandy         | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Florida        |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |
| vs. Auburn        |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |
| at Tennessee      |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |
| vs. Murray State  | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Texas          |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |
| vs. UofL          |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |
| Totals            | 1       | 0.0-0 | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |

J. BROWN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FC/FR | QBH | Int. |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| vs. Ball State |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |
| vs. EKU        | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Akron      | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Vandy       | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Florida    | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Georgia     | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Missouri   | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Tennessee  | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Miss. State | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Alabama    | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| at USC         | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| at UofL        | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Clemson    |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |
| Totals         | 7       | 0.0-0 | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    |



**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)****2024 - \*Senior**

- Did not see action with injury

**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 ... Graduated in December of '24 with a second degree in marketing

**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-2L  
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)****2024 - Sophomore**

- Played in all 12 games and earned a starting assignment in 10 games
- Totaled 41 tackles (sixth on the team), including 2.0 tackle for loss ... Also got an interception and a team-high tying two forced fumbles
- Tied for the team high with six tackles vs. No. 1 Georgia ... Got his first career TFL and first career forced fumble as well

- Had four total tackles against South Carolina and his first career interception for 16 yards, which set up Kentucky for a field goal
- Got a season-high seven tackles at Tennessee
- Totaled a team-high tying eight tackles at Texas
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

**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

**Community Cats**

- Visited a local elementary school (2024)
- Volunteered to go Christmas shopping for families in need (2024)

**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-S   | Tackles | Sacks-Yds. | TFL-Yds. | FF/FR | QBH | PBU | Int. |
|--------|-------|---------|------------|----------|-------|-----|-----|------|
| 2023   | 13-3  | 40      | 0-0        | 0-0      | 0/0   | 0   | 1   | 0    |
| 2024   | 12-10 | 46      | 0-0        | 2.0-8    | 2/0   | 0   | 0   | 1-16 |
| Totals | 25-13 | 86      | 0-0        | 2.8-8    | 2-0   | 0   | 1   | 1-16 |

**BRYANT'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME**

| Opponent        | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | PBU | Int. |
|-----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|------|
| vs. So. Miss*   | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. USC         | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 1-16 |
| vs. Georgia*    | 6       | 0-0   | 1.0-4 | 1/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Ohio*       | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Ole Miss*    | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Vandy       | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Florida*     | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Auburn*     | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Tennessee*   | 7       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Murray St.* | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Texas*       | 8       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. UofL*       | 5       | 0-0   | 2.0-8 | 1/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| Totals          | 46      | 0-0   | 2.0-8 | 2/0   | 0   | 0   | 1-16 |

**BRYANT'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME**

| Opponent        | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | PBU | Int. |
|-----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|------|
| vs. Ball State  | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. ECU         | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Akron       | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| 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  
Tackles for loss: 1.0, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
Pass breakup: 1, at South Carolina, Nov 18, 2023  
Interception: 1, vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024 (16 yards)  
Forced fumble: 1, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2022



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JACKSON  
BUNN

**DEFENSIVE LINE**

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

**2024 - Sophomore**

- Practiced with the team

**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-3L  
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

**2024 - Junior**

- Has seen action in 38 career games with 34 starts
- Started in all 10 games played in 2024
- Missed the Georgia and Ohio games with injury
- Graded at 99 percent for his assignment and 76 for technique ... Totaled 46 blocks at the point of attack and had five knockdown blocks
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

**2023 - Sophomore**

- Started in all 12 games played, 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 lineman 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
- Graduated 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



**45**  
**DARIUS**  
**CANNON**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**

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

#### 2024 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

#### 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-3L  
Houston, Texas (Texas State/New Caney)

#### Career

- Three-year letterwinner and two-year starter
- Voted a two-time team captain
- Played in 62 career games (24 at Texas State and 38 at UK) with 40 starting assignments (14 at Texas State and 26 at UK)

- Totaled 283 career tackles, including 148 in two years at UK
- Charted 12.0 career TFLs along with 3.0 sacks, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and 17 pass breakups

#### 2024 - \*Senior (Team Captain)

- All-SEC Honorable Mention (CFN)
- Accepted invitation to play in the 2025 Hula Bowl
- Started in all 12 games
- Fourth on the team in total tackles (55) and tackles for loss (6.0)
- Led the team with a team-high tying six quarterback hurries with outside linebacker J.J. Weaver
- Also posted two pass breakups, a sack, and a forced fumble
- Earned five total tackles, including a sack and a career-high three tackles for loss (-10 yards) vs. South Carolina
- Got eight tackles and a career-high two quarterback hurries at Tennessee

#### 2023 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- 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 - Junior

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

#### 2021 - Sophomore (Texas State)

- Appeared in 24 games with 14 starts in two seasons at Texas State
- Played in all 12 of the Bobcats' games with eight starting nods in 2021
- Tallied 74 tackles (41 solo), 1.5 TFL, 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 on the team
- 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 of '24 with a degree in communication

Zion Says

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

| CHILDRESS' CAREER STATISTICS |      |       |         |         |         |       |     |      |     |  |
|------------------------------|------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-----|------|-----|--|
| Year                         | Pos. | G-GS  | Tackles | Sacks-Y | TFL-Y   | FC/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |  |
| 2020*                        | S    | 12-6  | 61      | 0-0     | 0.5-0   | 0/1   | 0   | 0    | 4   |  |
| 2021*                        | S    | 12-8  | 74      | 0-0     | 1.5-7   | 2/0   | 1   | 1    | 5   |  |
| 2022                         | S    | 13-1  | 34      | 1.0-10  | 2.0-12  | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 3   |  |
| 2023                         | S    | 13-13 | 59      | 1.0-6   | 2.0-8   | 0/1   | 0   | 0    | 3   |  |
| 2024                         | S    | 12-12 | 55      | 1.0-7   | 6.0-19  | 1/0   | 6   | 0    | 2   |  |
| at UK                        |      | 38-26 | 148     | 3.0-23  | 10.0-39 | 1/1   | 6   | 0    | 8   |  |
| Totals                       |      | 62-40 | 283     | 3.0-23  | 12.0-46 | 3/2   | 7   | 1    | 17  |  |

\*at Texas State

| CHILDRESS' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME |         |       |        |       |     |      |     |  |
|------------------------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-----|------|-----|--|
| Opponent                     | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y  | FC/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |  |
| vs. So. Miss*                | 4       | 0-0   | 1.0-2  | 0/0   | 1   | 0    | 0   |  |
| vs. USC*                     | 5       | 1.0-7 | 3.0-10 | 1/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| vs. Georgia*                 | 6       | 0-0   | 1.0-4  | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 1   |  |
| vs. Ohio*                    | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| at Ole Miss*                 | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| vs. Vandy*                   | 7       | 0-0   | 0.5-1  | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| at Florida*                  | 7       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| vs. Auburn*                  | 4       | 0-0   | 0.5-1  | 0/0   | 1   | 0    | 0   |  |
| at Tennessee*                | 8       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 2   | 0    | 0   |  |
| vs. Murray St.*              | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| at Texas*                    | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 2   | 0    | 1   |  |
| vs. Louisville*              | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| Totals                       | 55      | 1.0-7 | 6.0-19 | 1/0   | 6   | 0    | 2   |  |

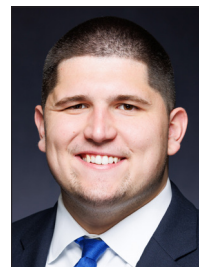
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|------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|--|
| Opponent                     | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FC/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |  |
| vs. Ball State*              | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0 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

| CHILDRESS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (TEXAS STATE) |         |       |       |       |     |      |     |  |
|--|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|--|
| Opponent                                   | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FC/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |  |
| vs. SMU                                    | 6       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/1   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| vs. UTSA                                   | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 1   |  |
| at ULM                                     | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| at Boston College                          | 6       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| at Troy*                                   | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| at South Alabama*                          | 5       | 0-0   | 0.5-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 1   |  |
| vs. BYU*                                   | 9       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 1   |  |
| vs. Louisiana                              | 5       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| vs. Appalachian St.*                       | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 1   |  |
| at Ga. Southern*                           | 7       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| vs. Arkansas State                         | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| vs. Coastal Carolina*                      | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |  |
| Totals                                     | 61      | 0-0   | 0.5-0 | 0/1   | 0   | 0    | 4   |  |

| CHILDRESS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Tackles: 11, vs ULM, Nov 6, 2021                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tackle for loss: 3.0, vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024 (10 yards) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sacks: 1.0, 3x, last vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024 (7 yards)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fumble Caused: 1, 3x, vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fumble Recovery: 1, SMU, Sept 5, 2020                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pass breakups: 2, vs Georgia Southern, Nov 13, 2021              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interceptions: 1, vs. UIW, Sept 18, 2021                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarterback hurries: 2, at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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BEN  
CHRISTMAN  
OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 325 • Junior-1L  
Akron, Ohio (Ohio State/Revere)

2024 - Junior

- Saw action in all 12 games on special teams
- Played in his first game as a Wildcat vs. Southern Miss





### 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
- Graduated in December of '24 from UK 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-4L  
Nicholasville, Ky. (West Jessamine)

### Career

- Concluded his UK career as a four-year letter winner and four-year starter playing in 56 career games with 47 starting assignments
- Started 38 consecutive games, every game of the last three seasons
- Voted a two-time team captain

### 2024 - \*Senior (Team Captain)

- Third Team All-SEC, center (coaches)
- Started in all 12 games
- Allowed only one sack for the entire season while totaling 72 blocks at the point of attack and 10 knockdown blocks
- Graded at 76 percent for the season and had an assignment grade of 99 percent
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl 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 ECU game after playing every offensive snap and grading out at 86 percent by the coaches ... Did not allow a quarterback pressure or sack and incurred no penalties at both the right guard and center positions
- 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 ... Earned a graduate certificate in sport, fitness and recreation management 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-2L  
Peoria, Ill. (Northern Illinois/Peoria)

### Career

- Transferred to Kentucky after five seasons at Northern Illinois (2018-2022)
- Played in 61 career games with 59 starts (34 of 36 games at NIU; 25 of 25 at UK)

### 2024 - \*Senior (Team Captain)

- Totaled 72 blocks at the point of attack and a team-high 21 knockdown blocks
- Graded at 73 percent for the season and had an assignment grade of 99 percent
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Preseason Fourth Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

### 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 garnered the fourth-best offensive rushing attack in FBS with 241.4 yards/game
- NIU gave up just 10 sacks in 14 games to rank second in the country
- The Huskies' 319 firsts downs ranked 14th nationally and NIU was 12th in red zone offense
- Helped clear the way for 13 100-yard rushing games by four different backs during the year

- Protected QB Rocky Lombardi's blindside as the Huskie quarterback threw for a career-high 532 yards and three touchdowns on 35-of-57 passing at Kent State (11-3)
- The Huskie offense remained on the field for more than 40 minutes twice on the year

### 2020 - 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 ... Earned a graduate certificate in sport, fitness and recreation management 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-SQ  
Tomball, Texas (Navarro College/Tomball Memorial)

### 2024 - Sophomore

- Saw his first action at Kentucky vs. South Carolina and also played vs. Murray State

### 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



**33**  
RICO  
**CROWDER**

**WIDE RECEIVER**

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

#### 2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

#### 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



**53**  
HAYDEN  
**DAWAHARE**

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**

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

#### 2024 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

#### 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



**27**  
MAX  
**DEGRAFF**

**WIDE RECEIVER/  
KICKER**

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

#### 2024 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

#### 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)**2024 - Senior**

- Practiced with the team

**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-3L  
Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green HS)**2024 - Junior**

- A three-year letterwinner who played in 39 career games with 21 starting assignments
- Started in seven of 11 games played this season
- Missed the Tennessee game with injury
- Totaled nine catches for 71 yards with one TD
- Had two catches for three yards and a score in the season-opening win over Southern Miss ... Also had two catches vs. Georgia, Ohio and Murray State

**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 AAAAA state championship with a 10-2 overall record
- Caught five passes, ran for a touchdown, and had a quarterback sack in the state finals win
- 2020 4th Region AD Association Player of the Year
- Named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Named first-team All-State by the *Courier Journal* and AP as a senior
- Named a preseason All-America candidate by *Sports Illustrated*
- Named honorable mention All-State by the *Courier Journal* as a junior after catching 35 passes for 474 yards and five TDs
- Three-sport athlete who also was a four-year letter winner in basketball and a three-year letter winner in track and field (shot put and hurdles)
- Led Bowling Green to the 2020 4th region title and an elite eight appearance in basketball
- 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 master's degree in sport leadership
- 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   |
| 2024                       | TE   | 11-7  | 9    | 71   | 7.9  | 1  | 19   |
| Totals                     |      | 39-21 | 43   | 615  | 14.3 | 4  | 72   |

| DINGLE'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME |      |      |    |      |  |
|----------------------------|------|------|----|------|--|
| Opponent                   | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |  |
| vs. Southern Miss*         | 2    | 3    | 1  | 5    |  |
| vs. USC*                   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |  |
| vs. Georgia*               | 2    | 17   | 0  | 12   |  |
| vs. Ohio                   | 2    | 26   | 0  | 19   |  |
| at Ole Miss                | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |  |
| vs. Vandy                  | 1    | 8    | 0  | 8    |  |
| at Florida*                | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |  |
| vs. Auburn*                | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |  |
| at Tennessee               |      | DNP  |    |      |  |
| vs. Murray State*          | 2    | 17   | 0  | 10   |  |
| at Texas*                  | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |  |
| vs. Louisville             | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |  |
| Totals                     | 9    | 71   | 1  | 19   |  |

| 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   |  |

| 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 |

| DINGLE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME |      |      |    |      |
|----------------------------|------|------|----|------|
| Opponent                   | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
| vs. ULM                    | 1    | 31   | 0  | 31   |
| at Miss. State             | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Vanderbilt              | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. NMST                   | 1    | 23   | 0  | 23   |
| Totals                     | 2    | 54   | 0  | 31   |

| DINGLE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS                                  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Receptions: 4, 3x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct 28, 2023         |  |  |  |  |
| Receiving yards: 89, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023 (4 receptions) |  |  |  |  |
| Receiving TDs: 1, 4x, last vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2022   |  |  |  |  |
| Long reception: 72, vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023                |  |  |  |  |



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CAM  
DOOLEY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 204 • Freshman-1L  
Valley, Alabama (Valley)

- 2024 - Freshman**
- Saw action in all 12 games and charted four tackles and a tackle for loss
  - Saw his first collegiate action in the season opener vs. Southern Miss and tallied a season-best two tackles, including a TFL

- 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

| DOOLEY'S CAREER STATISTICS |     |      |         |       |       |       |     |     |     |  |
|----------------------------|-----|------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Year                       | Pos | G-GS | Tackles | Sacks | TFL   | FF/FR | INT | PBU | QBH |  |
| 2024                       | DB  | 12-0 | 4       | 0-0   | 1.0-2 | 0/0   | 0-0 | 0   | 0   |  |
| Totals                     |     | 12-0 | 4       | 0-0   | 1.0-2 | 0/0   | 0-0 | 0   | 0   |  |

| DOOLEY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME |         |       |       |       |     |         |     |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|---------|-----|--|--|--|
| Opponent                   | Tackles | Sacks | TFL   | FF/FR | PBU | Int-Yds | QBH |  |  |  |
| vs. So. Miss               | 2       | 0-0   | 1.0-2 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| vs. USC                    | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| vs. Georgia                | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| vs. Ohio                   | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| at Ole Miss                | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| vs. Vandy                  | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| at Florida                 | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| vs. Auburn                 | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| at Tennessee               | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| vs. Murray St.             | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| at Texas                   | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| vs. Louisville             | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |
| Totals                     | 4       | 0-0   | 1.0-2 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |  |

| DOOLEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS                                      |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Tackles: 2, vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2024                      |  |  |  |  |
| Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2024 (2 yards) |  |  |  |  |





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JAMON  
DUMAS-JOHNSON  
INSIDE LINEBACKER

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

#### Career

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Georgia
- Played in 49 career games with 34 starts (38 career games with 24 starting assignments at Georgia and 11 at UK)
- Helped the Bulldogs win back-to-back national championships in 2021 and 2022
- Totaled 192 career tackles, including 24.0 tackles for loss, 13 sacks, six pass breakups, two interceptions, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and one quarterback hurry
- Led UK in total tackles (67) and ranked in the top 25 of the SEC in tackles per game (6.09) in his lone season with the Wildcats

#### 2024 - Senior

- Third Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Comeback Player of the Year Award Watch List
- Butkus Award Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Started in all 11 games played
- Missed the Murray State game with injury
- Led the team in total tackles (67) and ranked third in tackles for loss (7.5) and sacks (3.5) ... Also has an interception, three fumble recoveries (one for a score), a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry for the Wildcats
- Recorded his second career interception with a pickoff on the first defensive series as a Wildcat, setting up UK's first touchdown in the win over Southern Miss ... Added two tackles
- Got seven tackles, including a TFL and a half sack in the win over Ole Miss
- Led the team with a career-high 14 tackles, a sack (-4 yards) and recovered his own forced fumble at Tennessee
- Had a team-high-tying eight tackles and a 25-yard fumble return for a touchdown at No. 3 Texas ... Marked his second collegiate touchdown as he also had a 20-yard interception return for a TD vs. UAB in 2021
- 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   |
| 2024   | ILB | 11-11 | 67      | 3.5-26 | 7.0-32   | 1/3   | 1-(-5) | 0   | 1   |
| at UK  |     | 11-11 | 67      | 3.5-26 | 7.0-32   | 1/3   | 1-(-5) | 0   | 1   |
| Totals |     | 49-35 | 192     | 13-104 | 24.0-127 | 2/3   | 2-15   | 6   | 30  |

\*at Georgia

#### JOHNSON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks  | TFL    | FF/FR | PBU | Int-Yds | QBH |
|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-----|---------|-----|
| vs. So. Miss*  | 2       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 1 (-5)  | 1   |
| vs. USC*       | 4       | 0-0    | 1.5-3  | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Georgia*   | 3       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Ohio*      | 4       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Ole Miss*   | 7       | 0.5-2  | 1.5-4  | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Vandy*     | 9       | 1.0-12 | 2.0-13 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Florida*    | 3       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Auburn*    | 8       | 1.0-8  | 1.0-8  | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Tennessee*  | 14      | 1.0-4  | 1.0-4  | 1/1   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Murray St. |         |        | DNP    |       |     |         |     |
| at Texas*      | 8       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. UofL*      | 5       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/1   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| Totals         | 67      | 3.5-26 | 7.0-32 | 1/3   | 0   | 1 (-5)  | 1   |

#### 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   |



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

|                    |    |        |        |     |   |      |   |
|--------------------|----|--------|--------|-----|---|------|---|
| 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:** 14, at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024  
**Sacks:** 2.0, vs Kent State, Sept 24, 2022  
**Tackles for loss:** 3.0, vs Kent State, Sept 24, 2022 (8 yards)  
**Interceptions:** 1, twice, last vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2024 (-5 yards)  
**Interception for a TD:** 1, vs. UAB, Sept 11, 2021  
**Quarterback hurries:** 5, vs Florida, Oct 29, 2022  
**Pass breakups:** 1, 6x, last vs Florida, Oct 28, 2023  
**Forced fumble:** 1, twice, last at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024  
**Fumble recovery:** 1, 3x, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
**Fumble recovery for a TD:** 1, at Texas, Nov 23, 2024



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JANTZEN  
DUNN

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 185 • Junior-2L  
Bowling Green, Ky. (Ohio State/South Warren)

2024 - Junior

- Saw action in seven games and totaled eight tackles and a TFL
- Missed the team's last five games with injury
- Totaled two tackles in the win over Southern Miss and Ohio
- Got his first TFL of the season at Florida

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    |
| 2024   | 7-0  | 8       | 0-0        | 1.0-1    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at UK  | 20-0 | 17      | 1.0-15     | 3.0-17   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| Totals | 26-0 | 17      | 1.0-15     | 3.0-17   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |

\*at Ohio State

DUNN'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | PBU | Int. |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|------|
| vs. So. Miss   | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. USC        | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Georgia    | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Ohio       | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Ole Miss    | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Vandy      | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Florida     | 1       | 0-0   | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Auburn     |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |      |
| at Tennessee   |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |      |
| vs. Murray St. |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |      |
| at Texas       |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |      |
| vs. UofL       |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |      |
| Totals         | 8       | 0-0   | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |

DUNN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks  | TFL-Y  | FF/FR | QBH | PBU | Int. |
|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-----|-----|------|
| vs. Ball State | 0       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. ECU        | 0       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Akron      | 4       | 0-0    | 1.0-1  | 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     | 0       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Missouri   | 0       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Tennessee  | 0       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Miss. State | 0       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Alabama    | 0       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at USC         | 0       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at UofL        | 1       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Clemson    | 4       | 1.0-15 | 1.0-15 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| Totals         | 9       | 1.0-15 | 2.0-16 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |

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

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

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

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

DUNN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Tackles:** 4, twice, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023  
**Tackles for loss:** 1, 3x, last at Florida, Oct 19, 2023 (1 yards)  
**Sacks:** 1, vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023 (15 yards)



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JALEN  
FARMER

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 314 • Sophomore-1L  
Covington, Ga. (Florida/Eastside)**2024 - Sophomore**

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at UF
- Started in all 12 games this season for the Wildcats
- Earned his first collegiate start at right guard vs. Southern Miss
- Allowed only one sack for the entire season while totaling 95 blocks at the point of attack and 18 knockdown blocks
- Graded at 75 percent for the season and had an assignment grade of 99 percent

**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 as a senior
- 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-1L  
Frankfort, Ky. (UAB/Franklin County)**2024 - Junior**

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at UAB
- Has played in 40 career games (28 at UAB and 12 at UK) with nine starts (seven at UAB and two at UK)
- Saw action in all 12 games for UK and earned a starting nod vs. South Carolina and at Ole Miss
- Totaled 13 catches for 126 yards, averaging 9.7 yards per catch ... Also had one rush attempt for three yards

**2023 - Sophomore (UAB)**

- Totaled 29 catches for 389 yards and two touchdowns for the Blazers
- 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 three games vs. Jacksonville State, Marshall 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**

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Att. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|------|------|------|------|----|------|------|------|------|----|------|
| 2021*  | WR   | 3-0  | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0  | 0  | 0    |
| 2022*  | WR   | 13-1 | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 11   | 123  | 11.2 | 1  | 27   |
| 2023*  | WR   | 12-6 | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 18   | 266  | 14.8 | 1  | 67   |
| 2024   | WR   | 12-2 | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    | 13   | 126  | 9.7  | 0  | 20   |
| at UK  |      | 12-2 | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    | 13   | 126  | 9.7  | 0  | 20   |
| Totals |      | 40-9 | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    | 42   | 515  | 12.3 | 2  | 67   |

\*at UAB

**FARRIER'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (UAB)**

| Opponent          | Att. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|-------------------|------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. Southern Miss | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    | 1    | 12   | 0  | 12   |
| vs. USC*          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 2    | 3    | 0  | 7    |
| vs. Georgia       | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1    | 6    | 0  | 6    |
| vs. Ohio          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1    | 20   | 0  | 20   |
| at Ole Miss*      | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 2    | 17   | 0  | 12   |
| vs. Vandy         | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Florida        | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1    | 19   | 0  | 19   |
| vs. Auburn        | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    |
| at Tennessee      | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1    | 6    | 0  | 6    |
| vs. Murray St.    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 2    | 24   | 0  | 14   |
| at Texas          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1    | 16   | 0  | 16   |
| vs. UofL          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| Totals            | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    | 13   | 126  | 0  | 20   |

**FARRIER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (UAB)**

| Opponent              | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|-----------------------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. NC A&T            | 4    | 54   | 0  | 28   |
| at Georgia Southern   | 1    | 67   | 0  | 67   |
| vs. Louisiana         | 1    | 6    | 0  | 6    |
| at Georgia            | 2    | 53   | 0  | 32   |
| at Tulane*            | 2    | 13   | 0  | 8    |
| vs. South Florida*    | 3    | 5    | 0  | 6    |
| at UTSA               | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Memphis*          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Florida Atlantic* | 2    | 18   | 0  | 11   |
| at Navy*              | 2    | 18   | 0  | 11   |
| vs. Temple            | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at North Texas*       | 1    | 32   | 1  | 32   |
| Totals                | 18   | 266  | 1  | 67   |

**FARRIER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (UAB)**

| Opponent             | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|----------------------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. Alabama A&M      | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Liberty           | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Georgia Southern | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Rice              | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Middle Tennessee | 1    | 12   | 0  | 12   |
| vs. Charlotte        | 2    | 24   | 0  | 15   |
| at Western Ky.       | 1    | 14   | 1  | 14   |
| at Florida Atlantic  | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. UTSA*            | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. North Texas      | 3    | 48   | 0  | 27   |
| at LSU               | 2    | 12   | 0  | 15   |
| at Louisiana Tech    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |





FARRIER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (UAB)

|                |    |     |   |    |
|----------------|----|-----|---|----|
| vs. Miami (OH) | 2  | 20  | 0 | 12 |
| Totals         | 11 | 123 | 1 | 27 |

FARRIER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (UAB)

| Opponent             | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|----------------------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. Jacksonville St. | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Marshall         | 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  
Rush attempts: 1, vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2024  
Rush yards: 3, vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2024  
Long rush: 3, vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2024



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TYREESE  
FEARBRY

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 242 • Sophomore-2L  
Pittsburgh, Pa. (Perry Traditional Academy)

2024 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 11 of UK's 12 games and had 14 tackles
- Got a career-high five tackles and a QBH at No. 3 Texas

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   |
| 2024   | OLB | 11-0 | 14   | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0/0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals |     | 27-0 | 21   | 1.0-1   | 0-0       | 0/0   | 2   | 3   | 0   | 0   |

FEARBRY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls | TFL-Yds | Sacks-Yds | FF | FR | INT | PBU | QBH | Blk |
|----------------|------|---------|-----------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| vs. So. Miss   | 0    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. USC        | 1    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Georgia    | 0    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Ohio       |      | DNP     |           |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| at Ole Miss    | 1    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Vandy      | 2    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Florida     | 1    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Auburn     | 0    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Tennessee   | 1    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Murray St. | 2    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Texas       | 5    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| vs. UofL       | 1    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals         | 14   | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 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: 5, at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
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, 3x, last at Texas, Nov 23, 2024



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COURTLAND  
FORD

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 327 • Senior-1L  
Peoria, Ill. (Southern California/Cedar Hill (Texas))

2024 - Senior

- Has played in 35 career games (20 at USC, 15 at UK) with 13 starts (11 at USC, two at UK)
- Saw action in just two games after recovering from a hand injury that required surgery (Auburn and Murray State)

2023 - Junior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at USC
- Played in all 13 games with two starts at right tackle vs. EKU and Clemson

2022 - Sophomore (USC)

- Played in 20 totals games with 11 starts in three seasons for the Trojans
- 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
- Graduated from UK 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-SQ  
Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)

#### 2024 - r-Freshman

- Saw his first action of the season at Tennessee, returning from a knee injury suffered in the spring
- Also played vs. Murray State

#### 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

| Year   | G-GS | Tackles | Sacks-Yds. | TFL-Yds. | FF/FR | INT | QBH | PBU |
|--------|------|---------|------------|----------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| 2023   | 4-0  | 1       | 0-0        | 0.0      | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 2024   | 2-0  | 0       | 0-0        | 0.0      | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals | 6-0  | 1       | 0-0        | 0.0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |

#### GADSON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | PBU |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| at Tennessee   | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Murray St. | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals         | 0       | 0-0   | 0.0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |

#### GADSON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | PBU |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| 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-1L  
Indianapolis, Ind. (Indianapolis Cathedral)

#### 2024 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in eight of UK's 12 games and had five tackles and a TFL
- Got a tackle and assisted in a tackle for loss vs. Southern Miss
- Charted a career-high two tackles in the win over Ohio

#### 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

| Year   | G-GS | Tackles | Sacks-Yds. | TFL-Yds. | FF/FR | INT | QBH | PBU |
|--------|------|---------|------------|----------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| 2023   | 2-0  | 2       | 0-0        | 0-0      | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 2024   | 8-0  | 5       | 0-0        | 1.0-1    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals | 10-0 | 7       | 0-0        | 1.0-1    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |

GILBERT'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | PBU |
|-------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| vs. Southern Miss | 1       | 0-0   | 0.5-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. USC           | 0       | 0-0   | 0.0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Georgia       | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Ohio          | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Ole Miss       | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Vandy         |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |
| at Florida        | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Auburn        | 1       | 0-0   | 0.5-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Tennessee      |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |
| vs. Murray St.    | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Texas          |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |
| vs. UofL          |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |
| Totals            | 5       | 0-0   | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |

GILBERT'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | PBU |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| vs. Ball State | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| 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: 2, vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024  
Tackles for loss: 0.5, twice, last vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024



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HARDLEY  
GILMORE IV

WIDE RECEIVER

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

2024 - Freshman

- Saw action in the last seven games after missing the first five games with injury
- Earned his first collegiate start vs. Murray State
- Totaled six catches for 153 yards with one score, averaging 25.5 yards per catch
- In his first collegiate start vs. Murray State, caught two passes for 72 yards and a touchdown ... Grabbed his first career touchdown reception in the first quarter, a deflected pass that landed in his hands near the goal line for a 52-yard score
- With his two catches vs. Murray State going for 52 and 20 yards, respectively, the first four receptions of his career have all been for 20+ yards

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.
- Was born on December 5, 2006, making him just 17 years old and the third-youngest player in the FBS in 2024
- 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

GILMORE'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|----|------|
| 2024   | WR   | 7-1  | 6    | 153  | 25.5 | 1  | 52   |
| Totals |      | 7-1  | 6    | 153  | 25.5 | 1  | 52   |

GILMORE'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent        | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|-----------------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. Vandy       | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Florida      | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Auburn      | 1    | 22   | 0  | 22   |
| at Tennessee    | 1    | 25   | 0  | 25   |
| vs. Murray St.* | 2    | 72   | 1  | 52   |
| at Texas        | 1    | 5    | 0  | 5    |
| vs. UofL        | 1    | 29   | 0  | 29   |
| Totals          | 6    | 153  | 1  | 52   |

GILMORE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Receiving yards: 72, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024 (2 receptions)  
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Long reception: 52, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024



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GRANT  
GODFREY

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 225 • Freshman-1L  
Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)

2024 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in seven games with one start, his first collegiate start, vs. Murray State
- Totaled nine tackles
- Got a season-high three tackles vs. Ohio and against Murray State

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

#### GODFREY'S CAREER STATISTICS

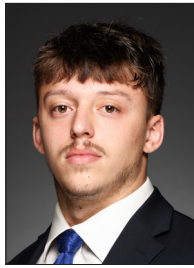
| Year   | G-GS | Tackles | Sacks-Yds. | TFL-Yds. | FF/FR | INT | QBH | PBU |
|--------|------|---------|------------|----------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| 2024   | 7-1  | 9       | 0-0        | 0.0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals | 6-1  | 9       | 0-0        | 0.0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |

#### GODFREY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | PBU |
|-------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| vs. Southern Miss |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |
| vs. USC           |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |
| vs. Georgia       |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |
| vs. Ohio          | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Ole Miss       |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |
| vs. Vandy         |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |
| at Florida        | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Auburn        | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Tennessee      | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Murray St.*   | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Texas          | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. UofL          | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals            | 9       | 0-0   | 0.0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   |

#### GODFREY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, twice, last vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024



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ETHAN  
GREGORY

WIDE RECEIVER

5-8 • 190 • Freshman-SQ  
London, Ky. (North Laurel)

#### 2024 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

#### High School

- A four-year letter winner and two-year starter at running back, wide receiver and linebacker at North Laurel
- Coached by Jason Chappell
- Totaled 1,475 rushing yards on 223 carries with 10 touchdowns as a senior
- Also had 104 receiving yards on 15 receptions with one score
- Helped lead the Jaguars to the 2023 AAAAA District 8 championship game and a third-round appearance in the playoffs
- A two-time first-team All-District honoree
- Chose Kentucky over Eastern Kentucky and Georgetown

#### Personal

- Born in London, Kentucky
- Son of Misty Wilson and Michael Gregory
- Has one brother, Cody
- Major is pre-mechanical engineering

#### Ethan Says

- Three words to describe him are determined, respectful and kind
- Outside of football, he enjoys hunting and lifting weights
- After his football career he plans to be an engineer
- The person who motivates him the most to work hard is his father, Michael
- If he could eat only one thing the rest of his life he would choose spaghetti



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MAXWELL  
HAIRSTON

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 186 • Junior-3L  
West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)

#### Career

- Concluded his collegiate career as a three-year letterwinner and two-year starter

- Played in 32 career games with 20 starting assignments
- Totaled 89 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and one sack ... Added 10 pass breakups, six interceptions, and three forced fumbles
- Tied the school record – also owned by Dallas Owens (1974-77) - for most career interceptions returned for touchdowns with three

#### 2024 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Second Team All-SEC (AP)
- Started in all seven games played ... Missed five games with injury (at Ole Miss, Vanderbilt, at Florida, vs. Auburn and at Tennessee)
- Totaled 19 tackles, a TFL, two forced fumbles, a sack, one interception and four pass breakups in seven games
- Had a tackle and a 25-yard, pick-six in the third quarter vs. Ohio
- Got a season-high seven tackles along with a forced fumble and a pass breakup at No. 3 Texas
- Made four tackles and a team-high three pass breakups vs. Louisville ... the three PBU tied his career high
- Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List
- Invited to the Reese's Senior Bowl
- Preseason Fourth Team All-America (Athlon)
- Preseason First Team All-SEC (Phil Steele, Athlon)

#### 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. EKU
- 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 May of '25 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   |
| 2024                         | DB   | 7-7   | 19      | 1.0-12 | 1.0-12 | 2/0   | 1-25 | 4   | 0   |
| Totals                       |      | 32-20 | 89      | 1.0-12 | 2.5-15 | 3/0   | 6-30 | 10  | 0   |

| HAIRSTON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME |         |        |        |       |     |         |     |  |  |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-----|---------|-----|--|--|
| Opponent                     | Tackles | Sacks  | TFL    | FF/FR | PBU | Int-Yds | QBH |  |  |
| vs. So. Miss*                | 0       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |
| vs. USC*                     | 3       | 1.0-12 | 1.0-12 | 1/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |
| vs. Georgia*                 | 4       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |
| vs. Ohio*                    | 1       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 1-25    | 0   |  |  |
| at Ole Miss                  |         |        | DNP    |       |     |         |     |  |  |
| vs. Vandy                    |         |        | DNP    |       |     |         |     |  |  |
| at Florida                   |         |        | DNP    |       |     |         |     |  |  |
| vs. Auburn                   |         |        | DNP    |       |     |         |     |  |  |
| at Tennessee                 |         |        | DNP    |       |     |         |     |  |  |
| vs. MSU*                     | 0       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |  |  |
| at Texas*                    | 7       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1/0   | 1   | 0       | 0   |  |  |
| vs. UofL*                    | 4       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 3   | 0       | 0   |  |  |
| Totals                       | 19      | 1.0-12 | 1.0-12 | 2/0   | 4   | 1-25    | 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  
Tackle for loss: 1.0, twice, last vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024 (12 yards)  
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024 (12 yards)  
Forced fumble: 1, 3x, last at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Interceptions: 2, at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023  
Pick six: 2, at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023  
Pass breakups: 3, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
Pick six: 2, at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023



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JQ

HARDAWAY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-3 • 191 • Junior-2L  
North Jackson, Ohio (Cincinnati/Hoban)

2024 - Junior

- All-SEC Honorable Mention (CFN)
- Started in all 12 games this season and totaled 47 tackles (fifth on the team), four pass breakups, two interceptions and a forced fumble
- Earned a starting spot in the season opener vs. Southern Miss and recorded his first career interception for a touchback on the third play in the second quarter ... Also added two tackles
- Recorded a career-high and team-high 11 tackles in the win over then No. 6/5 Ole Miss, including the first forced fumble of his career which UK recovered
- Made his second interception of the season vs. Auburn ... Also had seven solo tackles
- Had four tackles and two PBUs at No. 3 Texas

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 (Cincinnati)

- 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   |
| 2024   | DB   | 12-12 | 47      | 0-0   | 0-0    | 1/0   | 2-1 | 4   | 0   |
| at UK  |      | 26-13 | 75      | 0-0   | 1.0-5  | 1/0   | 2-1 | 8   | 0   |
| Totals |      | 36-13 | 82      | 1.0-4 | 3.0-10 | 1/0   | 2-1 | 8   | 1   |

\*at Cincinnati

#### HARDAWAY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent        | Tackles | Sacks | TFL | FF/FR | PBU | Int-Yds | QBH |
|-----------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-----|---------|-----|
| vs. So. Miss*   | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 1-0     | 0   |
| vs. USC*        | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Georgia*    | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Ohio*       | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Ole Miss*    | 11      | 0-0   | 0-0 | 1/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Vandy*      | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 1   | 0       | 0   |
| at Florida*     | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 1   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Auburn*     | 7       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 1-1     | 0   |
| at Tennessee*   | 5       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Murray St.* | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Texas*       | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 2   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. UofL*       | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| Totals          | 47      | 0-0   | 0-0 | 1/0   | 4   | 2-1     | 0   |

#### HARDAWAY'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks | TFL   | FF/FR | PBU | Int-Yds | QBH |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|---------|-----|
| vs. Ball State | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. 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: 11, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024  
Tackles for loss: 1, twice, last vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023  
Pass breakups: 2, twice, last at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Clemson, Dec 29, 2023  
Interceptions: 1, twice, last vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Forced fumble: 1, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024



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KENYATTA  
HARDGE II

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-0 • 285 • Freshman-SQ  
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian)

#### 2024 - Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Ohio and charted a tackle
- Also saw action vs. Murray State

#### High School

- Totaled 24 tackles, 1.0 sacks and 1.0 tackles for loss in 15 games played as an outside linebacker at Madison Central High School in Richmond, Ky.

- Transferred to Lexington Christian as a senior and helped the Eagles compile an 11-2 record and advance to the Class 2A quarterfinals in 2023
- Totaled 50 tackles with 21.5 TFLs as a senior
- Coached by Doug Charles
- Named to the 2023 Lexington All-City Defensive Team
- Earned a spot on the Kentucky High School Football Class 2A All-State Team in 2023
- A five-year letter winner on the basketball team at LCA as a power forward and center
- Two-time member of the All-District Team
- Also played on the baseball team as a catcher and outfielder
- Named Lexington Christian Athlete of the Year in 2023
- Choose Kentucky over Eastern Kentucky, Centre and Morehead State

#### Personal

- Born in Columbus, Georgia
- Son of Tonya Denny and Kenyatta Hardge Sr.
- Siblings are Tania, Kiyanna, Neveah, Keniyah, Kaylen
- Distant cousin of former Wildcat Wilbur Hackett ... Also a cousin of Chicago Bears defensive end Montez Sweat
- Major is pre-economics

#### Kenyatta Says

- Three words to describe him are kind, hardworking and physical
- After his football career, his dream job is to run a construction company
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he loves to fish
- His hobbies are fishing, playing video games and working out
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is chicken Alfredo



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JOSAIH  
HAYES

NOSE GUARD

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

#### 2024 - \*Senior

- Has played in 45 career games with four starts in his Wildcat career
- After missing the first nine games of the season due to a torn Achilles tendon suffered in spring practice, he returned to action vs. Murray State and played in the final three games
- Totaled nine tackles and a TFL in three games
- Recorded a career-high tying four tackles in his return vs. Murray State
- Also played at No. 3 Texas and got a tackle and a PBU
- Got four tackles and a TFL vs. Louisville



2023 - Senior

- Saw action in all 13 games 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 Thomosa 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   |
| 2024   | 3-0  | 9       | 1.0-1    | 0-0        | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Totals | 45-4 | 57      | 7.0-19   | 2.5-14     | 3   | 0  | 1  | 1   |

HAYES' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Murray St. | 4     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas       | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. UofL       | 4     | 1.0-1 | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals         | 9     | 1.0-1 | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |

HAYES' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls. | TFL-Y  | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|----------------|-------|--------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Ball State | 3     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. 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, 3x, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 7x, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at Louisville, Nov. 25, 2023  
Fumble recovery: 1, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021  
Pass Breakup: 1, 3x, last at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Missouri, Oct 14, 2023



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DARRION  
HENRY-YOUNG  
DEFENSIVE LINE

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

2024 - Senior

- Did not see action with injury

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
- Did not see action vs. Tennessee
- Totaled a career-high three tackles and a forced fumble in the win over No. 22/23 Florida

2022 - Sophomore

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

2021 - r-Freshman (Ohio State)

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

2020 - Freshman (Ohio State)

- Redshirt season





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

High School

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

Community Cats

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

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati
- Son of Denetia Henry and Olen Young
- Siblings are Olivia, O'rienne and Olen
- Graduated 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

| Year   | G-GS | Tackles | TFL-Yds. | Sacks-Yds. | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|--------|------|---------|----------|------------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| 2020*  | 2-0  | 1       | 1.0-4    | 1-4        | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| 2021*  | 2-0  | 0       | 0-0      | 0-0        | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| 2022   | 5-0  | 1       | 1.0-9    | 1.0-9      | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| 2023   | 8-0  | 10      | 2.0-7    | 1.5-6      | 0   | 1  | 0  | 1    | 1   |
| at UK  | 13-0 | 11      | 3.0-16   | 2.5-15     | 0   | 1  | 0  | 1    | 1   |
| Totals | 17-0 | 12      | 4.0-20   | 3.5-19     | 0   | 1  | 0  | 1    | 1   |

\*at Ohio State

HENRY-YOUNG'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Ball State | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. ECU        | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Akron      | 2     | 1.0-5 | 1.0-5   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |
| at Vanderbilt  | 2     | 0.5-1 | 0.5-1   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Florida    | 3     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 1  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Georgia     | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Missouri   | 1     | 0.5-1 | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Tennessee  |       | DNP   |         |     |    |    |      |     |
| at Miss. State | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Alabama    |       | DNP   |         |     |    |    |      |     |
| at USC         |       | DNP   |         |     |    |    |      |     |

|             |    |       |       |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|-------------|----|-------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| at UofL     |    | DNP   |       |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| vs. Clemson |    | DNP   |       |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Totals      | 10 | 2.0-7 | 1.5-6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |

HENRY-YOUNG'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

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

HENRY-YOUNG'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent  | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|-----------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Tulsa | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Akron | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals    | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |

HENRY-YOUNG'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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

HENRY-YOUNG'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 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



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WALKER  
HIMEBAUCH

LONG SNAPPER

6-1 • 223 • Sophomore-2L  
Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer Ridge)

2024 (Sophomore)

- Saw action in six games (at Florida, vs. Auburn, vs. Murray State, at Tennessee, at Texas and vs. Louisville)
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

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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DENNIOUS  
JACKSON

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 335 • Junior-SQ  
Augusta, Ga. (Contra Costa College/Lakeside)**2024 - Junior**

- Practiced with the team

**2023 - Sophomore (Contra Costa CC)**

- Played in seven games and had 30 tackles, 8.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks

**2022 - Freshman (Contra Costa CC)**

- Played in two games and totaled 11 tackles

**High School**

- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter at Lakeside High School in Evans, Georgia
- Coached by Steve Hibbitts
- An all-around player who saw action at defensive tackle, defensive end and fullback for the Panthers

**Personal**

- First name pronounced "dee-NIE-us"
- Born in Augusta, Georgia
- Son of Cohester Johnson-Stroman and Dennis Jackson
- Father, Dennis, played football at Albany State
- Has one younger brother, Aadyen
- Major is pre-communication

**Dennious Says**

- His nickname is "D-Nice"
- His hobbies include gardening, cooking and barbequing
- After his football career, he hopes to get into engineering or fire fighting
- If money was no object, he would provide rent free housing for the homeless
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can play the trombone



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D'ERYK  
JACKSON

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 244 • \*Senior-4L  
Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)**Career**

- Four-year letterwinner and three-year starter who played in 47 career games with 31 starts, consecutive starts in games played
- Recorded a tackle in 31 straight games played
- Amassed 216 career tackles with 17 tackles for loss, 9.0 sacks, five interceptions, nine pass breakups and one forced fumble
- UK's leading tackler in 2022 and 2023
- Recorded at least one interception in four of his five seasons as a Wildcat (2020, 2021, 2023, 2024)

**2024 - \*Senior (Team Captain)**

- Played in eight games before missing the final four with injury
- Finished the 2024 season with 38 tackles, including 5.0 tackles for loss along with one sack, an interception and three pass breakups
- Recorded seven tackles, including 1.5 TFL in the win over Ole Miss
- Charted seven tackles, including two tackles for loss (-16 yards), including a sack (-15 yards) vs. Vanderbilt ... Also made his fifth career interception catch with a pickoff in the second quarter ... It was Vanderbilt's first interception of the season
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Athlon and Phil Steele)
- Butkus Award Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

**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 ... Earned an undergraduate certificate in leadership studies in December of '24

#### 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   |
| 2024   | ILB   | 8-8   | 39      | 1-15    | 4.5-21 | 0/0   | 1-1  | 3   | 0   |
| Totals | 47-31 | 217   | 3.0-22  | 16.5-53 | 1/0    | 5-38  | 9    | 3   |     |

#### JACKSON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks | TFL    | FF/FR | PBU | Int-Yds | QBH |
|----------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-----|---------|-----|
| vs. So. Miss*  | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 1   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. USC*       | 6       | 0-0   | 1.0-3  | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Georgia*   | 6       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 1   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Ohio*      | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 1   | 0       | 0   |
| at Ole Miss*   | 7       | 0-0   | 1.5-2  | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Vandy*     | 7       | 1-15  | 2.0-16 | 0/0   | 0   | 1-1     | 0   |
| at Florida*    | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Auburn*    | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Tennessee   |         | DNP   |        |       |     |         |     |
| vs. Murray St. |         | DNP   |        |       |     |         |     |
| at Texas       |         | DNP   |        |       |     |         |     |
| vs. UofL       |         | DNP   |        |       |     |         |     |
| Totals         | 39      | 1-15  | 4.5-21 | 0/0   | 3   | 1-1     | 0   |

#### 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. ECU*        | 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

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks | TFL    | FF/FR | PBU | Int-Yds | QBH |
|----------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-----|---------|-----|
| vs. Miami OH*  | 5       | 0-0   | 0.0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Florida     | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. YSU        | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. NIU        | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Ole Miss    | 3       | 0-0   | 1.0-5  | 0/0   | 1   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. USC*       | 6       | 0-0   | 2.0-5  | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Miss. St.* | 5       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 1   | 0       | 0   |
| at Tennessee*  | 14      | 0-0   | 0.5-0  | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Missouri*   | 8       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Vandy*     | 9       | 0-0   | 0.5-1  | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Georgia*   | 8       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. UofL*      | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Iowa*      | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| Totals         | 67      | 0-0   | 4.0-11 | 0/0   | 1   | 0       | 0   |

#### JACKSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

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

#### JACKSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent        | Tackles | Sacks | TFL | FF/FR | PBU | Int-Yds | QBH |
|-----------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-----|---------|-----|
| at Auburn       | 1       | 0-0   | 0.0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Ole Miss    | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Miss. State | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 1-5     | 0   |
| at Tennessee    | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Missouri     | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Georgia     | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Vanderbilt  | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. USC         | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. NC Stae     | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| Totals          | 4       | 0-0   | 0.0 | 0/0   | 0   | 1-5     | 0   |

#### JACKSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Tackles:** 14, at Tennessee, Oct 29, 2022  
**Sacks:** 1.0, 3x, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct. 12, 2024  
**Tackles for loss:** 2.0, 3x, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 12, 2024 (2 yards)  
**Interceptions:** 1, 5x, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 12, 2024 (1 yard)  
**Pick six:** 1, vs Miss State, Nov 4, 2023 (28 yards)  
**Quarterback hurry:** 1, 3x, last at Vanderbilt, Sept 23, 2023  
**Pass breakups:** 1, 9x, last vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024  
**Forced fumble:** 1, at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023



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HAYES  
JOHNSON

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

#### 2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Murray State

#### 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-3L  
Cincinnati, Ohio (Arch Bishop Moeller)

2024 - Junior

- Named to SEC Community Service Team
- Saw action in 11 of UK's 12 games with eight starts
- Did not play in the season opener with injury
- Totaled six catches for 77 yards and two scores this season
- Was Johnny-on-the-spot, recovering a fumble at the two-yard line and lunging in the end zone for UK's game-winning touchdown at Ole Miss
- Got his first receiving touchdown of the season on a 27-yard play in the first quarter at Tennessee
- Caught a four-yard touchdown pass at No. 3 Texas
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

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
- Totaled 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
- Totaled seven catches for 125 yards, averaging 17.9 yards per reception
- Had at least one reception in his final four games
- Had two receptions for a career-high 76 yards in the win over Louisville ... Had a career-long, 70-yard catch on Kentucky's second drive of the game, setting the Wildcats up for their first touchdown of the game
- Got his first collegiate start and playing time at Florida ... Also started vs. Mississippi State and against Louisville
- Dean's List (Fall 2022)
- Named to the First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- A three-star recruit who ranks as a top 50 tight end nationally by Rivals
- Ranked as the No. 26 recruit in Ohio by Rivals and No. 30 by 247Sports
- Had 42 catches for 553 yards and one score for head coach Mark Elder at Archbishop Moeller High School in 2021
- Helped the Crusaders win the Division 1 Region and finish in the state semifinals
- Two-time Greater Catholic League (GCL) Tight End of the Year
- Two-time All-GCL First Team member
- Two-time All-City and All-Region First Team
- OHSAA Division 1 First-Team All-State
- Named Max Preps Division 1 First-Team All-State
- Earned Southwest Ohio Football Coaches Association All-City Division 1 First Team
- In eight games in an abbreviated COVID-19 season in 2020, he had 23 catches for 288 yards and four touchdowns
- Also a three-year 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   | 12-4  | 8    | 108  | 13.5 | 2  | 28   |
| 2024   | TE   | 11-8  | 6    | 77   | 14.8 | 3  | 27   |
| Totals |      | 33-15 | 21   | 310  | 14.8 | 5  | 70   |

KATTUS' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent     | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long | Att. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|--------------|------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. So. Miss |      |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |
| vs. USC      | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Georgia* | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Ohio*    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Ole Miss* | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1  | 2    |
| vs. Vandy    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Florida*  | 1    | 21   | 0  | 21   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Auburn   | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at UT*       | 1    | 27   | 1  | 27   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. MSU*     | 1    | 19   | 0  | 19   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Texas*    | 1    | 4    | 1  | 4    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. UofL*    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| Totals       | 6    | 77   | 2  | 27   | 0    | 2    | 1  | 2    |

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  | 2  | 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, 4x, last at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Long reception: 70, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022  
Rush attempts: n/a  
Rush yards: 2, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024  
Long rush: 2, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024  
Rushing TDs: 1, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024



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JUSTIN  
KATTUS

TIGHT END

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

## 2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Murray State

## 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-RS  
Billings, Montana (Billings West)

## 2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Murray State, kicking off seven times for 443 yards with four touchbacks

## 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-1L  
Florence, Ala. (Mars Hill Bible School)

## 2024 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in 11 of UK's 12 games ... Did not see action in the season opener vs. Southern Miss
- Got a tackle vs. Vanderbilt
- Graded at 70 percent for the season and had an assignment grade of 97 percent

## 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 (Team Captain)

- Concluded his UK career as a three-year letterwinner and three-year starter
- Played in 38 career games with 35 starts
- Started in 11 of 12 games played in 2024 and led the team in receptions (47) and receiving yards (715) with two score
- Fourth Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Totaled 126 career catches for 1,870 career receiving yards with 14 touchdowns
- Finished his UK career fifth on UK's all-time receiving yards list
- His 126 career receptions ties for 13th on UK's career list with James Whalen
- Became just the 21st player in UK history to catch 100 passes in his career
- Had a streak of 19 straight games with at least one reception, dating back to his sophomore season in 2023
- Charted three 100-yard receiving games in his career, including two this season (also vs. Tennessee in 2023)
- Made 14 catches of 20 yards or more
- Ranked 10th in the SEC in receptions (47), receptions yards (715) and receiving yards per game (65.00)
- Notched a career-high eight catches for 105 yards and one touchdown in the win at then-No. 6 Ole Miss ... In the first half alone, he caught six passes for 69 yards and a touchdown, while also drawing three defensive penalties in the first half
- Had a game-high and career-high-tying eight catches for 83 yards and a 22-yard touchdown receiving vs. Vanderbilt
- 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 McPeck
- 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   |
| 2024   | WR   | 12-11 | 47   | 715  | 15.2 | 2  | 42   |
| Totals |      | 38-35 | 126  | 1870 | 14.8 | 14 | 58   |

KEY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent        | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|-----------------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. So. Miss*   | 3    | 60   | 0  | 35   |
| vs. USC         | 2    | 36   | 0  | 32   |
| vs. Georgia*    | 3    | 23   | 0  | 10   |
| vs. Ohio*       | 7    | 145  | 0  | 42   |
| at Ole Miss*    | 8    | 105  | 1  | 24   |
| vs. Vandy*      | 8    | 83   | 1  | 22   |
| at Florida*     | 4    | 48   | 0  | 14   |
| vs. Auburn*     | 4    | 87   | 0  | 34   |
| at Tennessee*   | 2    | 43   | 0  | 26   |
| vs. Murray St.* | 3    | 56   | 0  | 26   |
| at Texas*       | 3    | 29   | 0  | 19   |
| vs. UofL*       | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| Totals          | 47   | 715  | 2  | 42   |





## KEY'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent        | Rec.      | Yds.       | TD       | Long      |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| vs. Ball State* | 5         | 96         | 1        | 44        |
| vs. ECU*        | 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        |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>42</b> | <b>636</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>58</b> |

## 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        |
| <b>Totals</b>    | <b>37</b> | <b>519</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>55</b> |

## KEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

**Receptions:** 8, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 12, 2024  
**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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JAKE  
KREKELER

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 185 • Freshman-SQ  
Castle Rock, Colo. (Argyle TX)

## 2024 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

## High School

- An all-purpose player who saw action at wide receiver, running back, safety, punt returner and kick returner for three seasons at Valor Christian in

Highlands Ranch, Colorado and one at Argyle High School in Argyle, Texas

- Lettered and started as a sophomore and junior at Valor Christian ... Also lettered and started each game as a senior at Argyle
- Coached by Todd Rodgers at Argyle
- Named District 3-5A DII's Offensive Newcomer of the Year in 2020 after playing a key part in Argyle's district title and playoff run
- Racked up 158 carries for 1,001 yards and 17 touchdowns ... Also had eight catches for 83 yards and one score for the Eagles
- Earned a spot on the *Denton Record-Chronicle's* 2023 All-Area Football Team
- Choose Kentucky over Iowa State, Montana and Colorado State

## Personal

- Born in Parker, Colorado
- Son of Frank and Lynn Krekeler
- Siblings are Josie Krekeler, Kayla Haas and Kenzie Carman
- Cousin, Justin Boyd, played baseball for the Cleveland Guardians
- Major is sport leadership

## Jake Says

- His nickname is "Krek"
- Three words to describe him are goofy, happy and hardworking
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he has a birthmark on his head
- His hobbies are fishing, hunting, reading, playing video games and drawing
- The best advice he's ever received is from his mom "God will get you through anything"



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AIDAN  
LAROS

PUNTER

6-2 • 212 • Junior-1L  
Cape Town, South Africa  
(UT Martin/Charlotte/Northwood)

## 2024 - Junior

- Transferred to UK after two seasons at Charlotte and one at UT Martin
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Saw action in all 12 games
- Handled kickoffs for the Wildcats and also was the primary punter in the last nine games
- Had 49 kickoffs for 3,064 yards and 32 touchbacks
- Had 32 punts for 1,453 yards with three touchbacks, 10 fair catches, 11 inside the 20 and 10 with 50 yards or more for a 45.4 average
- Had a season-long, 66-yard punt at Texas ... Also had a 61-yarder at Tennessee

## 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
- Talled 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 touch backs 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)
- Talled 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)

- Saw action in 12 games
- 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"

LAROS' CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | G  | Punts | Yds. | Avg. | TBs | FC | Inside 20 | Long | 50+ |
|--------|----|-------|------|------|-----|----|-----------|------|-----|
| 2022*  | 12 | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0         | 0    | 0   |
| 2023#  | 11 | 52    | 2458 | 47.3 | 15  | 7  | 16        | 70   | 18  |
| 2024   | 11 | 26    | 1185 | 45.6 | 3   | 10 | 10        | 66   | 8   |
| at UK  | 11 | 26    | 1185 | 45.6 | 3   | 10 | 10        | 66   | 8   |
| Totals | 34 | 78    | 3643 | 46.7 | 18  | 17 | 26        | 70   | 26  |

LAROS' CAREER STATISTICS CONT.

| Year   | FG    | Long FG | PAT   | Points |
|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| 2022*  | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      |
| 2023#  | 10-16 | 43      | 43-45 | 73     |
| 2024   | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      |
| Totals | 10-16 | 43      | 43-45 | 73     |

LAROS' FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

| Year   | 1-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | Total | Long |
|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|------|
| 2023#  | 0-0  | 7-7   | 2-5   | 1-4   | 0-0 | 10-16 | 43   |
| Totals | 1-1  | 23-24 | 17-20 | 14-21 | 1-5 | 56-71 | 50   |

\*at Charlotte

# at UT-Martin

LAROS' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent    | FGs | Long | Punts | Yds. | Avg. | Long | Inside 20 | PATs |
|-------------|-----|------|-------|------|------|------|-----------|------|
| vs. Ohio    | 0-0 | 0    | 1     | 58   | 58.0 | 58   | 1         | 0-0  |
| at Ole Miss | 0-0 | 0    | 5     | 214  | 42.8 | 53   | 0         | 0-0  |
| vs. Vandy   | 0-0 | 0    | 2     | 80   | 40.0 | 41   | 0         | 0-0  |
| at Florida  | 0-0 | 0    | 3     | 127  | 42.3 | 46   | 1         | 0-0  |
| vs. Auburn  | 0-0 | 0    | 5     | 222  | 44.4 | 51   | 2         | 0-0  |
| at UT       | 0-0 | 0    | 4     | 200  | 50.0 | 61   | 2         | 0-0  |
| vs. MSU     | 0-0 | 0    | 1     | 53   | 53.0 | 53   | 1         | 0-0  |
| at Texas    | 0-0 | 0    | 5     | 231  | 46.2 | 66   | 1         | 0-0  |
| Totals      | 0-0 | 0    | 26    | 1185 | 46.7 | 66   | 8         | 0-0  |

LAROS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (UTM)

| Opponent   | FGs   | Long | Punts | Yds. | Avg. | Long | Inside 20 | PATs  |
|------------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|-----------|-------|
| at UGA     | 0     | 0    | 8     | 402  | 50.2 | 66   | 2         | 1-1   |
| Miss. St.  | 1-2   | 29   | 4     | 178  | 44.5 | 48   | 2         | 5-5   |
| HCU        | 1-1   | 33   | 2     | 94   | 47.0 | 48   | 0         | 9-9   |
| at N. Ala. | 1-1   | 20   | 5     | 223  | 44.6 | 57   | 4         | 4-5   |
| Tenn. St.  | 2-2   | 23   | 4     | 185  | 46.2 | 55   | 2         | 2-2   |
| at EIU     | 0-1   | 0    | 7     | 354  | 50.6 | 67   | 1         | 4-4   |
| Charl. So. | 1-1   | 26   | 5     | 245  | 49.0 | 70   | 0         | 2-2   |
| Gar. Webb  | 2-3   | 43   | 4     | 227  | 56.7 | 70   | 2         | 4-4   |
| at TN Tech | 1-1   | 25   | 5     | 192  | 38.4 | 48   | 0         | 5-5   |
| SE Mo.     | 0-1   | 0    | 4     | 165  | 41.2 | 50   | 4         | 5-6   |
| at Samford | 1-2   | 20   | 4     | 193  | 48.2 | 61   | 0         | 2-2   |
| Totals     | 10-16 | 43   | 52    | 2458 | 47.3 | 70   | 17        | 43-45 |

LAROS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 12, vs Houston Christian, Sept 16, 2023  
Points by kicking: 12, vs Houston Christian, Sept 16, 2023  
Field goals made: 2, at Gardner Webb, Oct 28, 2023  
Field goal attempts: 3, at Gardner Webb, Oct 28, 2023  
Longest field goal: 43, at Gardner Webb, Oct 28, 2023  
PATs made: 9, vs Houston Christian, Sept 16, 2023  
PATs attempted: 9, vs Houston Christian, Sept 16, 2023  
Punts: 8, at Georgia, Sept 2, 2023  
Punt Yards: 402, at Georgia, Sept 2, 2023  
Single-game Avg: 56.7, vs Eastern Illinois (4 for 227)  
Long Punt: 70, twice, last vs Gardner Webb, Oct 28, 2023  
Tackles: 1, twice, last vs Southeast Missouri, Nov 11, 2023  
Rush attempt: 1, vs North Alabama, Sept 23, 2023  
Rushing yards: 23 vs North Alabama, Sept 23, 2023



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SPENCER  
LEADBETTER

WIDE RECEIVER

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

2024 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Ohio and also played vs. Murray State

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
- Totalled 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  
LEMAISTER

TIGHT END

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

2024 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2023 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll
- Got his first collegiate action vs. Murray State

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-3L  
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

#### 2024 - Junior

- Has played in 37 career games with 33 starts
- Has totaled 156 career tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, seven interceptions, four pass breakups and a fumble recovery
- Started in all 12 games
- Second on the team in total tackles with 63
- Had a team-high tying two interceptions to go along with a TFL and a PBU
- Had a team-lead, career-high-tying nine total tackles, including one for loss (-2 yards) at Florida
- Grabbed two interceptions vs. Murray State ... Became the first Wildcat with two interceptions in a game since Maxwell Hairston did so last season at Vanderbilt ... Marked the first Wildcat to get two interceptions in a home game since J.D. Harmon had a pair of pickoffs vs. Southern Mississippi in 2016

#### 2023 - Sophomore

- Played in 11 games with 10 starting assignments
- Totaled 30 tackles, 1.0 tackle for loss, three interceptions and a fumble recovery
- 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 teammate of current UK defensive lineman Octavious Oxendine
- 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   |
| 2024   | DB   | 12-12 | 63    | 0-0     | 1.0-2 | 0/0   | 0   | 2-0  | 1   |
| Totals |      | 37-33 | 156   | 0-0     | 3.5-6 | 0/1   | 1   | 7-34 | 4   |

#### LOVETT'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent        | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|-----------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. So. Miss*   | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. USC*        | 5     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia*    | 4     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Ohio*       | 3     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Ole Miss*    | 4     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Vandy*      | 9     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Florida*     | 9     | 1.0-2 | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Auburn*     | 8     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee*   | 5     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Murray St.* | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 2-0  | 0   |
| at Texas*       | 7     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. UofL*       | 5     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals          | 63    | 1.0-2 | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 2-0  | 0   |

#### 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   |





LOVETT'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

|                |    |       |     |   |   |   |     |   |
|----------------|----|-------|-----|---|---|---|-----|---|
| 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: 9, twice, last at Florida, Oct 19, 2024  
Tackles for loss: 1.0, twice, last at Florida, Oct 19, 2024 (2 yards)  
Pass breakups: 1, 4x, last at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024  
Interception: 2, at Murray State, Nov 16, 2024 (0 yards)  
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Mississippi State, Oct 15, 2022  
Fumble recovery: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023



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CHARLIE  
LUSH

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 255 • Freshman-SQ  
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)

2024 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- A four-year letter winner and two-year starter on the offensive line at Lexington Catholic
- Coached by Nick Baisch

- Named to the 3A District All-District Second team, the All-City Team and earned the Knights' 2023 Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award as a senior
- Also excelled in the classroom, earning a 4.0 grade point average and a spot on the KHSAA Academic All-State First Team
- Member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club
- Choose Kentucky over Western Kentucky and Austin Peay

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Kim and Clint Lush
- Has one younger sister, Mary
- Major is undecided

Charlie Says

- After his football career he hopes to become a lawyer
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is beer cheese
- His hobbies are fishing, golfing and pickup basketball
- The best advice he's ever received is from his dad "nobody wins afraid of losing"
- Besides football, he's also a really good fisherman



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JA'MORI  
MACLIN

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 190 • Junior-1L  
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 43 career games (5 at Missouri, 26 at UNT and 12 at UK) with 16 starts (13 at UNT and 3 at UK)
- Has 87 career receptions for 1,702 yards and 17 touchdowns
- Totaled 73 receptions for 1,384 yards and 13 touchdowns in 26 games at North Texas
- Saw action in five total games at Mizzou
- Has four career 100-yard games, all coming in 2023 at UNT
- Played in all 12 games this season with three starts (vs. Southern Miss, vs. South Carolina and vs. Vanderbilt)
- Totaled 13 catches for 313 yards and four scores, averaging 24.1 yards per catch
- UK's primary punt returner with 16 punt returns for 130 yards (8.1 average)
- Caught a team-high-tying three passes for a team-high 121 yards and a team-high two touchdowns vs. Louisville ... His two touchdown catches marked the fourth time in his 43 career games that he caught at least two touchdown passes in a game, and his first time at UK

- His 121 receiving yards were the most for a UK receiver vs. Louisville since Garrett Johnson had 164 yards in 2016 at Louisville
- Had a 32-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter at Tennessee, his first touchdown as a Wildcat ... Also had a two-point conversion pass following the TD
- Caught a 19-yard touchdown late in the second quarter vs. Murray State, his second consecutive game with a TD reception
- Belitnikoff Award Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

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)

- Played in two games vs. UNT and Texas A&M

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 ... Earned an undergraduate certificate in leadership studies from UK 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   | G-GS  | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long | Att. | Yards | TD | Long |
|--------|-------|------|------|------|----|------|------|-------|----|------|
| 2020*  | 3-0   | 1    | 5    | 5.0  | 0  | 5    | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| 2021*  | 2-0   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| 2022#  | 14-1  | 16   | 380  | 23.8 | 2  | 53   | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| 2023#  | 12-12 | 57   | 1004 | 17.6 | 11 | 80   | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| 2024   | 12-3  | 13   | 313  | 24.1 | 4  | 83   | 2    | 13    | 0  | 12   |
| at UK  | 12-3  | 13   | 313  | 24.1 | 4  | 83   | 2    | 13    | 0  | 12   |
| Totals | 43-17 | 87   | 1702 | 19.6 | 17 | 83   | 2    | 13    | 0  | 12   |

\*at Missouri

# at North Texas

MACLIN'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent           | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long | Att. | Yards | TD | Long |
|--------------------|------|------|----|------|------|-------|----|------|
| vs. Southern Miss* | 2    | 66   | 0  | 46   | 1    | 1     | 0  | 1    |
| vs. USC*           | 1    | 2    | 0  | 2    | 1    | 12    | 0  | 12   |
| vs. Georgia        | 2    | 19   | 0  | 14   | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Ohio           | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| at Ole Miss        | 1    | 2    | 0  | 2    | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Vanderbilt*    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| at Florida         | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Auburn         | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| at Tennessee       | 1    | 32   | 1  | 32   | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Murray St.     | 1    | 19   | 1  | 19   | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| at Texas           | 2    | 52   | 0  | 42   | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| vs. UofL           | 3    | 121  | 2  | 83   | 0    | 0     | 0  | 0    |
| Totals             | 13   | 313  | 4  | 83   | 2    | 13    | 0  | 12   |

MACLIN'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

| Opponent      | KR | Yds | Avg | Long | TD | PR | Yds | Avg  | Long | TD |
|---------------|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|
| vs. So. Miss. | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 1  | 5   | 5.0  | 5    | 0  |
| vs. USC       | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 3  | 20  | 6.7  | 13   | 0  |
| vs. Georgia   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| vs. Ohio      | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 3  | 15  | 5.0  | 11   | 0  |
| at Ole Miss   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| vs. Vandy     | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 1  | -1  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| at Florida    | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 1  | 7   | 0    | 7    | 0  |
| vs. Auburn    | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| at UT         | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| vs. MSU       | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 2  | 29  | 14.5 | 17   | 0  |
| at Texas      | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 2  | 23  | 11.5 | 13   | 0  |
| vs. UofL      | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 1  | 5   | 5.0  | 5    | 0  |
| Totals        | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 14 | 103 | 7.4  | 17   | 0  |

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

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

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 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (MISSOURI)

| Opponent      | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long | KR | Yds | TD | Long |
|---------------|------|------|----|------|----|-----|----|------|
| vs. UNT       | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Texas A&M | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| Totals        | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |

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, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
Long reception: 83, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
Rushing attempts: 1, twice, last vs. South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024  
Rushing yards: 12, vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024  
Kick returns: 2, twice, last vs Boise State, Dec 17, 2022  
Kick return yards: 34, at UTSA, Oct 22, 2022  
Punt returns: 3, twice, last vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024  
Punt return yards: 29, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Long punt return: 17, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024



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LANDON  
MARCUM

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

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

2024 • Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

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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JICUAVIOUS  
MARSHALL

DEFENSIVE BACK

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

2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

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 Sheddric 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-2L  
Bridgeville, Del. (Woodbridge)

2024 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 12 games with two starts
- Earned his first career start at Tennessee and also started vs. Murray State
- Totaled seven tackles, a TFL, a fumble recovery and a quarterback hurry
- Got a season-high two tackles vs. Auburn

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

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   |
| 2024   | OLB | 12-2 | 7       | 0-0   | 0.5-1 | 0/1   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Totals |     | 26-2 | 13      | 0-0   | 0.5-1 | 0/1   | 0   | 0   | 1   |

MATTHEWS' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent        | Tackles | Sacks | TFL   | FF/FR | PBU | Int-Yds | QBH |
|-----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|---------|-----|
| vs. So. Miss    | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. USC         | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Georgia     | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Ohio        | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 1   |
| at Ole Miss     | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/1   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Vandy       | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Florida      | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Auburn      | 2       | 0-0   | 0.5-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Tennessee*   | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. Murray St.* | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| at Texas        | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| vs. UofL        | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0       | 0   |
| Totals          | 7       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/1   | 0   | 0       | 1   |

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, twice, last vs Auburn, Oct 16, 2024  
Tackle for loss: 0.5, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024  
Fumble recovery: 1, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024



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ALEX  
MCLAUGHLIN

LONG SNAPPER

5-10 • 229 • Junior-1L  
Weddington, N.C. (Illinois/NC State/Weddington)

## 2024 - Junior

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at NC State and one at Illinois
- Saw action in all 12 games

## 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)

## 2024 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

## 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-RS  
Pompano Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)

## 2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Southern Miss

## 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)

## Career

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Tennessee and two seasons at Florida
- Played in 39 career games (21 at UT, 11 at UF and 7 at UK)
- Totaled 20 career starts (13 at UT and 7 at UK)

## 2024 - Senior

- Played in seven games before missing the last four games with injury (Auburn, Tennessee, Murray State and Texas)
- Allowed only two sacks while totaling 25 blocks at the point of attack and eight knockdown blocks
- Graded at 64 percent for the season and had an assignment grade of 97 percent on 412 snaps

## 2023 - Junior (Tennessee)

- Played in all 12 regular-season 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 Pompano Beach, Florida
- Son of Barbara Mincey
- Has two brothers, Daniel and Joshua
- Graduated in December of '24 with a degree in 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-SQ  
Warner Robins, Ga. (Northside)

### 2024 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

### 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-RS  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Western)

### 2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Murray State and had one carry

### 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
- Clocking 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)**2024 - Junior**

- Practiced with the team

**2023 - Sophomore**

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Saw action vs. Murray State

**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)**2024 - Junior**

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Murray State and totaled two tackles

**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-RS  
Toledo, Ohio (Central Catholic)**2024 - Freshman**

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Murray State

**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-1L  
Cincinnati, Ohio (Withrow)

2024 - Freshman

- Saw action in eight games and earned his first collegiate start vs. Tennessee
- Did play in the opener vs. Southern Miss and did not see action vs. Vanderbilt, at Texas or against Louisville with injury
- Totaled 10 tackles and a team-high five pass breakups for the Wildcats
- Got his first career tackle and pass breakup vs. Ohio
- Also recorded a tackle and a PBU in the win at Ole Miss, playing significant minutes due to the absence of Maxwell Hairston with injury
- Totaled a career-high four tackles and a PBU at Tennessee

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

NICHOLS' CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Tkls. | Sacks-Y | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |
|--------|------|------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| 2024   | DB   | 8-1  | 10    | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 5   |
| Totals |      | 8-1  | 10    | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 5   |

NICHOLS' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. So. Miss   |       |       | DNP     |     |    |    |      |     |
| vs. USC        | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia    | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Ohio       | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Ole Miss    | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Vandy      |       |       | DNP     |     |    |    |      |     |
| at Florida     | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Auburn     | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee*  | 4     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Murray St. | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas       |       |       | DNP     |     |    |    |      |     |
| vs. UofL       |       |       | DNP     |     |    |    |      |     |
| Totals         | 10    | 0-0   | 0-0     | 5   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |

Tackles: 4, at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024  
Pass breakups: 1, 5x, last vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024



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QUINTAVION  
NORMAN

INSIDE LINEBACKER

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

2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action on special teams at Tennessee
- Also saw action vs. Murray State

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-AAAAAA 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, Stuffie 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

Quintavion 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-4L  
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

## Career

- Concluded his UK career as a four-year letter winner who played in 47 career games with 19 starts
- Totaled 78 career tackles with 15.0 tackles for loss, 9.5 sacks, nine quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles, and one blocked kick

## 2024 - Senior

- Played in all 12 games this season with one start vs. Murray State
- Totaled 20 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks, three quarterback hurries and a forced fumble
- Made three tackles, including a career-high two quarterback sacks (-10 yards), and added a QB hurry in UK's win at 6/5 Ole Miss ... In the first quarter, his third-down sack forced a punt ... Late in the second quarter, another sack coaxed the Rebels to let the clock run out on the first half
- Named SEC Defensive Line Player of the Week (9/30)
- Had a season-high five tackles, a sack, a TFL and a forced fumble at No. 3 Texas

## 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
- Graduated in December of '24 with a degree in 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 |
| 2024   | DE | 12-1  | 20 | 5.5-25  | 4.0-24 | 0 | 1/0 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals |    | 47-19 | 78 | 15.0-86 | 9.5-75 | 0 | 2/0 | 9 | 1 |

## OXENDINE'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent     | Tkls | TFL-Y  | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF/FR | PBU | Int | QBH | Blks |
|--------------|------|--------|---------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| vs. So. Miss | 0    | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. USC      | 1    | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Georgia  | 0    | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Ohio     | 3    | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0    |
| at Ole Miss  | 3    | 2.0-10 | 2.0-10  | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0    |
| vs. Vandy    | 0    | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0    |
| at Florida   | 0    | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Auburn   | 3    | 1.0-8  | 1.0-8   | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at UT        | 1    | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. MSU*     | 2    | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Texas     | 5    | 1.0-6  | 1.0-6   | 0   | 1/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. UofL     | 2    | 1.0-1  | 0-0     | 0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| Totals       | 20   | 5.5-25 | 4.0-24  | 0   | 1/0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0    |

## 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   |





OXENDINE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

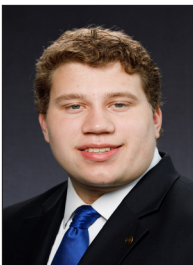
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| vs. Missouri | 0  | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| vs. UTC      | 2  | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| at USC*      | 2  | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| vs. Florida* | 3  | .5-0   | 0-0    | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 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, 3x, last at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024 (10 yards)  
Sacks: 2.0, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024 (10 yards)  
Quarterback hurries: 2, at Florida, Sept 10, 2022  
Forced fumbles: 1, twice, last at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
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.)

2024 - Senior

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Murray State

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-RS  
Sneads, Fla. (Sneads)

2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in four games and had 20 carries for 111 yards (5.6 ypc) ... Also had one reception for 15 yards
- Had four carries for 28 yards in his first collegiate action vs. Southern Miss
- Got a career-best 10 carries for 45 yards vs. South Carolina
- Combined for six rushes and a team-high 38 yards vs. Auburn, while he also had his first career reception for 15 yards in the first quarter

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

PATTERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | G-GS | Att. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LG | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LG |
|--------|------|------|------|------|----|----|------|------|------|----|----|
| 2024   | 4-0  | 20   | 111  | 5.6  | 0  | 23 | 1    | 15   | 15.0 | 0  | 15 |
| Totals | 4-0  | 20   | 111  | 5.6  | 0  | 23 | 1    | 15   | 15.0 | 0  | 15 |

PATTERSON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent     | Att. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|--------------|------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. So. Miss | 14   | 73   | 0  | 12   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. USC      | 10   | 45   | 0  | 8    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Georgia  |      |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |
| vs. Ohio     |      |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |
| at Ole Miss  | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Vandy    |      |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |
| at Florida   |      |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |
| vs. Auburn   | 6    | 38   | 0  | 23   | 1    | 15   | 0  | 15   |





## PATTERSON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| at UT    | DNP                   |
| vs. MSU  | DNP                   |
| at Texas | DNP                   |
| vs. UofL | DNP                   |
| Totals   | 20 111 0 23 1 15 0 15 |

## PATTERSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 10, vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024  
Rush yards: 45, vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024 (10 carries)  
Long rush: 23, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Rushing TDs: n/a  
Receptions: 1, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Receiving yards: 15, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Receiving TDs: n/a  
Long reception: 15, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024



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AUSTIN  
RAMSEY

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

## 2024 - r-Freshman

- Moved from offensive line to defensive line
- Played in five games
- Saw his first collegiate action at Tennessee and also saw playing time vs. Murray State, at Texas and Louisville

## 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-2L  
Noblesville, Indiana (West Virginia/Noblesville)

## 2024 - Junior

- Has played in 26 career games (1 at WVU and 25 at UK) with 12 starts (all at UK)
- Saw action on the Big Blue Wall in all 12 games with two starts vs. No. 1 Georgia and Ohio
- Allowed only three sacks for the entire season while totaling 48 blocks at the point of attack and 11 knockdown blocks
- Graded at 68 percent for the season and had an assignment grade of 98 percent in 412 snaps
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

## 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

## 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)

## 2024 - \*Senior

- Has played in 39 career games (22 at NIU and 17 at UK) with 23 starts (22 at NIU and one at UK)
- Has 170 career tackles with 14.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks
- Saw action in just four games in 2024 with the intention of using a redshirt
- Totaled 13 tackles with 3.0 tackles for loss
- Got a season-high five tackles, including a TFL at Tennessee

## 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
- 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 Ariah
- 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   |  |
| 2024                       | 4-0   | 13      | 0-0        | 3.0-7    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| at UK                      | 17-1  | 43      | 0-0        | 6.0-10   | 0/0   | 0   | 1   | 2   |  |
| Totals                     | 39-18 | 170     | 5.5-28     | 14.5-44  | 0/0   | 0-0 | 5   | 5   |  |

\*at Northern Illinois

| RAYNER'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME |         |       |       |       |     |     |     |  |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Opponent                   | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | INT | QBH | PBU |  |
| vs. So. Miss               | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| vs. USC                    | 4       | 0-0   | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| vs. Georgia                | 2       | 0-0   | 1.0-5 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| vs. Ohio                   |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |     |  |
| at Ole Miss                |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |     |  |
| vs. Vandy                  |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |     |  |
| at Florida                 |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |     |  |
| vs. Auburn                 |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |     |  |
| at Tennessee               | 5       | 0-0   | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| vs. Murray St.             |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |     |  |
| at Texas                   |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |     |  |
| vs. UofL                   |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |     |  |
| Totals                     | 13      | 0-0   | 3.0-7 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |

| RAYNER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME |         |       |       |       |     |     |     |  |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Opponent                   | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | INT | QBH | PBU |  |
| vs. Ball State             | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| vs. ECU                    | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| vs. Akron                  | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| at Vandy                   | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| vs. Florida                | 2       | 0-0   | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| at Georgia                 | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |  |
| vs. Missouri*              | 10      | 0-0   | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |  |
| vs. Tennessee              | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| at Miss. State             | 3       | 0-0   | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |  |
| vs. Alabama                | 2       | 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                     | 30      | 0-0   | 3.0-3 | 0/0   | 0   | 1   | 2   |  |

| RAYNER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (NIU) |         |        |        |       |     |     |     |  |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Opponent                         | Tackles | Sacks  | TFL-Y  | FF/FR | INT | QBH | PBU |  |
| vs. Eastern Ill.*                | 14      | 0-0    | 0.5-2  | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| at Tulsa*                        | 11      | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| vs. Vanderbilt*                  | 7       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| at Kentucky*                     | 10      | 1.0-2  | 1.0-2  | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| at Ball State*                   | 9       | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0/0   | 0   | 3   | 0   |  |
| vs. Toledo                       | 9       | 1.0-4  | 1.0-4  | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| at Eastern Mich.*                | 4       | 1.0-7  | 2.5-10 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |
| at Ohio*                         | 7       | 0.5-4  | 0.5-4  | 0/0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |  |
| Totals                           | 71      | 3.5-17 | 5.5-22 | 0/0   | 0   | 4   | 0   |  |

| RAYNER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (NIU) |         |       |       |       |     |     |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|---|--|
| Opponent                         | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | PBU |   |  |
| at Georgia Tech*                 | 6       | 1.0-3 | 1.0-3 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |  |
| vs. Wyoming*                     | 7       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |  |
| at Michigan*                     | 6       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |  |
| vs. Maine*                       | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |  |
| at Kent State                    | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |  |
| vs. Ball State                   | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |  |
| vs. Western Mich.                | 7       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |  |
| Totals                           | 29      | 1.0-3 | 1.0-3 | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |  |

RAYNER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (NIU)

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

RAYNER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

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



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ALEX  
RAYNOR

KICKER

6-0 • 185 • \*Senior-2L  
Kennesaw, Georgia (Georgia Southern/  
Harrison)

Career

- Saw action in 61 career games (36 at GSU and 25 at UK) and compiled 393 career points
- Concluded his UK career as a two-year letterwinner who made 25-of-27 field goals for 92.6 percent, which broke the UK and SEC career records for percentage
- Concluded his UK career 74-of-76 on extra points, totaling 149 points
- Concluded his overall career, including three seasons at Georgia Southern:
- Ranked second on the NCAA's active career scoring list with 393 points
- Ranked second on the NCAA's active career PATs list with 183
- Ranked third on the NCAA's active career field goals list with 70
- Finished the 2024 season making 15-of-16 field goals, and at 93.8 percent, broke his own school record for best field goal percentage in a season (made 10-of-11, 90.9 percent, last year)
- Set a school record with a 55-yarder against Georgia, one of four he made against the then-No. 1 ranked Bulldogs
- Made a school-record 18 field goals in a row dating back to the 2023 season, marking the sixth-longest streak in SEC history
- Hit 8-of-8 between 40- and 49-yard field goals in his career at Kentucky

2024 - \*Senior

- Second Team All-American, kicker (AFCA, Sporting News)
- Honorable Mention All-American (Phil Steele)





- First Team All-SEC (coaches, AP, Phil Steele)
- Honorable Mention All-SEC (CFN)
- SEC Special Teams Player of the Year (coaches)
- Lou Groza Award, finalist
- William V. Campbell Trophy semifinalist for the second straight season
- Hit 15-of-16 on field goals and 26-of-27 on extra points this season
- Extended his streak to 18 straight field goals – a school record and personal best streak that began last season against Tennessee at Kroger Field on Oct. 28, 2023 – with one connection from 32 yards at Tennessee
- His 33-yard field goal miss in the third quarter at No. 3 Texas, snapped his streak of 18 straight field goals, which set the school record and marked the sixth-longest streak in SEC history
- Hit all four FG attempts vs. No. 1 Georgia ... Two of his four field goals were more than 50 yards, including a school-record 55-yard field goal that put Kentucky on the board first late in the first quarter
- His 12 points vs. No. 1 Georgia were the most against a No. 1-ranked team since Patrick Towles scored two touchdowns vs. top-ranked Mississippi State in 2014
- Became just the second player in school history with two 50-yarders in one game, with Joe Bryant doing so, also against Georgia, in 1977 ... Previous school record was 54 yards, made by Austin MacGinnis against Tennessee in Knoxville on Nov. 15, 2014
- Made both field goal attempts and both extra point tries, providing crucial points in Kentucky's 20-17 upset at No. 6/5 Ole Miss ... Connected on field goals of 27 and 48 yards
- Named SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (9/30)

## 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
- 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
- His seven straight field goals made as a Wildcat tied for fourth in UK history
- 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 Honor Roll and the Dean's List in the fall for making over a 3.50 GPA
- 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

## Community Cats

- Frequent visitor at Kentucky Children's Hospital (2024)

## Personal

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

## 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     |
| 2024   | 15-16 | 55      | 26-27   | 71     |
| at UK  | 25-27 | 55      | 74-76   | 149    |
| Totals | 70-86 | 55      | 183-189 | 393    |

\*at Georgia Southern

## 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   |
| 2024   | 0-0  | 2-2   | 7-8   | 4-4   | 2-2 | 15-16 | 55   |
| at UK  | 0-0  | 6-6   | 8-9   | 8-8   | 4-5 | 25-27 | 55   |
| Totals | 1-1  | 25-26 | 24-29 | 17-24 | 4-8 | 70-86 | 55   |

\*at Georgia Southern





RAYNOR'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent     | FGs   | Long | PATs  |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
| vs. So. Miss | 1-1   | 41   | 4-4   |
| vs. USC      | 2-2   | 39   | 0-0   |
| vs. UGA      | 4-4   | 55   | 0-0   |
| vs. Ohio     | 2-2   | 34   | 5-5   |
| at Ole Miss  | 2-2   | 48   | 2-2   |
| vs. Vandy    | 0-0   | -    | 1-1   |
| at Florida   | 0-0   | -    | 2-3   |
| vs. Auburn   | 1-1   | 46   | 1-1   |
| at UT        | 1-1   | 32   | 1-1   |
| vs. MSU      | 2-2   | 32   | 6-6   |
| at Texas     | 0-1   | -    | 2-2   |
| vs. UofL     | 0-0   | -    | 2-2   |
| Totals       | 15-16 | 55   | 26-27 |

RAYNOR'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent    | FGs   | Long  | PATs  |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| vs. BSU     | 3-3   | 46    | 5-5   |
| vs. ECU     | 0-0   | 0     | 4-4   |
| vs. Akron   | 0-0   | 0     | 5-5   |
| at Vandy    | 1-1   | 27    | 6-6   |
| vs. UF      | 2-2   | 50    | 3-4   |
| at UGA      | 0-0   | 0     | 1-1   |
| vs. Mizz    | 0-0   | 0     | 3-3   |
| vs. UT      | 2-3   | 28    | 3-3   |
| at MSU      | 1-1   | 32    | 3-3   |
| vs. UA      | 0-0   | 0     | 3-3   |
| at USC      | 0-0   | 0     | 2-2   |
| at UL       | 1-1   | 46    | 5-5   |
| vs. Clemson | 0-0   | 0     | 5-5   |
| Totals      | 10-11 | 10-11 | 48-49 |

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, twice, last vs Georgia, Sept 14, 2024  
Field goal attempts: 4, 4x, last vs Georgia, Sept 14, 2024  
Longest field goal: 55, vs Georgia, Sept 14, 2024  
Consecutive FGs made: 18, from Oct 28, 2023 to present  
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-RS  
St. Louis, Missouri (De Smet)

2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first action vs. Ohio and got a tackle
- Also saw playing time vs. Murray State

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, Aljah Clark, RiKayla Redd, Ricky Redd, Rashad Redd and Trevor Greer
- Brother, Alijah, 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)

2024 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

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-RS  
Youngstown, Ohio (Westerville North)

2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first action vs. Ohio and also got playing time vs. Murray State

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-11  
Taylor Mill, Kentucky (Covington Catholic)

#### 2024 - Freshman

- Saw action in all 12 games this season with three starts vs. Ohio, Vanderbilt and Louisville
- Totaled five catches for 941 yards, averaging 18.8 yards per catch
- Made his first career reception, a 25-yarder in the fourth quarter, in the win over No. 6/5 Ole Miss
- Had a team-high-tying and a career-high three receptions for a team-high and career-high 53 yards at No. 3 Texas

#### 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 Henschen, 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

#### RODRIGUEZ'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|----|------|
| 2024   | TE   | 12-3 | 5    | 94   | 18.8 | 0  | 25   |
| Totals |      | 12-3 | 5    | 94   | 18.8 | 0  | 25   |

#### RODRIGUEZ'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent           | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|--------------------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. Southern Miss  | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. South Carolina | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Georgia        | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Ohio*          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Ole Miss        | 1    | 25   | 0  | 25   |
| vs. Vandy*         | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Florida         | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Auburn         | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Tennessee       | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Murray St.     | 1    | 16   | 0  | 16   |
| at Texas           | 3    | 53   | 0  | 25   |
| vs. UofL           | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| Totals             | 5    | 94   | 0  | 25   |

#### RODRIGUEZ'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 3, at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Receiving yards: 53, at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Receiving TDs: n/a  
Long reception: 25, twice, last at Texas, Nov 23, 2024



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TRE'VONN  
RYBKA

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

#### Career

- A four-year letter winner who saw action in 48 career games with 25 starts
- Totaled 95 career tackles, 11.5 tackles for loss, 5.0 sacks, six QB hurries, a forced fumble and a PBU

#### 2024 - Senior

- Started in all 12 games and had 34 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks, two quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and a PBU
- Totaled five tackles and had a sack (-4 yards) and his first career PBU at Tennessee
- Led the Wildcats with five tackles in the win over Murray State, including a career-high-tying 1.5 tackles for loss ... Had a seven-yard sack in the first quarter, his second game in a row with a sack
- Got his first forced fumble at No. 3 Texas
- Earned the "Big Ambassador of the Year" award by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass for his work with the organization

#### 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

Community Cats

- Volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass (2023-present)

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
- Graduated in December of '24 with a degree in 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   |
| 2024   | DT   | 12-12 | 34    | 5.0-22  | 3.0-19  | 1/0   | 2   | 0    | 1   |
| Totals |      | 48-25 | 95    | 11.5-48 | 5.0-37  | 1/0   | 6   | 0    | 1   |

RYBKA'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent           | Tkls. | TFL-Y  | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|--------------------|-------|--------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Southern Miss* | 2     | 1.0-8  | 1.0-8   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. USC*           | 1     | 0.5-0  | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |
| vs. Georgia*       | 3     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |
| vs. Ohio*          | 4     | 1.0-3  | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Ole Miss*       | 1     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Vandy*         | 4     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Florida*        | 1     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Auburn*        | 3     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee*      | 5     | 1.0-4  | 1.0-4   | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Murray St.*    | 5     | 1.5-7  | 1.0-7   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas*          | 3     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 1  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. UofL*          | 2     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals             | 34    | 5.0-22 | 3.0-19  | 1   | 1  | 0  | 0    | 2   |

RYBKA'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls. | TFL-Y  | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|----------------|-------|--------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Ball State |       |        | DNP     |     |    |    |      |     |
| vs. ECU        | 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. Clemson*   | 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, 5x, last vs. Murray State, Nov 16, 2024 (7 yards)  
Tackles for loss: 1.5, twice, last vs. Murray State, Nov 16, 2024 (7 yards)  
Quarterback hurry: 1, 6x, last vs. Georgia, Sept 14, 2024  
Forced fumble: 1, at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Pass breakup: 1, at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024



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KAHLIL  
SAUNDERS

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 291 • Junior -3L  
Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)

2024 - Junior

- Saw action in 11 games
- Missed the Murray State game with injury
- Totaled 15 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss , two quarterback hurries and a sack
- Got two tackles and a career-best two quarterback hurries in the win over Ohio
- Totaled a season-high three tackles at Tennessee

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   |
| 2024   | 11-0 | 15      | 2.0-10 | 0.5-2   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 2   |
| Totals | 39-0 | 48      | 8.5-39 | 2.5-22  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 5   |

#### SAUNDERS' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Tkls. | TFL-Y  | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|-------------------|-------|--------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Southern Miss | 2     | 0.5-1  | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. USC           | 2     | 1.0-7  | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia       | 0     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Ohio          | 2     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 2   |
| at Ole Miss       | 1     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Vandy         | 0     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Florida        | 2     | 0.5-2  | 0.5-2   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Auburn        | 2     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee      | 3     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Murray St.    |       |        | DNP     |     |    |    |      |     |
| at Texas          | 1     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. UofL          | 0     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals            | 15    | 2.0-10 | 0.5-2   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 2   |

#### SAUNDERS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls. | TFL-Y  | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|----------------|-------|--------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Ball State | 4     | 1.5-14 | 1.5-14  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. ECU        | 2     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Akron      | 0     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Vandy       | 1     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Florida    | 1     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Georgia     | 1     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Missouri   | 1     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Tennessee  | 0     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Miss. State | 3     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |
| vs. Alabama    | 3     | 1.0-3  | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |
| at USC         | 1     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at UofL        | 0     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Clemson    | 1     | 1.0-2  | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals         | 18    | 3.5-19 | 1.5-14  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 2   |

#### SAUNDERS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

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

#### SAUNDERS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent      | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|---------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. ULM       | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Florida   | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. NMST      | 1     | 1.0-3 | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |
| at Louisville | 1     | 1-1   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals        | 1     | 2.0-4 | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |

#### SAUNDERS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs Georgia, Nov 19, 2022  
Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (14 yards)  
Sacks: 1.5, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023 (14 yards)  
Quarterback hurry: 2, vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024



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JACKSON  
SCHULZ

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 198 • Junior-1L  
Louisville, Ky. (Trinity)

#### 2024 - Junior

- Saw action in eight games mostly on special teams (Ohio, Ole Miss, Vanderbilt, Florida, Auburn, Murray State, Texas and Louisville)
- Recorded the first interception of his career, a leaping grab in the fourth quarter, in the win over Murray State
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

#### 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-1L  
Marion, South Carolina (Marion)

2024 - Freshman

- Saw action in 11 games and totaled six tackles
- Missed the Tennessee game with injury
- Got his first career tackle vs. Ohio
- Totaled a career-best two tackles at Florida and vs. Murray State

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 Hennecey 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

SCOTT'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | FF/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |
|--------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| 2024   | DB   | 11-0 | 6     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| Totals |      | 11-0 | 6     | 0-0   | 0       | 0     | 0   | 0    | 0   |

SCOTT'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|-------------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Southern Miss | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. USC           | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia       | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Ohio          | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Ole Miss       | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Vandy         | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Florida        | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Auburn        | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee      |       |       | DNP     |     |    |    |      |     |
| vs. Murray St.    | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas          | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. UofL          | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals            | 6     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |

SCOTT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, twice, last vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024



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ABA  
SELM

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Ohio and also got playing time vs. Murray State

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-2L  
Rocky Mount, N.C. (North Carolina/  
Rocky Mount)**2024 - Junior**

- Has played in 30 career games (6 at UNC and 24 at UK) with 23 starts (all at UK)
- Has totaled 47 career tackles, with 43 coming at Kentucky
- Started in all 12 games in 2024 and totaled 26 tackles, a TFL, a sack and a quarterback hurry
- Got a career-high four tackles, a sack and a TFL vs. Auburn
- Also got four tackles vs. Murray State

**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 ECU

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

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

**2021 - Freshman (North Carolina)**

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

**High School**

- A five-star prospect coming out of Rocky Mount high school
- Tabbed as the nation's 8th-best player, the No. 3 defensive end and the No. 1 player in the state according to ESPN
- Listed as the nation's 32nd-best player, the No. 5 strongside defensive end and the No. 2 player in North Carolina in the 247Sports Composite
- Ranked as the nation's 85th-best player, the No. 7 strongside defensive end and the No. 5 player in the state by Rivals
- Selected to play in the Under Armour All-America Game
- Sports Illustrated* All-America candidate prior to his senior season
- Totaled 47 tackles, 7.0 sacks as a senior

- Earned all-state and All-Big East 3-A Conference honors as a junior after recording 47 tackles, seven sacks and 13 tackles for loss
- Coached by Jason Battle
- A multi-sport athlete also ran track and played basketball
- Averaged 7.1 points and 6.1 rebounds over his three-year basketball career

**Personal**

- Born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina
- Raised by his grandmother, Queen Silver, as his mother, Cynthia, passed away of colon cancer when he was nine years old
- Graduated in December of '24 from UK with a degree in 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   |
| 2024   | DT   | 12-12 | 26    | 1.0-2 | 1.0-2   | 0/0   | 1   | 0    | 0   |
| at UK  | DT   | 24-23 | 43    | 3.0-5 | 1.0-2   | 0/0   | 1   | 0    | 0   |
| Totals |      | 30-23 | 47    | 3.0-5 | 1.0-2   | 0/0   | 1   | 0    | 0   |

\*at North Carolina

**SILVER'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME**

| Opponent           | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|--------------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Southern Miss* | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. USC*           | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia*       | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Ohio*          | 3     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Ole Miss*       | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Vandy*         | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Florida*        | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |
| vs. Auburn*        | 4     | 1.0-2 | 1.0-2   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee*      | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Murray St.*    | 4     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas*          | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. UofL*          | 3     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals             | 26    | 1.0-2 | 1.0-2   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |

**SILVER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME**

| Opponent        | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|-----------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Ball State* | 1     | 1.0-2 | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. ECU*        | 3     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Akron       | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| 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: 4, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 3x, last vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Quarterback sack: 1.0, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Quarterback hurry: 1, at Florida, Oct 19, 2024



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ANTWAN  
SMITH

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 205 • Freshman-1L  
Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake)**2024 - Freshman**

- Saw action in seven games on special teams
- Got his first career tackle, pass breakup and a quarterback hurry vs. Murray State

**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 has played with four NFL teams since 2021
- 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

| A. SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS |      |      |       |       |         |       |     |      |     |  |
|------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----|------|-----|--|
| Year                         | Pos. | G-GS | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | FF/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |  |
| 2024                         | ILB  | 7-0  | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0/0   | 1   | 0    | 1   |  |
| Totals                       |      | 7-0  | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0/0   | 1   | 0    | 1   |  |

| A. SMITH'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME |       |       |         |     |    |    |      |     |   |  |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|---|--|
| Opponent                     | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |   |  |
| vs. Southern Miss            | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0 |  |
| vs. USC                      | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0 |  |
| vs. Georgia                  | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0 |  |
| vs. Ohio                     | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0 |  |
| vs. Murray St.               | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 1 |  |
| at Texas                     | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0 |  |
| vs. UofL                     | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0 |  |
| Totals                       | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 1 |  |

| A. SMITH'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Tackles: 1, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pass breakup: vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarterback hurry: vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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DEVIN  
SMITH

INSIDE LINEBACKER

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

2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

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 Lyke, 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)

2024 - Freshman

- Saw action in four games
- Got his first collegiate tackle vs. Ohio
- Also played vs. Murray State and at Texas
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

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-RS  
Charlotte, North Carolina (West Charlotte)

#### 2024 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action on special teams vs. Ohio and also played against Auburn, Murray State and Louisville

#### 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-1L  
Somerset, Ky. (Corbin)

#### 2024 - Freshman

- Saw action in all 12 games this season and totaled seven tackles and an assisted TFL
- Got a career-high two tackles vs. Louisville

#### 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"

#### JE. SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | FF/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |
|--------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| 2024   | DL   | 12-0 | 7     | 0.5-1 | 0-0     | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| Totals |      | 12-0 | 7     | 0.5-1 | 0       | 0     | 0   | 0    | 0   |

#### JE. SMITH'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|-------------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Southern Miss | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. USC           | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia       | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Ohio          | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Ole Miss       | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Vandy         | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Florida        | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Auburn        | 1     | 0.5-1 | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee      | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Murray St.    | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas          | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. UofL          | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals            | 7     | 0.5-1 | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |

#### JE. SMITH'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024



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STEVEN  
SOLES JR.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 225 • Freshman-1L  
Powell, Tenn. (Powell)

#### 2024 - Freshman

- Saw action in 11 games and totaled five tackles, including 2.0 TFL, a sack and a quarterback hurry
- Missed the Tennessee game with injury
- Got his first career tackle and sack vs. South Carolina
- Also had a tackle and a quarterback hurry vs. Ohio
- Recorded a career-high two tackles and a TFL at Florida

#### 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

SOLES' CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | FF/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |
|--------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| 2024   | DL   | 11-0 | 5     | 2.0-7 | 1.0-3   | 0/0   | 1   | 0    | 0   |
| Totals |      | 11-0 | 5     | 2.0-7 | 1.0-3   | 0/0   | 1   | 0    | 0   |

SOLES' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent           | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|--------------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Southern Miss  | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. South Carolina | 1     | 1.0-3 | 1.0-3   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia        | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Ohio           | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |
| at Ole Miss        | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Vandy          | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Florida         | 2     | 1.0-4 | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Auburn         | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee       |       |       | DNP     |     |    |    |      |     |
| vs. Murray St.     | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas           | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. UofL           | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals             | 5     | 2.0-7 | 1.0-3   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 1   |

SOLES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, at Florida, Oct 19, 2024  
Tackles for loss: 1.0, twice, last at Florida, Oct 19, 2024 (4 yards)  
Sacks: vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024 (3 yards)  
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024



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KRISTIAN  
STORY

DEFENSIVE BACK

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

2024 - Senior

- Transferred to Kentucky after four seasons at Alabama
- Played in 51 career games (39 at Alabama, 12 at UK) with two starting assignments (both at Alabama)
- Totaled 49 career tackles (22 tackles, two pass breakups and an interception in his career for the Tide and 27 tackles, a forced fumble and an INT at UK)
- Played in all 12 games for UK in 2024 and totaled 27 tackles, a forced fumble and an interception
- Charted a career-high five tackles vs. Louisville
- Got four tackles vs. Auburn and at Tennessee
- Had three tackles at Florida along with his second career interception (first at UK), a career-high 63 yard return to the Florida 11-yard line late in the second quarter
- Got his first career forced fumble at No. 3 Texas

2023 - Junior (Alabama)

- Saw action in 14 games with two starts vs. Kentucky and Chattanooga
- Totaled 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
- Totaled two tackles

2020 - Freshman (Alabama)

- Redshirt season

High School

- A consensus four-star prospect out of Lanett HS
- 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 for 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 ... Earned an undergraduate certificate in leadership studies from UK in December of '24

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

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Tackles | Sacks-Y | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |
|--------|------|------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| 2021*  | ILB  | 12-0 | 2       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| 2022*  | ILB  | 13-0 | 5       | 0-0     | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| 2023*  | ILB  | 14-2 | 15      | 0-0     | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 1-2  | 2   |
| 2024   | DB   | 12-0 | 27      | 0-0     | 0-0   | 1/0   | 0   | 1-63 | 0   |
| Totals |      | 51-2 | 49      | 0-0     | 1.0-1 | 1/0   | 0   | 2-65 | 2   |

\*at Alabama

STORY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |
|-------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| vs. Southern Miss | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. USC           | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia       | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Ohio          | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Ole Miss       | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Vandy         | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Florida        | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 1-63 | 0   |
| vs. Auburn        | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee      | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Murray St.    | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas          | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 1/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. UofL          | 5       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| Totals            | 27      | 0-0   | 0-0   | 1/0   | 0   | 1-63 | 0   |





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

| Opponent         | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FC/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |
|------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| vs. Middle Tenn. | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Texas        | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at South Fla.    | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Ole Miss     | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Miss. State   | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas A&M     | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Arkansas     | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Tennessee    | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. LSU          | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Kentucky*     | 4       | 0-0   | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. UTC*         | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 1-2  | 1   |
| at Auburn        | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia      | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 1   |
| vs. Michigan     | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| Totals           | 15      | 0-0   | 1.0-1 | 0/0   | 0   | 1-2  | 2   |

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

| Opponent         | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FC/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |
|------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| vs. Utah State   | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas         | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. ULM          | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Vanderbilt   | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Arkansas      | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Texas A&M    | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee     | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Miss. State  | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at LSU           | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Ole Miss      | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Austin Peay  | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Auburn       | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Kansas State | 3       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| Totals           | 5       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |

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

| Opponent           | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FC/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |
|--------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| vs. Miami          | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Mercer         | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Florida         |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |     |
| vs. Southern Miss  | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Ole Miss       | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| at Texas A&M       | 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   |       |     |      |     |
| vs. LSU            | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. New Mexico St. | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Arkansas       |         |       | DNP   |       |     |      |     |
| at Auburn          | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia        | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Cincinnati     | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Georgia        | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| Totals             | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |

## STORY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
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)  
Forced fumble: 1, at Texas, Nov 23, 2024



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AVERY  
STUART

DEFENSIVE BACK

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

## 2024 - r-Freshman

- Saw action vs. Ohio and Murray State

## 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-2L  
Willingboro, N.J. (NC State/Willingboro)

## Career

- Played in 38 career games (14 at NC State, 24 at UK) with eight starts (all at UK)
- Career totals included 204 carries (149 at UK) for 1,030 rushing yards (725 at UK) with nine scores (6 at UK)... Also had 46 receptions (34 at UK) for 371 receiving yards (223 at UK) and two receiving TDs (1 at UK)

## 2024 - Senior

- Played in 11 games with eight starting assignments
- Missed the Auburn game with injury
- Led the team in carries with 129, rushing for 586 yards (4.5 yards per carry) and a team-high five TDs
- Earned his first career start vs. Southern Miss in the season opener and recorded a game-high eight rushes for a game-high 59 yards and a touchdown ... Had a career-high 17 rushes for a Kentucky-high 70 yards vs. South Carolina
- Set career highs with 22 carries for 98 yards vs. No. 1 Georgia, marking the most rushing yards ever for a Wildcat vs. a No. 1-ranked team
- Got a career-high two touchdowns in the win over Ohio
- Combined for 71 yards from the line of scrimmage, 48 rushing and 23 receiving yards in the win over Murray State ... Had a three-yard touchdown run in the first quarter ... His four receptions tied a career high

## 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 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)
- Named a "Player to Watch" for 2022 by Athlon

2021 - Freshman (NC State)

- Played in six games on special teams

High School

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

Personal

- Name is pronounced Demie (DEHM-ee) Sumo-Karngbaye (SUE-moh KARNG-bay)
- Born in Trenton, New Jersey
- Son of Joyce Dissee and Abdullah Sumo
- Siblings are Marcus, Rachel, Fatim, Aziz Sumo, Patience Willie
- Cousin, Phillip Bliidi, is currently on the defensive line at Auburn and formerly 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 |
| 2024                               | 11-8 | 129  | 586  | 4.5  | 5  | 22 | 20   | 154  | 6.6  | 0  | 18 |
| at UK                              | 24-8 | 149  | 725  | 4.9  | 6  | 42 | 34   | 223  | 6.6  | 1  | 18 |
| Totals                             | 38-8 | 204  | 1030 | 5.0  | 9  | 42 | 46   | 371  | 8.1  | 2  | 38 |

\*at NC State

| SUMO-KARNGBAYE'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME |      |      |    |      |      |      |    |      |  |
|------------------------------------|------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|--|
| Opponent                           | Att. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |  |
| vs. So. Miss*                      | 8    | 59   | 1  | 22   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |  |
| vs. USC*                           | 17   | 70   | 0  | 11   | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    |  |
| vs. Georgia*                       | 22   | 98   | 0  | 12   | 2    | 12   | 0  | 11   |  |
| vs. Ohio*                          | 12   | 47   | 2  | 9    | 3    | 38   | 0  | 18   |  |
| at Ole Miss*                       | 11   | 47   | 0  | 14   | 1    | 6    | 0  | 6    |  |
| vs. Vandy*                         | 12   | 59   | 1  | 9    | 3    | 31   | 0  | 14   |  |
| at Florida*                        | 10   | 39   | 0  | 15   | 2    | 18   | 0  | 11   |  |
| vs. Auburn                         |      |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |  |
| at Tennessee                       | 6    | 38   | 0  | 15   | 2    | 11   | 0  | 6    |  |
| vs. Murray St.*                    | 11   | 48   | 1  | 10   | 4    | 23   | 0  | 11   |  |
| at Texas                           | 9    | 30   | 0  | 6    | 1    | 9    | 0  | 9    |  |
| vs. UofL                           | 11   | 51   | 0  | 14   | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    |  |
| Totals                             | 129  | 586  | 5  | 22   | 20   | 154  | 0  | 18   |  |

| 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: 22, vs Georgia, Sept 14, 2024             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rush yards: 98, vs Georgia, Sept 14, 2024 (22 carries)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Long rush: 42, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rushing TDs: 2, vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total TDs: 2, vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receptions: 4, twice, last vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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, 6x, last vs Alabama, Nov 11, 2023            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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JOSH  
TERRELL

WIDE RECEIVER

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

2024 - Junior

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Ohio and also got playing time vs. Murray State

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

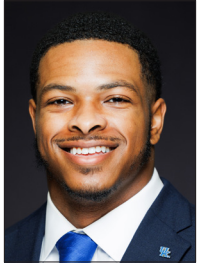
Josh Says

- 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  
TRAYANUM

RUNNING BACK

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

#### 2024 - \*Senior

- Came to Kentucky as a graduate transfer after spending two seasons at Ohio State (2022-23) and two seasons at Arizona State (2020-21)
- Has played in 39 total games in his career, 23 at Ohio State, 13 at Arizona State and three at UK
- Has 1,257 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
- Missed the first six games of the 2024 season with a hand injury
- Returned to play in three games
- Totaled 19 carries for 101 yards (5.3 yards per carry)
- Saw his first action as a Wildcat at Florida and had seven carries for 26 yards
- Missed the Auburn and Tennessee games with injury
- Returned vs. Murray State and had eight carries for 42 yards
- Did not play at Texas
- Against Louisville, had four carries for 33 yards
- Doak Walker Award Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

#### 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 ... Earned an undergraduate certificate in business from UK 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

#### TRAYANUM'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 |
| 2024   | 3-0  | 19   | 101   | 5.3  | 0  | 17 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0  |
| at UK  | 3-0  | 19   | 101   | 5.3  | 0  | 17 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0  |
| Totals | 39-0 | 246  | 1,257 | 5.1  | 13 | 40 | 15   | 91   | 6.1  | 0  | 19 |

\*at Arizona State  
! at Ohio State

#### TRAYANUM'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Att. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|-------------------|------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. Southern Miss |      |      |    |      |      |      |    | DNP  |
| vs. USC           |      |      |    |      |      |      |    | DNP  |
| vs. Georgia       |      |      |    |      |      |      |    | DNP  |
| vs. Ohio          |      |      |    |      |      |      |    | DNP  |
| at Ole Miss       |      |      |    |      |      |      |    | DNP  |
| vs. Vandy         |      |      |    |      |      |      |    | DNP  |
| at Florida        | 7    | 26   | 0  | 8    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Auburn        |      |      |    |      |      |      |    | DNP  |
| at Tennessee      |      |      |    |      |      |      |    | DNP  |
| vs. Murray St.    | 8    | 42   | 0  | 17   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Texas          |      |      |    |      |      |      |    | DNP  |
| vs. UofL          | 4    | 33   | 0  | 17   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| Totals            | 19   | 101  | 0  | 17   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |

#### TRAYANUM'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         |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>78</b> | <b>402</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>12</b> |

### 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        |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>290</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>5</b> |

### 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



**12**  
**BROCK**  
**VANDAGRIFF**  
**QUARTERBACK**

**6-3 • 217 • Junior-11**  
**Bogart, Ga. (Georgia/**  
**Prince Avenue Christian)**

#### Career

- Came to Kentucky as a graduate transfer in 2024 after spending three seasons at Georgia (2021-2023)
- Played in 24 total games in his career (13 at Georgia and 11 at UK) ... Went 4-7 as a starter
- At UGA, completed 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
- At UK, completed 125-of-281 passes for 1,593 yards and 10 scores with eight INTs ... Also ran 90 times for 131 yards

#### 2024 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List
- Davey O'Brien Award Watch List
- Named to the Davey O'Brien "Great 8" List for Week 5
- In his lone season at UK, played and started in 11 games with completed 125-of-218 passes for 1,593 yards with 10 scores and eight interceptions ... Also rushed 90 times for 131 yards
- Making his first collegiate start vs. Southern Miss, completed 12-of-18 passes for 169 yards and three touchdowns, all of which marked career highs ... His 34 yards rushing in the first quarter already eclipsed his career high, which was 27 yards against Kentucky in 2023 ... Finished the game with 35 yards rushing ... Of his four rushes in the first quarter, three were first downs
- Completed a career-high 14 of his 27 pass attempts for 114 yards vs. his alma mater, Georgia ... Added a career-high 13 rushes for 26 yards, including a career-long 17-yard dash for a first down in the first quarter
- Completed a career-high 17 of his 24 pass attempts for a career-high 237 yards in the win over Ohio ... Began the game 7-of-7 for 69 yards
- Completed a career-high 18 of 28 passes for a career-best 243 yards and one touchdown in Kentucky's 20-17 upset at No. 6/5 Ole Miss
- Trailing 17-13 with four minutes left, on 4th-and-7 from his own 20-yard line, Vandagriff's 63-yard bomb set up Kentucky's game-winning touchdown ... On non-sack rushing plays, Vandagriff ran or scrambled 12 times for 48 yards, including five first downs
- Rushed for a career-high 37 yards vs. Vanderbilt
- Had a career-long, nifty, 22-yard scramble on a 3rd-and-15 play that carried him to the Murray State 3-yard line, setting up a Kentucky TD

#### 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; sister, Audrey, is a freshman on the softball team at Alabama
- Graduated in December of '23 from Georgia with a degree in communication studies

#### 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

| Year   | G-GS  | Rush | Yds | TD | Long | Comp | Att | Int | Pct  | Yds  | TD | Long |
|--------|-------|------|-----|----|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|----|------|
| 2021*  | 2-0   | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    | 1   | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| 2022*  | 3-0   | 1    | 7   | 0  | 7    | 0    | 2   | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| 2023*  | 8-0   | 5    | 39  | 0  | 18   | 12   | 18  | 0   | .667 | 165  | 2  | 56   |
| 2024   | 11-11 | 90   | 131 | 0  | 22   | 125  | 218 | 8   | .573 | 1593 | 10 | 63   |
| at UK  | 11-11 | 90   | 131 | 0  | 22   | 125  | 218 | 8   | .573 | 1593 | 10 | 63   |
| Totals | 24-11 | 96   | 177 | 0  | 22   | 137  | 239 | 8   | .573 | 1758 | 12 | 63   |

\*at Georgia

VANDAGRIFF'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent        | Comp.-Att.-Int. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rush | Yds. | TD | Long |
|-----------------|-----------------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. So. Miss*   | 12-18-1         | 169  | 3  | 46   | 5    | 35   | 0  | 14   |
| vs. USC*        | 3-10-1          | 30   | 0  | 32   | 9    | -29  | 0  | 4    |
| vs. Georgia*    | 14-27-0         | 114  | 0  | 18   | 13   | 26   | 0  | 17   |
| vs. Ohio*       | 17-24-0         | 237  | 0  | 42   | 7    | 21   | 0  | 14   |
| at Ole Miss*    | 18-28-0         | 243  | 1  | 63   | 17   | 3    | 0  | 11   |
| vs. Vandy*      | 15-25-0         | 158  | 1  | 23   | 9    | 37   | 0  | 14   |
| at Florida*     | 12-26-2         | 165  | 1  | 45   | 8    | 33   | 0  | 11   |
| vs. Auburn*     | 9-17-1          | 120  | 0  | 34   | 4    | -18  | 0  | 2    |
| at Tennessee*   | 10-17-1         | 123  | 1  | 27   | 9    | 14   | 0  | 16   |
| vs. Murray St.* | 12-19-1         | 183  | 2  | 52   | 6    | 16   | 0  | 22   |
| at Texas*       | 3-7-1           | 51   | 1  | 42   | 3    | -7   | 0  | 3    |
| vs. UofL        |                 |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |
| Totals          | 125-218-8       | 1593 | 10 | 63   | 90   | 131  | 0  | 22   |

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

| Opponent       | Comp.-Att.-Int. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rush | Yds. | TD | Long |
|----------------|-----------------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. UT Martin  | 2-3-0           | 77   | 1  | 56   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Ball State | 0-2-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. UAB        | 4-5-0           | 37   | 0  | 21   | 1    | 18   | 0  | 18   |
| vs. Kentucky   | 5-7-0           | 46   | 1  | 25   | 2    | 27   | 0  | 16   |
| vs. Florida    | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Missouri   | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0  | 1    |
| vs. Ole Miss   | 1-1-0           | 5    | 0  | 5    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Tennessee   | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1    | -7   | 0  | 0    |
| Totals         | 12-18-0         | 165  | 2  | 56   | 5    | 39   | 0  | 18   |

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

| Opponent        | Comp.-Att.-Int. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rush | Yds. | TD | Long |
|-----------------|-----------------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. Samford     | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1    | 7    | 0  | 7    |
| at So. Carolina | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Vanderbilt  | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| Totals          | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 1    | 7    | 0  | 7    |

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

| Opponent       | Comp.-Att.-Int. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rush | Yds. | TD | Long |
|----------------|-----------------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. UAB        | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Charleston | 0-1-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| Totals         | 0-1-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |

VANDAGRIFF'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 28, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024  
Pass completions: 18, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024  
Pass yards: 243, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024  
Passing touchdowns: 3, vs Southern Miss, Aug 31, 2024  
Long pass: 63, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024  
Rush Attempts: 17, at Ole Miss, Sept 28, 2024  
Rushing yards: 37, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 12, 2024  
Longest rush: 22, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Rushing touchdowns: n/a



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RUSHAUNE  
VILANE

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 225 • Freshman-SQ  
Woonsocket, R.I. (Bishop Hendricken)

2024 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- A four-year letter winner and three-year starter who saw action at edge and outside linebacker for head coach Keith Croft and Bishop Hendricken
- Helped the Hawks compile an impressive 30-5 overall record during his four seasons which concluded with three state championship titles (2020, 2021, 2023)
- Totaled 86 tackles, including 36 solo, during his senior season ... Also had 6.0 sacks, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries
- Two-time First Team All-State selection by the *Providence Journal* and R.I. Football Coaches Association All-Division First Team
- Named 2023 Providence Gridiron Defensive MVP
- A three-sport athlete who also played basketball as a power forward and ran the 100-meters on the track team
- Excelled in the classroom, earning a spot on the President's List all four years of high school
- Choose Kentucky over offers from Boston College, Connecticut, Rhode Island and others

Personal

- Born in Providence, Rhode Island
- Son of Rushie Strong
- Siblings are Rushie Vilane, Rakema Williams, Rakeem Williams, Rakia Williams and Kenyon Williams
- Major is undecided

Rushaune Says

- His nickname is "Rush"

- His biggest motivator is his mom, Rushie, who worked three jobs to help provide for the family
- Outside of football, he enjoys watching television and being with his family
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's a homebody
- One word to describe his play on the field is "energetic"



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DEONE  
WALKER

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 345 • Junior-3L  
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)

Career

- A three-year letterwinner who started in 36 of 37 career games played, including 35 straight in three seasons with the Wildcats
- Totaled 132 career tackles, 22 tackles for loss and 10.0 sacks along with 13 quarterback hurries, six pass breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery
- Two-time team captain (2023 and 2024)

2024 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Second Team All-SEC (AP)
- Third Team All-SEC, defensive line (coaches, Phil Steele)
- Honorable Mention All-SEC (CFN)
- Played and started in 11 games
- Did not see action in the Murray State game with injury
- Had 37 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss, two pass breakups, 1.5 sacks and a fumble recovery in 11 games
- Had four tackles, 1.0 tackle for loss and assisted on a sack in the win over No. 6/5 Ole Miss
- Totaled a season-high five tackles vs. Vanderbilt and at Florida
- Preseason First Team All-American (Sporting News, ESPN)
- Preseason Second Team All-American (Walter Camp, Athlon, Phil Steele, USA Today)
- Preseason First Team All-SEC (Media, Athlon and Phil Steele)
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Chuck Bednarik Watch List
- The Lombardi Award Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

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
- 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

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   |
| 2024                       | DL   | 11-11 | 37   | 5.0-17  | 1.5-11    | 0/1   | 2   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals                     |      | 37-36 | 132  | 22.0-80 | 10.0-57   | 1/1   | 6   | 13  | 0   |

| WALKER'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME |      |          |           |    |    |     |     |     |   |
|----------------------------|------|----------|-----------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Opponent                   | Tkls | TFL-Yds. | Sacks-Yds | FF | FR | Int | PBU | QBH |   |
| vs. So. Miss*              | 0    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. USC*                   | 3    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. Georgia*               | 4    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. Ohio*                  | 4    | 1.0-1    | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| at Ole Miss*               | 4    | 1.0-5    | 0.5-3     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. Vandy*                 | 5    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| at Florida*                | 5    | 1.0-2    | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. Auburn*                | 4    | 1.0-8    | 1.0-8     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| at Tennessee*              | 3    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. Murray St.             |      |          | DNP       |    |    |     |     |     |   |
| at Texas*                  | 4    | 1.0-1    | 0-0       | 0  | 1  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |

|           |    |        |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|----|--------|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| vs. UofL* | 1  | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals    | 37 | 5.0-17 | 1.5-11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 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   | 0 |
| vs. ECU*                   | 5    | 1.0-10   | 1.0-10    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0 |
| vs. Akron*                 | 2    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| at Vandy*                  | 2    | 0.5-1    | 0.5-1     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0 |
| vs. Florida*               | 2    | 1.0-8    | 1.0-8     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0 |
| at Georgia*                | 4    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. Missouri*              | 7    | 4.0-7    | 1.0-3     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0 |
| vs. Tennessee*             | 3    | 1.0-4    | 1.0-4     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0 |
| at Miss. State*            | 2    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. Alabama*               | 5    | 1.0-3    | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0 |
| at USC*                    | 9    | 2.0-9    | 1.0-6     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0 |
| at UofL*                   | 7    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0 |
| vs. Clemson*               | 4    | 2.0-6    | 2.0-6     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| Totals                     | 55   | 12.5-48  | 7.5-38    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2   | 8   | 0 |

| 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   | 0 |
| at Florida                 | 2    | 1.0-1    | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. YSU*                   | 3    | 0.5-1    | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. NIU*                   | 2    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0 |
| at Ole Miss*               | 3    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0 |
| vs. USC*                   | 2    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. Miss. State*           | 1    | 0.5-1    | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0 |
| at Tennessee*              | 3    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| at Missouri*               | 3    | 0.5-3    | 0.5-3     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. Vanderbilt*            | 4    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| vs. Georgia*               | 6    | 0-0      | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0 |
| vs. UofL*                  | 6    | 1.0-6    | 0.5-5     | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0 |
| vs. Iowa*                  | 1    | 1.0-3    | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 |
| Totals                     | 40   | 4.5-15   | 1.0-8     | 1  | 0  | 0   | 2   | 5   | 0 |

| 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, 6x, last vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024 (8 yards)            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pass breakups: 1, 6x, last at Florida, Oct 19, 2024               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarterback hurry: 2, twice, last vs ECU, Sept 9, 2023 (10 yards) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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DJ  
WALLER JR.

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-3 • 202 • Sophomore-1L  
Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan/Chaney)

2024 - Sophomore

- Saw action in seven games with four starts vs. Ole Miss, Vanderbilt, Florida and Auburn





- Missed the last four games vs. Tennessee, Murray State, Texas and Louisville with injury
- Totaled 13 tackles and two pass breakups
- Saw his first action as a Wildcat vs. South Carolina and got a tackle
- Totaled a career-high tying four tackles vs. Auburn

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    |
| 2024  | 7-4  | 13      | 0-0        | 0-0      | 0/0   | 0   | 2   | 0    |
| at UK | 7-4  | 13      | 0-0        | 0-0      | 0/0   | 0   | 2   | 0    |

|        |      |    |     |     |     |   |   |   |
|--------|------|----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|
| Totals | 18-4 | 25 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0/0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
|--------|------|----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|

\*at Michigan

WALLER'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tackles | Sacks | TFL-Y | FF/FR | QBH | PBU | Int. |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|------|
| vs. So. Miss   |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |      |
| vs. USC        | 1       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Georgia    | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Ohio       | 0       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Ole Miss*   | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 1   | 0    |
| vs. Vandy*     | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| at Florida*    | 2       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| vs. Auburn*    | 4       | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 1   | 0    |
| at Tennessee   |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |      |
| vs. Murray St. |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |      |
| at Texas       |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |      |
| vs. UofL       |         |       | DNP   |       |     |     |      |
| Totals         | 13      | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0/0   | 0   | 2   | 0    |

WALLER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (UM)

| 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, twice, last vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024  
Pass breakups: 1, 3x, last vs Auburn, Oct 26, 2024



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DAVID  
WASHINGTON JR.

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 203 • Freshman-1L  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (St. Joseph's)

2024 - Freshman

- Saw action in all 12 games mostly on special teams
- Got his first collegiate catch for nine yards vs. Murray State

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

WASHINGTON'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|----|------|
| 2024   | WR   | 12-0 | 1    | 9    | 9.0  | 0  | 9    |
| Totals |      | 12-0 | 1    | 9    | 9.0  | 0  | 9    |

WASHINGTON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent          | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|-------------------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. Southern Miss | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. USC           | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Georgia       | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Ohio          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Ole Miss       | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Vanderbilt    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Florida        | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Auburn        | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Tennessee      | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Murray St.    | 1    | 9    | 0  | 9    |
| at Texas          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. UofL          | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| Totals            | 1    | 9    | 0  | 9    |





## WASHINGTON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
 Receiving yards: 9, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
 Receiving TDs: n/a  
 Long reception: 9, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024



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J.J.  
WEAVER

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

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

## Career

- A five-year letterwinner and three-time team captain, one of just three in UK's history, joining Josh Paschal and DeAndre Square
- Saw action in 58 career games with 39 career starts, including 29 straight in games played
- Totaled 197 career tackles, including 39.5 tackles for loss, 21.5 sacks, 15 quarterback hurries, eight pass breakups, two interceptions, five forced fumbles, six fumble recoveries and a blocked kick
- Ranked eighth in tackles for loss (39.5) and 16th in total sacks (21.5) on the NCAA's active career lists
- Ended his career ranking third in school history with 39.5 career tackles for loss
- His 21.5 career sacks rank fourth in school history
- Won several awards and honors throughout his Wildcat career for his good works in the community, specifically with children's grieving

## 2024 - Senior\* (Team Captain)

- Named one of the 11 FBS Allstate AFCA Good Works Team members
- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year finalist
- Wuerffel Trophy semifinalist
- Freddie Solomon Community Spirit Award winner
- Capital One Orange Bowl Courage Award nominee
- Earned the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame's 2024 Ron Butler Character in Adversity Award
- Started in 10 games played
- Missed the Tennessee and Murray State games with injury
- Totaled 32 tackles along with 7.5 tackles for loss (second on the team), a team-high 5.0 sacks and a team-high tying six quarterback hurries
- Had at least a one TFL in eight games
- Got a season-high six tackles, including 1.0 TFL in his final collegiate game vs. Louisville
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Preseason Fourth Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

## 2023 - Senior (Team Captain)

- 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)

- 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
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List
- Third-Team Preseason All-SEC (Phil Steele)

## 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

## 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 Irroquois 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 is now available to all students on UK’s campus
- 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   | G-GS  | Tkls | TFL-Yds  | Sacks-Yds | FF/FR | PBU | QBH | Int  | Blk |
|--------|-------|------|----------|-----------|-------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 2019   | 3-0   | 6    | 1.0-1    | 0-0       | 0/0   | 2   | 1   | 0    | 0   |
| 2020   | 9-1   | 33   | 6.5-14   | 0.5-1     | 0/0   | 1   | 2   | 0    | 0   |
| 2021   | 12-6  | 34   | 10.0-48  | 6.0-39    | 1/0   | 1   | 4   | 2-21 | 0   |
| 2022   | 11-9  | 47   | 6.0-45   | 3.0-37    | 2/3   | 1   | 3   | 0    | 1   |
| 2023   | 13-13 | 45   | 8.5-51   | 7.0-48    | 1/2   | 2   | 1   | 0    | 0   |
| 2024   | 10-10 | 32   | 7.5-38   | 5.0-30    | 1/1   | 1   | 6   | 0    | 0   |
| Totals | 58-39 | 197  | 38.5-195 | 21.5-155  | 5/6   | 8   | 15  | 2-21 | 1   |

WEAVER'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls | TFL-Yds | Sacks-Yds | FF | FR | INT | PBU | QBH | Blk |
|----------------|------|---------|-----------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| vs. So. Miss*  | 3    | 1.0-7   | 1.0-7     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. USC*       | 2    | 1.0-7   | 1.0-7     | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Georgia*   | 4    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| vs. Ohio*      | 1    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 1  | 0   | 1   | 2   | 0   |
| at Ole Miss*   | 2    | 1.0-4   | 1.0-4     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Vandy*     | 4    | 1.0-5   | 1.0-5     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Florida*    | 3    | 0.5-0   | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Auburn*    | 5    | 1.0-7   | 1.0-7     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| at UT          |      |         | DNP       |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| vs. Murray St. |      |         | DNP       |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| at Texas*      | 2    | 1.0-4   | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   |
| vs. UofL*      | 6    | 1.0-4   | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals         | 32   | 7.5-38  | 5.0-30    | 1  | 1  | 0   | 1   | 6   | 0   |

WEAVER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent        | Tkls | TFL-Yds | Sacks-Yds | FF | FR | INT | PBU | QBH | Blk |
|-----------------|------|---------|-----------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| vs. Ball State* | 6    | 1.0-10  | 1.0-10    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. EKU*        | 3    | 1.0-1   | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Akron*      | 3    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Vandy*       | 2    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   |
| vs. Florida*    | 2    | 1.0-13  | 1.0-13    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at Georgia*     | 2    | 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   |
| vs. UT*         | 3    | 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   |
| vs. Alabama*    | 2    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| at USC*         | 2    | 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   |
| vs. Clemson*    | 5    | 2.0-12  | 2.0-12    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Totals          | 45   | 8.5-51  | 7.0-48    | 1  | 2  | 0   | 2   | 1   | 0   |

WEAVER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME

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

WEAVER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent     | Tkls | TFL-Yds | Sacks-Yds | FF | FR | INT  | PBU | QBH |
|--------------|------|---------|-----------|----|----|------|-----|-----|
| vs. ULM      | 2    | 1.5-14  | 1.5-14    | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Missouri | 3    | 2.0-11  | 1.0-8     | 1  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   |
| vs. UTC*     | 4    | 1.0-3   | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 1   |
| at USC       | 2    | 1.0-5   | 1.0-5     | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0   |
| vs. Florida  | 2    | 0.5-0   | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 1-20 | 0   | 1   |

|                 |    |        |        |   |   |      |   |   |
|-----------------|----|--------|--------|---|---|------|---|---|
| vs. LSU         | 2  | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0 | 0 | 0    | 0 | 0 |
| at Georgia      | 3  | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0 | 0 | 0    | 0 | 0 |
| at Miss. State* | 6  | 0.5-2  | 0-0    | 0 | 0 | 0    | 0 | 0 |
| vs. Tennessee*  | 4  | 2.5-12 | 2.5-12 | 0 | 0 | 0    | 0 | 0 |
| at Vanderbilt*  | 3  | 1.0-1  | 0-0    | 0 | 0 | 0    | 0 | 1 |
| vs. NMST*       | 0  | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0 | 0 | 0    | 1 | 1 |
| at Louisville*  | 1  | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0 | 0 | 1-1  | 0 | 0 |
| vs. Iowa        |    |        | DNP    |   |   |      |   |   |
| Totals          | 34 | 9.0-43 | 6.0-39 | 1 | 0 | 2-21 | 1 | 4 |

WEAVER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

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

WEAVER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls | TFL-Yds | Sacks-Yds | FF | FR | INT | PBU | QBH |
|----------------|------|---------|-----------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| vs. Missouri   | 1    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| at Vanderbilt  | 5    | 1.0-1   | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| vs. Louisville | 0    | 0-0     | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Totals         | 6    | 1.0-1   | 0-0       | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2   | 1   |

WEAVER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 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, 8x, last vs Ohio, Sept 21, 2024  
Quarterback hurries: 2, 3x, last at Texas, Nov 23, 2024  
Forced fumble: 1, 5x, last vs South Carolina, Sept 7, 2024  
Recovered fumble: 2, at Louisville, Nov 25, 2023  
Interceptions: 1, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (1 yard)  
Blocked Kick: 1, vs Miami Ohio, Sept 3, 2022 (punt)



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ANDREW  
WEBER

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 175 • Freshman-SQ  
Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier)

2024 • Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- A three-year letter winner and two-year starter at safety, slot receiver and punt returner at St. Xavier
- Coached by Steve Specht



- A three-sport standout who was named to the All-Greater Catholic League in football (first team), baseball (second team) and basketball (second team)
- Elected team captain by his peers
- Earned the Bombers' Most Valuable Player award in 2023 as an all-purpose player, totaling 49 tackles, including 31 solo, along with five interceptions, eight passes defended, 3.0 tackles for loss and three blocked field goals ... Also had 374 punt return yards on 25 attempts with two touchdowns
- Named honorable mention on the Ohio Southwest District team in 2023
- Two-time Cincinnati.com Player of the Week
- Also excelled in the classroom, earning a 4.3 grade point average, the highest GPA on his basketball and baseball teams ... Named to the National Honor Society and the World Language Honor Society
- Picked Kentucky over South Carolina and Army

#### Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Angie and Jeff Weber
- Has two sisters, Ella and Caroline
- Grandfather, Jerry Weber, was an offensive lineman at Cincinnati, while dad, Jeff Weber, played baseball for the Bearcats
- Major is pre-marketing

#### Andrew Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to own a lot of real estate and be an entrepreneur
- Three words to describe him are determined, focused and caring
- His go-to Karaoke song is by Toby Keith "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue"
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is his mom's chili
- The one thing most people don't know about him is that he can dunk a basketball



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BRANDON  
WHITE

WIDE RECEIVER

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

#### 2024 - Sophomore

- Played in two games
- Saw his first action of the season vs. Ohio and also got playing time vs. Murray State
- Had one kick return for 19 yards vs. the Racers

#### 2023 - r-Freshman

- Played in four games vs. ECU, 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 him are 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-1L  
Douglasville, Ga. (South Paulding)

#### 2024 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 12 games with four starts vs. Auburn, Tennessee, Texas and Louisville
- Led the Wildcats in rushing yard with 590 on 92 carries ... (6.6 yards per carry) .. Recorded two TDs
- Also had seven catches for 24 yards
- Had two 100-yard rushing games vs. Tennessee and Murray State
- Rushed eight times for 82 yards in Kentucky's 41-6 win over Ohio ... Averaged more than 10 yards per carry ... His first three carries went for 19, 21 and 23 yards (63 total), helping set up UK's first two scores of the game, a field goal and a touchdown
- Had seven carries for 23 yards in UK's win over No. 6/5 Ole Miss
- Making his first collegiate start, had his first career touchdown on a two-yard rush in the first quarter vs Auburn
- Had the first 100-yard-plus rushing game of his career, with a career-best 17 carries for a career-best 102 yards at Tennessee ... Became the first freshman to register a 100+ game since Chris Rodriguez Jr. as a redshirt freshman in 2019
- Rushed 13 times for 123 yards and a touchdown in the win over Murray State, which marked his second straight 100-yard game, the first Wildcat with consecutive 100-yard games since Chris Rodriguez Jr. in 2022 ... Became the first freshman with consecutive 100-yard games since Benny Snell Jr. did so in three straight in 2016 ... Averaged 9.5 yards per rushing attempt vs. the Racers, best for a Wildcat since Ray Davis averaged 10.8 yards per carry last season vs. Florida
- Rushed a team-high 11 times for a team-high 50 yards at No. 3 Texas
- Led the Wildcats in rushing yards in four straight games to end the season

#### 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

#### WILCOX'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | G-GS | Att. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LG | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LG |
|--------|------|------|------|------|----|----|------|------|------|----|----|
| 2024   | 12-4 | 92   | 590  | 6.4  | 2  | 50 | 7    | 24   | 3.4  | 0  | 9  |
| Totals | 12-4 | 92   | 590  | 6.4  | 2  | 50 | 7    | 24   | 3.4  | 0  | 9  |

#### WILCOX'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Att. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rec. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|----------------|------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|
| vs. So. Miss   | 2    | 8    | 0  | 10   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. USC        | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Georgia    | 9    | 43   | 0  | 15   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Ohio       | 8    | 82   | 0  | 23   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Ole Miss    | 7    | 23   | 0  | 17   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Vandy      | 3    | 35   | 0  | 16   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| at Florida     | 3    | 33   | 0  | 25   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. Auburn*    | 7    | 25   | 1  | 9    | 1    | 2    | 0  | 2    |
| at Tennessee*  | 17   | 102  | 0  | 50   | 2    | 10   | 0  | 7    |
| vs. Murray St. | 13   | 123  | 1  | 32   | 1    | 3    | 0  | 3    |
| at Texas*      | 11   | 50   | 0  | 18   | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    |
| vs. UofL*      | 12   | 66   | 0  | 15   | 3    | 9    | 0  | 9    |
| Totals         | 92   | 590  | 2  | 50   | 7    | 24   | 0  | 9    |

#### WILCOX'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 17, at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024  
Rush yards: 123, vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024 (13 carries)  
Long rush: 50, at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024  
Rushing TDs: 1, twice, last vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Total TDs: 1, twice, last vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024  
Receptions: 3, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024  
Receiving yards: 10, at Tennessee, Nov 2, 2024  
Receiving TDs: n/a



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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 33 games (25 at Rutgers and eight at UK) with 19 starts in his career (all at Rutgers)
- Has completed 228-of-494 passes for 2,824 yards and 17 touchdowns in his career
- Has 229 carries for 811 rushing yards with 13 rushing TDs in his career
- Is 8-11 as a starter (all at Rutgers)
- 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 at Rutgers
- In his lone season at UK, saw action in eight games vs. South Carolina, Ohio, Ole Miss, Vanderbilt, at Florida, vs. Auburn, at Tennessee and vs. Louisville
- Completed 16-of-39 passes for 287 yards and three TDs
- Also had 49 rushing attempts for 183 yards and two scores
- Ran nine times for 26 yards in the win at No. 6/5 Ole Miss
- Rushed four times for eight yards, including a one-yard touchdown to help Kentucky get within a touchdown of Florida in the third quarter
- Got his first passing TD as a Wildcat at Tennessee
- Connected on four of his nine passing attempts for 125 yards and two touchdowns in the season finale vs. Louisville
- His two touchdowns passing marked the second time in his 33 career games that he has thrown at least two touchdowns passing in a game, and his first time since 2021 ... Also the first time a UK reserve QB has thrown two TDs vs. Louisville
- His 83-yard touchdown pass to Ja'Mori Maclin in the fourth quarter was a career long vs. the Cards
- All four of his scores passing this season, including two at Tennessee – one was a two-point conversion – and two were to Ja'Mori Maclin

#### 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   |  |
| 2024                        | 8-0   | 49   | 183 | 2  | 16    | 39   | 4    | .410 | 287  | 3  | 83   |  |
| at UK                       | 8-0   | 49   | 183 | 2  | 16    | 39   | 4    | .410 | 287  | 3  | 83   |  |
| Totals                      | 33-20 | 229  | 811 | 13 | 228   | 494  | 21   | .462 | 2824 | 17 | 83   |  |

\*at Rutgers

| WIMSATT'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME |                 |      |    |      |      |      |    |      |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------|----|------|------|------|----|------|--|--|--|--|
| Opponent                    | Comp.-Att.-Int. | Yds. | TD | Long | Rush | Yds. | TD | Long |  |  |  |  |
| vs. So. Miss                |                 |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |  |  |  |  |
| vs. USC                     | 3-7-1           | 14   | 0  | 7    | 6    | 44   | 0  | 24   |  |  |  |  |
| vs. Georgia                 |                 |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |  |  |  |  |
| vs. Ohio                    | 2-3-0           | 45   | 0  | 25   | 9    | 25   | 1  | 10   |  |  |  |  |
| at Ole Miss                 | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 9    | 26   | 0  | 11   |  |  |  |  |
| vs. Vandy                   | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 5    | 25   | 0  | 9    |  |  |  |  |
| at Florida                  | 0-0-0           | 0    | 0  | 0    | 4    | 8    | 1  | 4    |  |  |  |  |
| vs. Auburn                  | 3-10-1          | 34   | 0  | 20   | 9    | 23   | 0  | 15   |  |  |  |  |
| at Tennessee                | 4-10-1          | 69   | 1  | 32   | 4    | 20   | 0  | 13   |  |  |  |  |
| vs. Murray St.              |                 |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |  |  |  |  |
| at Texas                    |                 |      |    | DNP  |      |      |    |      |  |  |  |  |
| vs. UofL                    | 4-9-1           | 125  | 2  | 83   | 3    | 12   | 0  | 8    |  |  |  |  |
| Totals                      | 16-39-4         | 287  | 3  | 83   | 49   | 183  | 2  | 24   |  |  |  |  |

| 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: 2, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Long pass: 83, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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-1L  
Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central)

2024 - r-Freshman

- Named to SEC All-Freshman Football Team
- Saw action in 11 of UK's 12 games, starting the final five games
- Earned his first career start vs. Auburn and also started vs. Tennessee, Murray State, Texas and Louisville
- Totaled 25 blocks at the point of attack and seven knockdown blocks
- Had only one missed assignment in 11 games

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)

2024 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Spring 2024)

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-SQ  
Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)

2024 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in four games vs. Ohio, Auburn, Tennessee and Murray State
- Totaled two tackles
- Recorded a tackle vs. Ohio in his first action of the season
- Also got a tackle vs. Murray State

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

ZIESMER'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year   | Pos. | G-GS | Tkls. | TFL-Y  | Sacks-Y | FF/FR | QBH | Int. | PBU |
|--------|------|------|-------|--------|---------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| 2023   | DL   | 2-0  | 2     | 1.0-19 | 1.0-19  | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| 2024   | DL   | 4-0  | 2     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| Totals |      | 6-0  | 4     | 1.0-19 | 1.0-19  | 0/0   | 0   | 0    | 0   |

ZIESMER'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls. | TFL-Y | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Ohio       | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Auburn     | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| at Tennessee   | 0     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Murray St. | 1     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals         | 2     | 0-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |

ZIESMER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

| Opponent       | Tkls. | TFL-Y  | Sacks-Y | PBU | FF | FR | Int. | QBH |
|----------------|-------|--------|---------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| vs. Ball State | 0     | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| vs. Akron      | 2     | 1.0-19 | 1.0-19  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| Totals         | 2     | 1.0-19 | 1.0-19  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0   |

ZIESMER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023  
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023  
Sacks: vs Akron, Sept 16, 2023