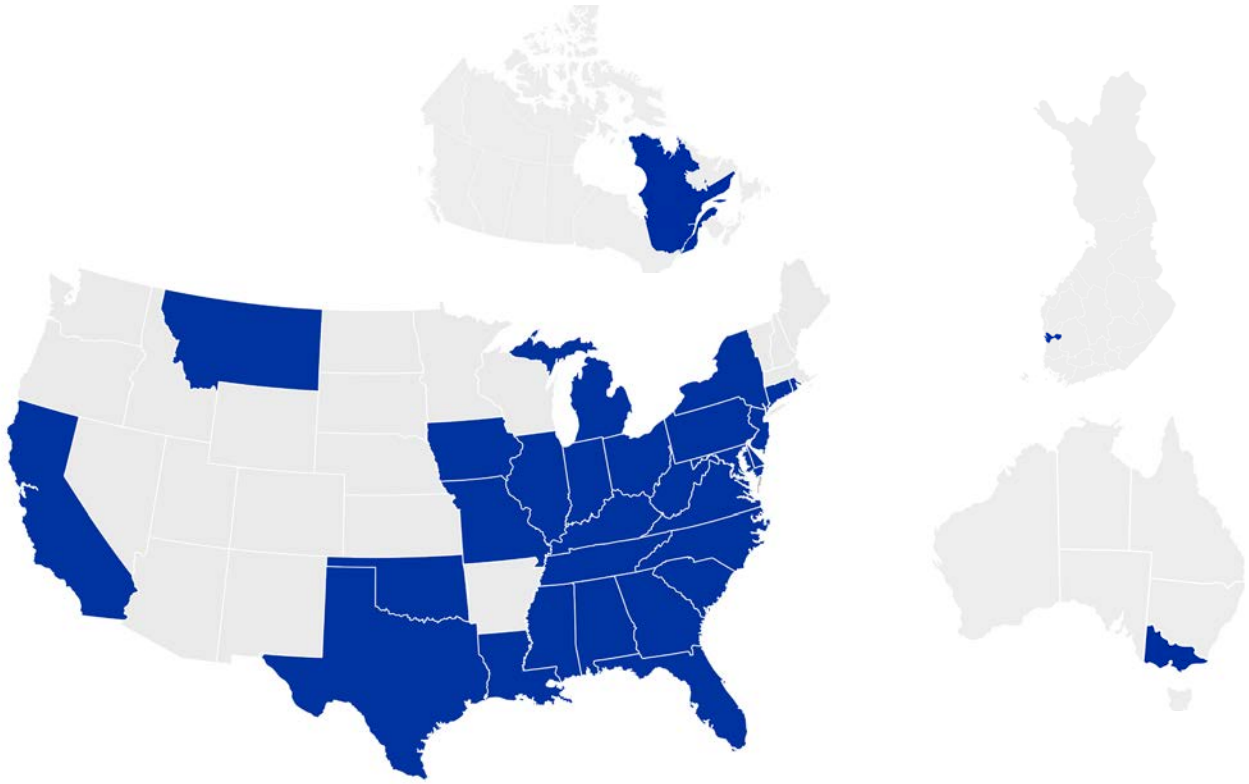
CATS ON THE MAP

The 2026 roster is comprised of 24 states, the District of Columbia, Australia, Canada and Finland



Alabama (6)

Birmingham	Braxton Urquhart
Demopolis	Dyllon Williams
Enterprise	Andrew Purcell
Hoover	Justyn Hartley
Mobile	Tyler Thomas
Trussville	Deuce Alston II

Arizona (1)

Goodyear	Cole Marszalek

California (4)

Bakersfield	Shane Carr
Inglewood	Jaden Williams
Merced	Jordan Colbert
San Clemente	Sam Brown III

Florida (10)

Altamonte Springs	Mark Robinson
Boynton Beach	CJ Baxter Jr.
	Denairius Gray
Fort Lauderdale	Alexander Dimartino
	Tovani Mizell
	Jesse Anderson
Gainesville	Nelson Tambling
Orlando	Jordan Castell
Perry	Kevis Thomas
Sneads	Jason Patterson

Georgia (14)

Atlanta	Antwan Smith
Brunswick	Devin Smith
Canton	Spencer Radnoti
Cedartown	Demarcus Gardner
Covington	Quintavion Norman
Jesup	Tavion Wallace
Marietta	Mark Manfred III
Newnan	Aaron Gates
Norcross	Xavier Daisy
Savannah	Lorenzo Cowan
	Tavion Gadson
Suwanee	Grant Godfrey
Tucker	Hasaan Sykes
Valdosta	Prince Jean

Illinois (2)

Chicago	Henry Boyer
Glenview	Spencer Leadbetter

Indiana (3)

Carmel	Matthew Obermeier
Guilford	Hank Timon
Hammond	Cameron Miller Jr.

Iowa (1)

Davenport	Dominic Wiseman

Kentucky (14)

Campbellsville	Hayes Johnson
Covington	Cash Harney
Edgewood	Ben Reeves
Fort Thomas	Mason Howard
Glasgow	Rico Crowder
Independence	Aba Selm
Lexington	Brock Coffman
	Jamarrion Harkless
	Ty Bryant
	Saxton Howard
Paducah	Ben Myers
Richmond	Isaiah Jackson
	Malachi Wood
Taylor Mill	Willie Rodriguez

Louisiana (3)

Bonita	Lance Heard
Bossier City	Kenny Darby
Ruston	Ahmad Breaux

Maryland (2)

Gaithersburg	William Drakeford Jr.
Laurel	Grant Grayton

Michigan (1)

Fort Gratiot, Mich.	Lincoln Watkins

Missouri (1)

St. Louis	DJ Miller

Montana (1)

Billings	Jacob Kauwe

Nevada (1)

Las Vegas	Jovantae Barnes

New Jersey (1)

Newark	Nasir Addison

North Carolina (2)

Charlotte	Jaden Smith
	Jack Wheeler

Ohio (15)

Cincinnati	Alex Afari Jr.
	Rob Fogler
	Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace
	Justin Kattus
	Terhyon Nichols
	Matt Ponatoski
	Andrew Weber
Cleveland	Jay Clark
Dayton	Jeremiel Atkins Jr.
	Elijah Brown
	CJ Works
Gahanna	Brennen Ward
Wheelersburg	Ryan Meeker
West Chester	Tegra Tshabola
Youngstown	Tino Merlo
	Brian Robinson

Oklahoma (1)

Bixby	Tyler Wright

South Carolina (3

Greer	Mikkel Skinner
Rock Hill	Jordan Knox
Santee	Ahmir Smith

Tennessee (3)

Chattanooga	Martels Carter Jr.
Dyersburg	Kalen Edwards
Hendersonville	Kenny Minchey Jr.

Texas (11)

Austin	Ben Duncum
	Carson Cruver
Bowie	Coleton Price
Dallas	Elijah "Bo" Barnes
Flower Mound	Ashton Cozart
Frisco	Max Anderson
Houston	Ja'Kayden Ferguson
Katy	Cyrus Reyes
	Isaiah Mcmillian
	Nic Anderson
San Antonio	Davis McCray

Virginia (2)

Reston	Adam Zouagui
Richmond	Andre Clark Jr.

West Virginia (2)

Hurricane	JacQai Long
Weirton	Cameron Jones

District of Columbia (1)

Washington, D.C.	Sam Greene

AUSTRALIA (2)

Maribyrnong	Wilson Berry
Melbourne	Thomas O'Hara

CANADA (2)

Montreal, Quebec	Jason Ekperuoah
Toronto	Callum WIther

FINLAND (1)

Pori	Olaus Alinen

2026 SOCIAL MEDIA ROSTER

Name	X	Instagram
Nasir Addison	AddisonNasir	Nasaddison
Alex Afari Jr.	AlexAfari8	afari_2
Alinen_olaus	olausalinen	n/a
Deuce Alston	Delvecchio2026	deucealston
Jesse Anderson III	JesseAnderson0	jesseanderson.3
Max Anderson	@MaxAnders0n1	b1gmax_
Nic Anderson	nicanderson04	nicanderson04
Jermiel Atkins	JermielAtkins	jermiel.atkins
Bo Barnes	ElijahBobarnes1	elijahbobarnes
Jovantae Barnes	vontaeeb	vontaewho
CJ Baxter Jr.	c4era_	c4era
Wilson Berry	Wilsonberry61	bangersberry
Henry Boyer	henryboyer17	henryb0yer
Ahmad Breaux	breaux_ahmad	geauxbreauxx
Elijah Brown	eb_knows	eb_knows
Sam Brown III	brown_sam36350	sambrown.3rd
Ty Bryant	Ty_Bryant32	ty__bryant
Shane Carr	s2droppinyouoff	shanecarr.2
Martels Carter Jr.	MartelsJr	ldg.mj4
Jordan Castell	jordan_castell	jcastell5
Andre Clark Jr.	AbdreClarkeJr3	dreclxrke
Jay Clark	ClarkJayden78	jayclrk00
Brock Coffman	CoffmanBrock	brock_coffman_
Jordan Colbert	JordanColbertt	jordan4era
Lorenzo Cowan	LorenzoCowan10	purposely.z0
Ashton Cozart	Ashton_Cozart25	ashtoncozart
Rico Crowder	Rico_CrowderJr	ricocrowderjr
Carson Cruver	CarsonCruver	ccruver3
Xavier Daisy	XavierDaisy2024	xav1er_4
Kenny Darby	kennydarby3_	kennydarby1
Alexander Dimartino	Alex_Dimartino3	N/A
Ben Duncum	ben_duncum	ben_duncum
Kalen Edwards	KalenEdwards4	kalen.edwards4
Jason Ekperuoh	JasonXIIV	jay_ekperuoh
Ja'Kayden Ferguson	jakayden_	j.akayden
Rob Fogler	fogler_	robfogler
Tavion Gadson	tavion_gadson	heartless_jh1t
Demarcus Gardner	KgMarc	dgardner8k
Aaron Gates	aarongates00	jackboy__ag
Grant Godfrey	GrantGodfrey3	grantgodfrey_
Denairius Gray	xklvsive_1	denairius1gray_
Grant Grayton	GraytonGrant	grantgrayton
Sam Greene	1kSamGreene	1samgreene
Jamarrion Harkless	JamarrionHarkl2	chops97_
Cash Harney	HarneyCash	Cash.harney
Justyn Hartley	Justyn_Jd	thejustynhartley
Lance Heard	lanceheard2	lance_heard53
Mason Howard	Mason_Howard55	mason_howard55
Saxton Howard	SaxtonHoward11	saxtonhoward11
Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace	GraceQuise	miquisegrace
Isaiah Jackson	IsaiahJacksonn2	Isaiah_Jacksonnn
Prince Jean	pr11ncj1	pr11nce._
Hayes Johnson	hjohnson_71	hayesjohnson_71
Cameron Jones	darealcamjones	darealcamjones
Justin Kattus	KattusJustin	justin_kattus
Jacob Kauwe	JacobKauwe1	jacobkauwe16
Jordan Knox	JordanKnox7	N/A
Spencer Leadbetter	spencerlead5	spencerleadbetter
JacQai Long	JacqaiL	jacqai_
Mark Manfred III	markmanfred13	markmanfrrd
Cole Marszalek	Cole_Marsz	colemarszalek
Davis Mccray	DavisMccray202	davis.mccray
Isaiah McMillian	26isaiahmcm	isaiah_mcmillian3
Ryan Meeker	Ryanmeeker64	meek.ryan64
Tino Merlo	tmassmerlo	tmassmerlo
Cameron Miller Jr	CameronMiller7	pudahh_
DJ Miller	dejerrianmille	dejerrian
Kenny Minchey Jr.	kenny_minchey	kennyminchey
Tovani Mizell	TovaniMizell	tovanimizell
Ben Myers	benmyers73	ben_myers13
Terhyon Nichols	NicholsT24	rhynichols_
Quintavion Norman	Focused_5	luhkquin1k
Matthew Obermeier	Obermeiermatt	matthewcobermeier
Thomas O'Hara	Thomas_ohara03	_thomasohara_
Jason Patterson	JPatterson_5	jasonpatterson__
Matt Ponatoski	mattponatoski	matt.ponatoski
Coleton Price	C_Price72	C_Price7
Andrew Purcell	Purcell_4	Purcell_andrew4
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Ben Reeves	benreeves53	ben_reeves21
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Brian Robinson	BRob_2323	b_rob2323
Mark Robinson	MarkRob2023	N/A
Willie Rodriguez	w_rodriguez10	willie_rodriguez10
Aba Selm	abaselm1	abaselm1
Mikkel Skinner	kelzontop	kelzontop
Ahmir Smith	AhmirJesus	ahmir_smith
Antwan Smith	Antwansmith25	only1.smitty
Devin Smith	datboy_dd	devvv._.nosocial
Jaden Smith	N/A	_j4smith
Hasaan Sykes	hasaansykes	hasaansykes
Nelson Tambling	BigX_QB1	bigx_qb1
Kevis Thomas	N/A	kevislavan
Tyler Thomas	tylerthomas2023	ty_thomas34
Hank Timon	HankTimon	htim_77
Tegra Tshabola	tshabola_tegra	513.teg
Braxton Urquhart	BraxtonUrquhart	braxxsteez
Tavion Wallace	tavion_wallace	tavion_wallace
Brennen Ward	brennenward4	ward.brennen
Lincoln Watkins	LinkWatkins2026	lincolnwatkins_
Andrew Weber	AndrewWeber_20	andrewweber4
Jack Wheeler	JwheelerLS	jackwheeler630
Dyllon Williams	Williams2Dyllon	dyllonxwilliams
Jaden Williams	jadenc_williams	jadenwilliamss_
Dominic Wiseman	dominicwiseman1	dwise92
Callum Wither	WitherCallum	calwither
Malachi Wood	_BIGMAL_67	_bigmal_67
CJ Works Jr.	CedricWorks	cjwrks
Tyler Wright	tylerwright_14	_tylerjwright
Adam Zouagui	adam43520937	adam_zouagui

2026 PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

Breakdown by Class (under the NCAA's new age-based eligibility rules)

5TH-YEAR - FINAL SEASON - (12)
Alex Afari Jr.
Nic Anderson
Jovantae Barnes
Wilson Berry+
Henry Boyer
Elijah Brown
Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace
Coleton Price
Tegra Tshabola
Jaden Williams
Dominic Wiseman
Callum WIther

SENIORS - YEAR 4 (28)
Nasir Addison
Olaus Alinen
Jesse Anderson
CJ Baxter Jr.
Ty Bryant
Shane Carr
Jordan Castell
Ashton Cozart
Carson Cruver
Rob Fogler
Tavion Gadson
Aaron Gates
Grant Godfrey
Sam Greene
Jamarrion Harkless
Lance Heard
Cameron Jones
Jordan Knox
Spencer Leadbetter
Cole Marszalek
Tino Merlo
Kenny Minchey
Tom O'Hara
Kevis Thomas
Tyler Thomas
Braxton Urquhart
Malachi Wood
Adam Zouagui

JUNIORS - YEAR 3 (27)
Max Anderson
Ahmad Breaux
Jordan Colbert
Lorenzo Cowan
Rico Crowder
Xavier Daisy
Hayes Johnson
Justin Kattus
Jacob Kauwe
JacQai Long
Tovani Mizell
Terhyon Nichols
Quintavion Norman
Jason Patterson
Spencer Radnoti
Ben Reeves
Cyrus Reyes
Brian Robinson
Mark Robinson III
Willie Rodriguez
Aba Selm
Ahmir Smith
Antwan Smith
Devin Smith
Jaden Smith
Hasaan Sykes
Andrew Weber

SOPHOMORES - YEAR 2 (20)
Jermiel Atkins Jr.
Bo Barnes
Martels Carter Jr.
Jay Clark
Brock Coffman
Alex DiMartino
Kalen Edwards
Jason Ekperuoh
Ja'Kayden Ferguson
Demarcus Gardner
Grant Grayton
Saxton Howard
Mark Manfred III
DJ Miller
Andrew Purcell
Mikkel Skinner
Tavion Wallace
Brennen Ward
Dyllon Williams
CJ Works

FRESHMEN - YEAR 1 (24)
Delvecchio "Deuce" Alston II
Sam Brown III
Andre Clark Jr.
Kenny Darby
William Drakeford Jr.
Ben Duncum
Denairius Gray
Cash Harney
Justyn Hartley
Mason Howard
Isaiah Jackson
Prince Jean
Davis McCray
Isaiah McMillian
Ryan Meeker
Cameron Miller Jr.
Ben Myers
Matthew Obermeier
Matthew Ponatoski
Nelson Tambling
Hank Timon
Lincoln Watkins
Jack Wheeler
Tyler Wright

FROM THE PORTAL (39)
Olaus Alinen
Jesse Anderson
Max Anderson
Nic Anderson
Bo Barnes
Jovantae Barnes
CJ Baxter Jr.
Ahmad Breaux
Shane Carr
Jordan Castell
Brock Coffman
Jordan Colbert
Carson Cruver
Xavier Daisy
Ja'Kayden Ferguson
Aaron Gates
Jamarrion Harkless
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Jordan Knox
JacQai Long
Mark Manfred III
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Kenny Minchey Jr.
Antonio O'Berry
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Ben Reeves
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Mark Robinson
Ahmir Smith
Hasaan Sykes
Tyler Thomas
Tegra Tshabola
Braxton Urquhart
Tavion Wallace
Dominic Wiseman
Callum Wither
Adam Zouagui



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NASIR
ADDISON

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 204 • Senior
Newark, N.J. (Irvington)

2026
- Got two tackles in the season opener and has seen action in four games this season

2025
- Saw action in four games with two starts, his first career start coming at Auburn ... Also started vs. Florida
- Totaled 13 tackles
- Had a career-best five tackles in the win at Auburn

2024
- 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
- 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
- Totaled 47 tackles and had two interception returns for a touchdown
- Offensively, had 15 catches for 421 yards and five touchdowns
- Named to the 2022 Jersey Sports Zone All-Zone Football Team
- Helped Irvington capture the North, Group 4 title in the NJSIAA Rothman Orthopaedics Football Championships in 2021
- Coached by Ashley Pierre
- Also participated on the track team
- Chose UK over Maryland, Ole Miss and Florida State

Personal
- Born in Newark, New Jersey
- Son of Ameenah Poole and Hekim Addison
- Siblings are Kiabi Addison, Mekhi Addison, Zayd Poole and Imani Heartly
- Major is environmental and sustainability studies

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 an 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
2025	DB	4-2	13	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
2026	DB	4-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals		**28-2**	**30**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

ADDISON'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. YSU	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

ADDISON'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. Toledo			DNP					
vs. Ole Miss			DNP					
vs. EMU			DNP					
at USC	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at UGA			DNP					
vs. Texas			DNP					
vs. Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech			DNP					
at Vandy			DNP					
at UofL			DNP					
Totals	**13**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**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: 5, at Auburn, Nov 1, 2025
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 • 227 • 5th
Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West)

2026 - Fifth Year

- A four-year letter winner for the Cats who received an extra year in August due to a federal court ruling qualifying members of the 2022 high school graduating class who exhausted their eligibility during that span to compete for a fifth season in 2026 ... Played in four games before a Kentucky Court of Appeals granted on Friday, Oct. 2 the NCAA's request to dissolve a Circuit Court ruling ... Missed the South Carolina and LSU games before a Jefferson County Circuit Court judge granted a temporary injunction granting immediate eligibility on Oct. 6, before the Oklahoma game
- Has played in 54 games with 31 starts
- Has totaled 204 career tackles, 26.5 tackles for loss, 6.0 sacks, 11 quarterback hurries, four pass breakups, a forced fumble and a fumble recovered
- Recorded 11 tackles, a PBU and a QBH in four games
- Got two tackles and a PBU in the win over Texas A&M
- Charted a team-high nine tackles and a QBH vs. South Alabama

2025 - Senior

- Started in all 10 games played ... Missed two with injury
- Third on the team in tackles with 61
- Also finished with a team-high tying 7.0 tackles for loss and six quarterback hurries, 2.5 sacks (second on the team) and one PBU
- Named one of four game captains vs. Ole Miss and at Auburn
- Had a TFL in nine straight games which tied the second-longest streak in school history ... Tied for second with Jeremy Jarmon, who had nine straight games with a TFL in 2006-07
- Was a pass-rush terror in the win at Auburn as he tied career highs with 2.5 tackles for loss for -13 yards and 1.5 QB sacks (-11) ... he also totaled six tackles, added a career-high three QB hurries and had a pass breakup
- Saw limited action vs. Florida after an injury sidelined him early in the first quarter
- Did not see action vs. Tennessee Tech with injury, the first game to miss in his career
- Missed the Vanderbilt game with injury
- Got his fifth career double-figure tackle game with 11 vs. Louisville ... Also notched a TFL and two quarterback hurries
- Butkus Award Watch List
- Preseason Fourth Team All-SEC (Athlon, Phil Steele)
- Elected to represent UK at SEC Media Days
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024 - Junior

- 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)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2023 - Sophomore

- Started in 12 of 13 games played in 2023
- Totaled 49 tackles, 5.5 for loss, 1.0 sack, one quarterback hurry, one pass breakup, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery this season
- Had a career-high nine tackles, including five solo tackles and one tackle for loss (-1 yard) in the win over Florida ... Had two tackles on third down that forced punts, plus a fourth-down stop that turned over the ball on downs
- Had eight tackles and a career-high tying 1.5 tackles for loss in the season opener vs. Ball State ... Forced a fumble on the UK 34 in the second quarter, helping Kentucky record its first scoop-and-score since 2019
- 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
- Ranked as the No. 34 cornerback in the nation and No. 12 player in Ohio by Rivals
- 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
- 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 ... Brother, Sam, is a sprinter on the track team at Morehead State
- On track to graduate in May of '27 with a degree in 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
2025	ILB	10-10	61	2.5-12	7.0-23	0/0	1	0	6	0
2026	ILB	6-0	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	1	0
Totals		**54-31**	**204**	**6.0-32**	**26.5-73**	**1/1**	**4**	**0**	**11**	**0**

AFARI'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1	0
at Oklahoma	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**11**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**

AFARI'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. Toledo*	13	1.0-1	2.0-3	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	10	0-0	1.0-3	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at UGA*	6	0-0	0.5-2	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1	0
vs. Tennessee*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn*	6	1.5-11	2.5-13	0/0	1	0	3	0
vs. Florida*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech			DNP					
at Vandy			DNP					
at UofL*	11	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	2	0
Totals	**61**	**2.5-12**	**7.0-23**	**0/0**	**1**	**0**	**6**	**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. EKU*	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: 13, vs Toledo, Aug 30, 2025
Sacks: 1.5, twice, lat at Auburn, Nov 1, 2025
Tackle for Loss: 2.5, twice, last at Auburn, Nov 1, 2025 (13 yards)
Consecutive games with a TFL: 9 , Oct 12, 2024 - Sept 13, 2025
Forced fumble: 1, vs Ball State, Sept 2, 2023
Fumble recovery: 1, vs EKU, Sept 9, 2023
Quarterback hurries: 3, at Auburn, Nov 1, 2025
Pass breakup: 1, 4x, last at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026



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OLAUS
ALINEN

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 335 • Senior
Pori, Finland (Alabama/The Loomis Chaffee School (Conn.))

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Alabama
- Has played in 40 career games with eight starts, all at Kentucky
- Got his first collegiate start vs. Youngstown State in the season opener
- Named one of four game captains vs. Alabama

2025 - (Alabama)

- Played in all 15 games, primarily on special teams

2024 - (Alabama)

- Saw playing time in all 13 games on special teams while also rotating in along the offensive line

2023 - (Alabama)

- Played in four games (vs. Middle Tennessee, Mississippi State, Kentucky and Chattanooga) as a true freshman

High School

- Was an elite offensive line prospect coming out of high school from Pori, Finland, but prepped at The Loomis Chaffee School in Connecticut
- Was a unanimous four-star prospect
- Ranked as high as No. 132 on the ESPN300 list and the No. 14 offensive tackle prospect by the outlet
- Consensus No. 1 player in the state of Connecticut
- Ranked 175th in the 247Composite and the No. 15 offensive tackle
- No. 131 in the Top247 ratings and the No. 17 tackle
- 249th in the Rivals 250 and the No. 26 tackle

- Rated 168th in the On3 Consensus and the No. 12 offensive tackle
- No. 276 nationally by On3
- ESPN also listed him as the No. 12 player in the East Region
- Member of the PrepStar Top 150 Dream Team, ranking No. 112 nationally and the No. 16 tackle and top player in Connecticut
- Earned an invitation to the Under Armour Next Future 50
- Selected to play in the Under Armour All-America Game
- Moved from Finland prior to his junior year of high school
- Played for head coach Adam Banks in high school

Personal

- Name is pronounced Olaus (OH-louse) Alinen (AH-lee-nen)
- Born in Pori, Finland
- Son of Klaus and Miili Alinen
- Has one sister, Aida
- Father, Klaus, played in NFL Europe and spent one season on the Atlanta Falcons' practice squad
- Graduated from Alabama in December of 2025 with a degree in finance and economics ... Currently working on a master's degree in marketing from UK

Olaus Says

- His nickname is "Big O"
- He chose Kentucky because of the relationship with the coaching staff
- Three words to describe him are tough, smart and grounded
- The most daring thing he's ever done is move to a foreign country alone at 16 years old
- Hobbies include watching movies, going shopping and playing video games



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DELVECCHIO "DEUCE"

ALSTON II

RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 210 • Freshman
Trussville, Ala. (Hewitt-Trussville HS)

High School

- A unanimous three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- 247sports ranks him the 75th best prospect in Alabama
- Totaled over 2,000 career all-purpose yards, including 889 as a senior at Hewitt-Trussville
- Named to the 2025 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game
- Earned 2025 Class 7A All-Region First Team honors by AL.com
- Selected to the 2025 All-South Metro First Team and the All-Tribune First Team
- Totaled 670 rushing yards for eight touchdowns along with 127 receiving yards for 13 scores as a junior at Hewitt-Trussville
- Coached by Josh Floyd
- 2025 Alabama 7A State wrestling champion
- Chose UK over several offers, including Minnesota, Memphis, Virginia and South Florida

Personal

- First name is pronounced "del-veck-EE-oh"
- Born in Birmingham, Alabama
- Son of Melody and Delvecchio Altson
- Has two sisters, Mya and Mary
- Major is undecided

Deuce Says

- His nickname is "Deuce"
- After football, he wants to be a marketing executive
- One thing most people don't know is that he can walk on his hands
- Three words to describe him are competitive, intelligent and funny
- His go-to karaoke song is "Crazy Story " by King Von



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JESSE

ANDERSON III

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 185 • Senior
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Pitt/Cardinal Gibbons HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Pitt
- Has played in 27 career games, four at UK
- Has 11 career tackles

2025 - (Pitt)

- Played in 10 games and had two tackles

2024 - (Pitt)

- Played in all 13 games mostly in special teams capacities, while also serving as a reserve safety
- Totaled nine tackles with a personal-best four stops at Louisville

2023 - Freshman (Pitt)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Was a standout wide receiver and safety for perennial Florida power Cardinal Gibbons
- Compiled 79 catches for 1,007 yards and 10 touchdowns in varsity play
- As a senior, had 27 catches for 359 yards (13.3 avg.) and four TDs
- Helped Cardinal Gibbons to an 11-2 record and the Class 2M-Region 3 championship final
- Helped Cardinal Gibbons chart a combined 30-5 (.857) with two state championships during his three-year career
- Played under Coach Matt DuBuc
- Named first team All-Broward County as an athlete
- Selected to play in the "Battle for the Crib" Miami-Dade vs. Broward all-star game

Personal

- Born in Oakland Park, Fla.
- Son of Jesse and Malia Anderson
- Has a sister Jalia and a brother Jordan
- Major is criminal justice

Jesse Says

- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's Jesse Anderson III
- He chose Kentucky because of the great coaching staff
- Three words to describe him are serious, observant and different
- After his football career, he wants to be an entrepreneur
- Has three dogs - Luna, Remy and RJ

J. ANDERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
2024*	DB	13-0	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
2025*	DB	10-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
2026	DB	4-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals		**27-0**	**11**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

**at Pitt*

J. ANDERSON'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

J. ANDERSON'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (PITT)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. Duquesne	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Central Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at WVU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. BC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at FSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Syracuse	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. NCST	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Stanford	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. ND	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Ga. Tech			DNP					
vs. Miami (Fla.)			DNP					
vs. ECU			DNP					
Totals	**2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

J. ANDERSON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (PITT)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. Kent State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Cincinnati	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. WVU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. YSU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at UNC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Cal	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Syracuse	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at SMU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at BC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Toledo	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**9**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

J. ANDERSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Louisville, Nov 23, 2024



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MAX
ANDERSON

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-5 • 311 • Junior
Frisco, Texas (Tennessee/Reedy HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Tennessee
- Has seen action in five games vs. South Alabama, South Carolina, LSU, Oklahoma and Vandy

2025 - (Tennessee)
- Played in all 13 games for the Volunteers

2024 - (Tennessee)
- Played in two games vs UTEP and Kent State

High School
- Rated as a four-star prospect by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals coming out of Reedy High School
- A top 300 player nationally according to ESPN (No. 226) and a top-40 rated interior offensive lineman by 247Sports (No. 16), Rivals (No. 13) and ESPN (No. 20)
- Starred at Reedy High School in Frisco, Texas, where he helped lead the Lions to a 10-2 record and the second round of the Texas Class 5A Division I state playoffs in 2023
- Named a unanimous first-team All-District 6-5A selection as a senior in 2023
- Was selected to 2023 Preseason Dave Campbell Texas Football Whataburger Super Team
- Also competed on the track & field team, excelling in the shot put and discus

Personal
- Born in Plano, Texas
- Son of Lorien Anderson, John Hagan and Kevin and Jessica Anderson
- Siblings are Nate Anderson, Belle Anderson, Piper Anderson, Ella Allred and Mayze Allred
- Brother, Nate, was an offensive lineman at Oklahoma and SMU from 2020-26
- Major is sport leadership; also working on an undergraduate certificate in business

Max Says
- He chose UK because of the great coaches, environment, location and culture
- His dream job after football is to be a major real estate investor
- Most people don't know that he has two cats, Patrick and Felix
- Three words to describe him are humble, honest and determined
- Hobbies include fishing, wood working, hiking, cooking and lifting



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NIC
ANDERSON

WIDE RECEIVER

6-4 • 208 • 5th Year
Katy, Texas (LSU/Oklahoma/Katy HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at LSU and three seasons at Oklahoma
- 2027 Senior Bowl Top 300 List
- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List
- Has played in 34 career games with 17 starts, including starting seven games at Kentucky ... Missed the Vanderbilt game with injury
- Has 67 career receptions for 1,101 yards and 13 TDs
- Has three 100-yard receiving games in his career - 120 (3 rec.) at Tulsa, Sept. 16, 2023; 119 (4 rec.) vs. West Virginia, Nov. 11, 2023; 105 (5 rec.) vs. Central Florida, Oct. 21, 2023
- Has 17 catches for 197 yards and a score this season (11.6)
- Named one of four game captains at Texas A&M and at Oklahoma
- Caught five passes for 80 yards and a touchdown in the win over South Carolina, both single-season highs
- Caught five passes for a team-high 48 yards in the win over Oklahoma

2025 - (LSU)
- Transferred to LSU in December of 2024
- Saw action in 10 games with three starts
- Totaled 12 receptions for 106 yards and two scores

2024 - (Oklahoma)
- Missed the majority of the season with injury
- Played and started in one game against Tennessee but didn't record any statistics

2023 - (Oklahoma)
- Had a breakout season as a redshirt freshman with the Sooners, tying for team-high honors with 10 touchdown receptions
- Appeared in all 13 games with six starts
- Caught 38 passes for 798 yards
- The 10 TD receptions were the most by a freshman in Oklahoma history
- Receiving yards (798) and receptions (31) rank No. 2 in program history for a freshman
- Had three 100-yard games with season-best of 120 and three TDs on three receptions in win over Tulsa
- Scored on receptions of 28, 42 and 50 yards in the 66-17 win earning Big 12 Newcomer of the Week honors for his performance
- Became first freshman in Oklahoma history with three TD receptions in a game
- Scored game-winning TD with a 3-yard reception with 15 seconds remaining in win over No. 5 Texas
- Had a streak of five straight games with a TD reception
- The streak included a total of eight TD receptions during that span

2022 - (Oklahoma)
- Appeared in three games against Kansas State, TCU and Florida State in the Cheez-It Bowl

High School
- A 5-star prospect at Katy High School by On3.com
- Rated as high as the No. 15 wide receiver in the nation by ESPN and No. 16 by On3
- Listed as the No. 20 overall recruit in Texas and No. 23 by On3
- Had 29 receptions for 529 yards and five TDs as a senior
- Helped Katy to the Texas 6A Division II state title as a junior
- Also ran the 110-meters on the track team

Personal
- Born in Plano, Texas
- Son of Rodney and Jobie Anderson
- Has two brothers, Rodney II and Ryder
- Comes from a family of athletes as brother, Rodney, was a running back at Oklahoma (2015-18) and went on to play for the Cincinnati Bengals; Brother, Ryder, was a defensive end at Ole Miss (2017-20) and Indiana (2021) and went on to play for the New York Giants and New Orleans Saints; Uncle, Mark Anderson, played at Alabama (2001-05) and was defensive end for the Bears, Texans, Patriots and Bills
- Graduated from LSU in May of '26 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies ... Currently working on a second degree in liberal studies at UK
- On UK's Student-Athlete Advisory Council in 2026

Nic Says
- He chose Kentucky because of Will Stein
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a TV announcer or an elementary physical education teacher
- Three words to describe him are loyal, straight-forward and sincere

- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life he would chose pho, a Vietnamese soup dish
- Hobbies include watching anime, cooking, eating and playing pickleball

N. ANDERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2022*	WR	3-0	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
2023*	WR	13-6	0	0	0	0	38	798	21.0	10	63
2024*	WR	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2025!	WR	10-3	0	0	0	0	12	106	8.8	2	21
2026	WR	7-7	0	0	0	0	17	197	11.6	1	32
at UK		**7-7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**17**	**197**	**11.6**	**1**	**32**
Totals		**34-17**	**1**	**5**	**0**	**5**	**67**	**1101**	**16.4**	**13**	**63**

**at Oklahoma*

! at LSU

N. ANDERSON'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU*	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4
vs. Bama*	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	13
at TAMU*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.*	0	0	0	0	2	23	0	19
at USC*	0	0	0	0	5	80	1	32
vs. LSU*	0	0	0	0	3	29	0	12
at Oklahoma*	0	0	0	0	5	48	0	17
vs. Vanderbilt				DNP				
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**17**	**197**	**1**	**32**

N. ANDERSON'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (LSU)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Clemson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. La Tech	0	0	0	0	3	17	1	7
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	9
vs. SE Louisiana	0	0	0	0	2	18	0	10
at Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	2	28	1	21
vs. USC*	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2
at Vanderbilt*	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
vs. Texas A&M*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas				DNP				
vs. Western Ky.				DNP				
at Oklahoma				DNP				
at Alabama	0	0	0	0	2	32	0	16
at Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**12**	**106**	**2**	**21**

N. ANDERSON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (OKLAHOMA)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Tennessee*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

N. ANDERSON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (OKLAHOMA)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Arkansas St.	2	68	0	52
vs. SMU	0	0	0	0
at Tulsa	3	120	3	50
at Cincinnati	3	35	1	18
vs. Iowa State	2	56	1	18
vs. Texas	1	3	1	3
vs. UCF*	5	105	2	42
at Kansas*	1	18	0	18
at Oklahoma St.*	3	92	0	49
vs. West Virginia*	4	119	0	63
at BYU*	3	12	1	7
vs. TCU*	4	97	1	21
vs. Arizona	7	73	1	21
Totals	**38**	**798**	**10**	**63**

N. ANDERSON'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (OKLAHOMA)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Kansas State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at TCU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida State	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**5**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

N. ANDERSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 7, vs Arizona, Dec. 28, 2023
Receiving yards: 120, at Tulsa, Sept 16, 2023 (3 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 3, at Tulsa, Sept 16, 2023
Long reception: 63, vs West Virginia, Nov 11, 2023
Rush attempts: 1, vs Florida State, Dec. 29, 2022
Rush yards: 5, vs Florida State, Dec. 29, 2022
Long rush: 5, vs Florida State, Dec. 29, 2022



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JERMIEL

ATKINS JR.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-8 • 329 • Sophomore
Dayton, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)

2026

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

2025

- Redshirted and did not see action

High School

- A unanimous three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- A four-year letter winner and three-year starter for head coach Jeff Graham at Trotwood-Madison High School
- Helped block for a team at left tackle that carried 280 times for 1,164 yards and had 25 touchdowns rushing
- Also aided an offense that connected on 107 passes for 1,404 yards and 13 touchdowns passing
- His unit averaged 256.8 yards per game through 10 games
- Named First-Team All-State by the Ohio Prep Sports Media Association
- Helped the Rams go 5-0 in conference play
- Also played volleyball and basketball at Trotwood-Madison ... Earned Second-Team All-Ohio honors in basketball as a senior by the Ohio Prep Sports Media Association
- Selected UK over Arizona State, Minnesota and Virginia Tech

Personal

- Born in Dayton, Ohio
- Son of Candace and Jay Render
- Has three siblings, Hank Render, Peggy Render and Caitlyn Ward
- Major is pre-communication

Jermiel Says

- His nickname is "Big Miel"
- His dream job after football is to be a chef
- Three words to describe him are fun, cool and chill
- He's an excellent singer and his go-to karaoke song is "Changing" by Rod Wave
- Besides football, he's also a really good basketball player



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BARNES

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 244 • Sophomore
Dallas, Texas (Texas/Skyline HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at Texas
- Has started at linebacker in all eight games and has 53 tackles (fourth-highest on the team), including 3.5 tackles for loss, two QBHs and two PBUs this season
- Tallied a team-high tying seven tackles and his first career PBU in his first collegiate start vs. Youngstown State in the season opener
- Named one of four game captains vs. Alabama and totaled three tackles
- Got a then-career-high eight tackles and two quarterback hurries in the win over Texas A&M
- Totaled seven tackles in the win at South Carolina
- Led the Wildcats with a career-high 12 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss for -4 yards, in the win over No. 10 LSU ... His first double-digit tackle performance
- Had 10 stops in the win over Oklahoma, his second-consecutive game with double-digit tackles ... Also added a pass breakup

2025 - (Texas)

- Saw action in four games vs. San Jose State, Sam Houston, Arkansas and Michigan
- Totaled four tackles, a tackle for loss and a sack
- Got three tackles vs. Michigan, including a tackle for loss

High School

- Considered a four-star recruit by ESPN, On3, 247Sports and Rivals
- Named No. 3 linebacker in his class by On3 and 247Sports
- Tabbed No. 5 linebacker in his class by Rivals
- No. 12 overall recruit in Texas per On3
- The No. 2 linebacker recruit and No. 11 overall recruit in Texas according to Dave Campbell's Texas Football
- Named Class 6A First-Team All-State by BLUE BELL/ Texas Sports Writers Association in 2024
- Listed as the No. 8 Dallas area recruit by the *Dallas Morning News*
- Recorded 110 tackles (79 solo), 18 tackles for loss, six sacks, one interception, one pass break-up, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery in 10 games as a senior at Skyline High School
- Logged 65 tackles (57 solo), 12 tackles for loss, three sacks, four interceptions and six forced fumbles through 10 games as a junior

Personal

- Born in Dallas, Texas
- Son of Brandon and Lisa Barnes
- Has two brothers, Brandon Barnes Jr. and Demareé Gay
- Major is community and leadership development

Bo Says

- His nickname is "Bo" his middle name
- He chose Kentucky because of the opportunity
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be in real estate
- Three words to describe him are fun, funny and sweet
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's a Scorpio

B. BARNES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2025#	4-0	4	1.0-8	1.0-8	0/0	0	0	0
2026	8-8	53	0-0	3.5-5	0/0	2	2	0
at UK	**8-8**	**53**	**0-0**	**3.5-5**	**0/0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Totals	**12-8**	**57**	**1.0-0**	**4.5-13**	**0/0**	**2**	**2**	**0**

 # at Texas

B. BARNES' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. YSU*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Bama*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0
vs. So. Ala.*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	12	0-0	2.5-4	0/0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma*	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Vandy*	6	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**53**	**0-0**	**3.5-5**	**0/0**	**2**	**2**	**0**

B. BARNES' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (TEXAS)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. San Jose St.	0	0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Sam Houston	0	0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	1	0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Michigan	3	1.0-8	1.0-8	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**4**	1.0-8	1.0-8	0/0	0	0	0

B. BARNES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 12, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Sacks: 1.0, vs Michigan, Dec 31, 2025
Tackles for loss: 2.5, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026 (4 yards)
Pass breakups: 1, twice, last vs Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Quarterback hurries: 2, at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2025



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JOVANTAE
BARNES

RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 211 • Fifth Year
Las Vegas, Nev. (Oklahoma/Desert Pines HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after four seasons at Oklahoma
- Has 337 career carries for 1,505 yards and 13 scores
- Also has 30 receptions for 197 yards with one receiving TD
- Has posted four career 100-yard games (1 at UK) and one 200-yard game
- Has played in six games with one starting assignment at Oklahoma this season
- UK's third-leading rusher with 43 carries for 224 yards (5.2 ypc) and one score
- Saw his first action at Kentucky vs. Alabama
- Rushed eight times for 100 yards and a touchdown, averaging 12.5 yards per attempt, in the win over South Alabama
- Got a season-high nine carries for 28 yards in the win over South Carolina
- Named one of four game captains vs. Oklahoma
- Led UK with a game-high 15 carries for 68 yards in the win over Vanderbilt

2025 - (Oklahoma)

- Saw action in four games with two starting assignments vs. Illinois State and Temple
- Charted 19 carries for 45 yards and one score
- Also had one catch for 16 yards

2024 - (Oklahoma)

- Played in nine games with six starts, missing the last four games due to injury
- Rushed 122 times for 577 yards and five touchdowns and caught 17 passes for 123 yards and one score
- Rushed for a career-high 203 yards and three touchdowns vs. Maine (11/2)

2023 - (Oklahoma)

- Played in seven games and made one start (at Tulsa) in 2023
- Was limited due to injury and missed five of last 10 contests
- Rushed 37 times for 140 yards and a touchdown and caught five passes for 23 yards

2022 - (Oklahoma)

- Played in 11 games with one start (vs. Florida State in Cheez-It Bowl) as a true freshman
- Rushed 116 times for 519 yards (4.5 average) and five touchdowns
- Also caught five passes for 26 yards

High School

- Considered a consensus four-star recruit coming out of high school
- Ranked as the No. 84 prospect in the country by Rivals, No. 93 by ESPN, No. 112 by On3 and No. 188 by 247
- Rated as the No. 3 running back in the class by Rivals, No. 6 by On3, No. 7 by ESPN and No. 16 by 247
- The No. 2 recruit in the state of Nevada by On3 and Rivals, No. 3 by ESPN and No. 4 by 247
- A 2021 Under Armour All-American
- A 2021 first-team Nevada Preps All-Southern Nevada selection after rushing for 567 yards and 11 touchdowns in his six games
- Rushed for 1,022 yards and 13 touchdowns on 126 carries (8.1 yards per rush) as a sophomore in 2019 and was a Nevada Preps All-Southern Nevada honorable mention pick
- His 2020 season was canceled due to COVID

Personal

- Born in Orlando, Florida
- Son of O'Nedra James
- Siblings are Gia, Dontae, Jada and Aleah
- Graduated from Oklahoma in December of '25 with a degree in multidisciplinary studies ... Currently working on a second degree in criminal justice at UK

Jovantae Says

- His nickname is "Tae"
- After football, his dream job is to work in the fashion industry or be an entrepreneur
- Three words to describe him are humble, determined and motivated
- The highlight of his life so far has been graduating from college
- Besides playing football, he's also really into fashion and styling

BARNES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2022^	11-1	116	519	4.5	5	31	5	21	5.2	0	13
2023^	7-1	37	140	3.8	1	17	5	23	4.6	0	11
2024^	9-6	122	577	4.7	5	74	17	123	7.2	1	19
2025^	4-2	19	45	2.4	1	10	1	16	16.0	0	16
2026	6-1	43	224	5.2	1	39	2	9	4.5	0	5
at UK	**6-1**	**43**	**224**	**5.2**	**1**	**39**	**2**	**9**	**4.5**	**0**	**5**
Totals	**37-11**	**337**	**1,505**	**4.5**	**13**	**74**	**30**	**197**	**6.6**	**1**	**19**

^ at Oklahoma

BARNES' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU				DNP				
vs. Bama	3	-2	0	0	1	4	0	4
at TAMU				DNP				
vs. So. Ala.	8	100	1	39	0	0	0	0
at USC	9	29	0	16	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	3	14	0	11	1	5	0	5
at Oklahoma*	5	16	0	8	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	15	68	0	12	0	0	0	0
Totals	**43**	**229**	**1**	**39**	**2**	**9**	**0**	**5**

BARNES' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (OKLAHOMA)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Illinois St.*	7	9	0	6	0	0	0	0
vs. Michigan	6	24	0	10	1	16	0	16
at Temple*	5	12	1	6	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**19**	**45**	**1**	**10**	**1**	**16**	**0**	**16**

BARNES' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (OKLAHOMA)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Temple	5	33	0	13	0	0	0	0
vs. Houston	12	40	0	13	3	8	0	7
vs. Tulane	14	53	0	14	1	12	0	12
vs. Tennessee*	8	12	1	17	2	0	1	12
at Auburn*	18	61	1	16	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas*	14	38	0	10	1	6	0	6
vs. South Carolina*	17	70	0	11	4	21	0	17
at Ole Miss*	16	67	0	13	5	57	0	19
vs. Maine*	18	203	3	74	1	19	0	19
at Missouri				DNP				
vs. Alabama				DNP				
at LSU				DNP				
at Navy				DNP				
Totals	**122**	**577**	**5**	**74**	**17**	**123**	**1**	**19**

BARNES' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (AT OKLAHOMA)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Arkanas St.	13	49	0	16	2	17	0	11
vs. SMU	2	5	0	4	1	-3	0	0
at Tulsa*	13	68	1	17	1	5	0	5
at Cincinnati				DNP				
vs. Iowa State				DNP				
vs. Texas				DNP				
vs. UCF				DNP				
at Kansas	5	17	0	6	1	4	0	4
at Oklahoma St.	1	-9	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. West Va.				DNP				
at BYU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. TCU	3	10	0	6	0	0	0	0
vs. Arizona				DNP				
Totals	**37**	**140**	**1**	**17**	**5**	**23**	**0**	**11**

BARNES' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (AT OKLAHOMA)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. UTEP	4	25	0	15	0	0	0	0
vs. Kent State	9	21	0	5	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	13	77	0	31	0	0	0	0
vs. Kansas St.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at TCU	18	100	2	20	2	14	0	13
vs. Texas	7	24	0	11	2	7	0	6
vs. Kansas	21	69	2	7	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State				DNP				
vs. Baylor				DNP				
at West Virginia	5	22	0	14	0	0	0	0
vs. Okla. State	6	59	0	22	0	0	0	0
at Texas Tech	6	14	0	9	1	5	0	5
vs. Florida St.*	27	108	1	12	0	0	0	0
Totals	**116**	**519**	**5**	**31**	**5**	**26**	**0**	**13**

BARNES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 27, vs Florida State, Dec 29, 2022
Rush yards: 203, vs Maine, Nov 2, 2024
Long rush: 74, vs Maine, Nov 2, 2024
Rushing TDs: 3, vs Maine, Nov 2, 2024
Receptions: 5, vs Ole Miss, Oct 26, 2024
Receiving yards: 57, vs Ole Miss, Oct 26, 2024
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Tennessee, Sept 21, 2024
Long reception: 19, twice, last vs Maine, Nov 2, 2024



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CJ

BAXTER JR.

RUNNING BACK

6-1 • 227 • Senior
Boynton Beach, Fla. (Texas/Edgewater HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Texas
- Has totaled 280 career rushes for 1,342 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaging 4.8 yards per carry
- On the 2026 Mid-Season Comeback Player of the Year Award watch list after tearing the ACL, LCL and PCL in his right knee in 2024, and suffering a hamstring injury early in 2025
- Has started in all seven games played ... Missed the Oklahoma game with injury
- Leads the team in carries (88), rushing yards (487) and rushing TDs (8) this season
- Ranks fourth in the SEC and 24th nationally in rushing TDs (8)
- Ranks eighth in the SEC in rushing yards (487), 10th in rush attempts (88) and fourth in yards per rush (5.5)
- Has rushed for a touchdown in five of seven games this season
- Has three career 100-yard rushing game (vs. Iowa State in 2023, vs. South Alabama and LSU in 2026), including two of the past three games
- Named one of four game captains vs. Youngstown State and rushed nine times for 48 yards and a career-high two touchdowns in the season opener vs. Youngstown State
- Rushed 19 times for 87 yards and two touchdowns in the win over No. 9/8 Texas A&M ... Surpassed 1,000 rushing yards for his career ... Added a 28-yard pass reception ... Crashed in for two short touchdown runs in the third quarter, tying a career high
- Named Comeback Player of the Week for his play against the Aggies
- Led the team with 16 carries for a career-high 149 yards and a touchdown in the win over South Alabama
- Rushed 13 times for 48 yards and a touchdown and added three receptions for 20 yards in the win over South Carolina
- Rushed 19 times for 123 yards and two touchdowns in the win over No. 10 LSU ... His 77-yard run on UK's series of the game marked the longest against an AP top-10 team in school history and also the longest against LSU in school history ... First Wildcat with at least 123 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns against an AP top-10 opponent since Moe Williams vs. Tennessee in 1995

2025 - (Texas)

- Saw action in eight games with two starting assignments
- Totaled 54 rushes for 196 yards
- Also charted 12 receptions for 41 yards and a score

2024 - (Texas)

- Missed most of the season with a season-ending injury suffered during fall camp
- Saw action in the CFP Semifinal game at the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic vs. Ohio State

2023 - (Texas)

- Appeared in 13 games with six starts (Rice, at Alabama, at Iowa State, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Washington)
- Did not play vs. Wyoming
- Rushed 138 times for 659 yards (4.8 ypc) and five touchdowns
- The 659 rushing yards are the 12th-most for a Longhorn freshman in program history ... Also caught 24 passes for 156 yards
- Named honorable mention All-Big 12
- Selected honorable mention Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year
- A second-team Freshman All-American honoree by The Athletic
- Tabbed Freshman All-America Honorable Mention by College Football Network
- Started at running back in the season-opening victory over Rice, rushing five times for 38 yards including a 32-yard run
- Became the first true freshman running back to start for the Longhorns since Ricky Williams in 1995
- Had a career day at Iowa State establishing bests with 20 carries for 117 yards, his first 100-yard rushing game
- Named to the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award preseason watch

High School

- An All-America and all-state honoree
- Selected to participate in the 2023 Under Armour All-America Game
- Rated No. 24 nationally, No. 1 among running backs and No. 5 overall in the state of Florida by On3
- Rushed for 3,826 yards and 57 touchdowns on 495 carries (7.7 ypc), while catching 17 passes for 246 yards (14.5 ypr) and one touchdown and compiling over 4,000 all-purpose yards during 39 career games
- Played in 10 games as a senior, rushing for 1,375 yards and 15 touchdowns on 174 carries (7.9 ypc) despite injury issues in the second half of the season
- Opened the year with six-straight 100-yard rushing games, including four of 200-plus
- Tabbed as the lone running back on the 2022 preseason all-state team by *The Palm Beach Post*
- Named first-team 7A All-State by the Florida Athletics Coaches Association in 2021
- Tabbed Orlando Offensive Player of the Year and All-Area by the *Orlando Sentinel*

Personal

- Born in Boynton Beach, Fla.
- Son of Latoya Zanders and Cedric Baxter
- Siblings are Chandrea Baxter, Carmelo Baxter and Taariq Baxter
- Cousin, Rod Johnson, was a left tackle at Florida (2013-14), while cousin Greg Bryant Jr., was a running back/fullback at Notre Dame
- Major is communication

CJ Says

- He chose Kentucky for Coach Will Stein and because Coach Kolby Smith is a developer
- One thing most people don't know him is that he listens to Adele
- Besides playing football and other sports, he's also good at cooking
- His favorite sports hero is his cousin, Greg Bryant Jr. who passed away in 2016
- Three words to describe him are loyal, hardworking and determined

BAXTER JR.'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2023^	13-6	138	659	4.8	5	54	24	156	6.5	0	31
2024^	1-0	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2025^	8-2	54	195	3.6	0	18	12	41	3.4	1	6
2026	7-7	88	487	5.5	8	77	8	67	8.4	0	28
at UK	**7-7**	**88**	**487**	**5.5**	**8**	**77**	**8**	**67**	**8.4**	**0**	**28**
Totals	**29-15**	**280**	**1342**	**4.8**	**13**	**77**	**44**	**264**	**6.0**	**1**	**31**

^ at Texas

BAXTER JR.'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU*	9	48	2	15	0	0	0	0
vs. Bama*	11	29	-	12	2	15	0	9
at TAMU*	19	87	2	16	1	28	0	28
vs. So. Ala.*	16	149	1	53	1	-1	0	0
at USC*	13	48	1	8	3	20	0	10
vs. LSU*	19	123	2	77	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma				DNP				
vs. Vandy*	1	3	0	3	1	5	0	5
Totals	**88**	**487**	**8**	**77**	**8**	**67**	**0**	**28**

BAXTER JR.'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (TEXAS)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Ohio State	10	40	0	14	5	25	0	6
vs. San Jose St.*	13	64	0	18	2	-3	0	2
vs. UTEP*	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
vs. Sam Houston				DNP				
at Florida				DNP				
vs. Oklahoma				DNP				
at Kentucky				DNP				
at Miss. State	9	27	0	10	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	7	22	0	7	1	6	1	6
at Georgia	1	3	0	3	3	12	0	6
vs. Arkansas	7	24	0	6	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas A&M	6	10	0	7	1	1	0	1
vs. Michigan				DNP				
Totals	**54**	**196**	**0**	**18**	**12**	**41**	**1**	**6**

BAXTER JR'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (TEXAS)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ohio St.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

BAXTER JR'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (TEXAS)

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Rice*	5	38	0	32	0	0	0	0
at Alabama*	11	31	0	8	4	21	0	11
vs. Wyoming				DNP				
at Baylor	6	21	1	7	2	16	0	12
vs. Kansas	15	67	0	12	2	16	0	15
vs. Oklahoma	7	18	0	9	0	0	0	0
at Houston	6	42	1	16	3	9	0	4
vs. BYU	9	22	0	8	0	0	0	0
vs. Kansas St.	10	90	1	54	0	0	0	0
at TCU	18	61	0	9	1	1	0	1
at Iowa St.*	20	117	0	21	5	13	0	8
vs. Texas Tech*	9	45	0	13	1	8	0	8
vs. Okla. St.*	13	43	1	14	4	33	0	17
vs. Washington*	9	64	1	16	2	39	0	31
Totals	**128**	**659**	**5**	**54**	**24**	**156**	**0**	**31**

BAXTER JR.'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 20, at Iowa State, Nov 18, 2023
Rush yards: 149, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Long rush: 77, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Rushing TDs: 2, twice, last vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Receptions: 5, twice, last vs Ohio State, Aug 30, 2025
Receiving yards: 33, vs Washington, Jan 1, 2024
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Nov 1, 2025
Long reception: 31, vs Washington, Jan 1, 2024



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WILSON
BERRY

PUNTER

6-4 • 206 • Fifth Year+
Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)

2026

- Granted a sixth season of eligibility via a waiver
- A four-year letter winner as a punter and holder for the Wildcats
- Has 101 career punts for 4,079 yards, a career average of 40.4 ypp
- Has been the Cats' primary punter the last three games ... Also serves as the Cats' holder on special teams
- Saw his first punting action since the 2024 season, in the win over No. 10 LSU, punting three times for a 40.3 yard average, including one inside the 20-yard line
- Against Oklahoma, had five punts for 231 yards (46.2) ... Booted a career-long of 58 yards to pin the Sooners deep in their own territory in the fourth quarter

2025

- Saw action in all 12 games, serving as the holder on special teams
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024

- 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

- 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. EKU ... All three punts were at least 50 yards, including a career-long 55-yarder, and all three landed inside the 20-yard line

2022

- 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

- 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

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
- Came 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
- Oldest player on the team at 28 years old (birthday is in June)
- Married to the former Courtney Stewart of Paducah, Kentucky
- Has three children - two sons, Leo and Gus, and one daughter, Florence
- Older brother, Jordan, played football at Eastern Kentucky and was the punter for the Minnesota Vikings and the Pittsburgh Steelers ... Younger brother, Oscar, played basketball at the University of North Florida
- Graduated in May of '23 with a degree in kinesiology ... Graduated in December of '25 with a master's degree in kinesiology and health promotion ... Currently working on a graduate certificate in business
- 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
2025	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	8	10	443	44.3	1	3	3	58	2
Totals	**52**	**101**	**4079**	**40.4**	**5**	**42**	**28**	**58**	**13**

BERRY'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. LSU*	3	121	40.3	51	1
at Oklahoma*	5	231	46.2	58	1
vs. Vandy*	2	91	45.5	49	1
Totals	**10**	**443**	**44.3**	**58**	**3**

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: 58, at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Tackles: 1, twice, vs Louisville, Nov 26, 2022 & vs Iowa, Dec. 31, 2022



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HENRY
BOYER

TIGHT END

6-6 • 270 • Fifth Year
Chicago, Ill. (Illinois/Brother Rice HS)

2026 - Senior

- Has played in 45 career games with eight starts
- Transferred to Kentucky in 2025 after three seasons at Illinois
- Has started in five of eight games played this season and has nine catches for 116 yards and three scores
- Caught a 20-yard pass in the second quarter vs. Alabama for his first collegiate touchdown
- Caught two passes for 35 yards and a touchdown in the win over Texas A&M
- Got a career-best three catches for 24 yards in the win over South Alabama
- Caught only one pass for six yards in the win over South Carolina but it was a massive one as it went for a touchdown in overtime with UK needing a touchdown to remain in the game ... Also set up the game-winning two-point conversion

2025 - Junior

- Saw action in all 12 games with one start vs. Eastern Michigan
- Totaled five catches for 62 yards
- Recovered a key fumble in the win at Auburn
- Got a season- and career-high tying two catches for a career-high 25 yards at Vanderbilt, including a career-long 19 yard catch

2024 - (Illinois)
- Appeared in 11 games with one start vs. Eastern Illinois but did not record a catch
- Elected as the team's representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

2023 - (Illinois)
- Played in 12 games with one start vs. FAU
- Totaled three catches for 20 yards
- Got his first career start vs. Florida Atlantic and caught two passes for 16 yards
- Earned Academic All-Big Ten honors

2022 - (Illinois)
- Redshirt season
- Played in two games vs. Wyoming and Indiana

High School
- Was a consensus three-star recruit and top 50 tight end
- Played for coach Brian Badke at Brother Rice, where he was named All-Chicago Catholic League
- Played in the 2021 US Army All-American Bowl
- An all-around athlete who also played baseball, basketball and was on the track & field team

Personal
- Born in Portland, Maine
- Son of Matthew and Molly Boyer
- Has two brothers, Charlie and Jack
- Major is finance
- Serves as a "My New Kentucky Home" Ambassador (2026)
- On UK's Student-Athlete Advisory Council in 2026

Henry Says
- He chose UK football because of the coaching staff and the opportunity to play in the SEC
- After football, his dream job is to be a businessman or a lawyer
- Other than playing football, he also is good at checkers
- Three words to describe him are resilient, kind and competitive
- His go-to Karaoke song is "Bulletproof" by La Roux

BOYER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Att.	Yds	FF/FR
2022^	TE	2-0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0/0
2023^	TE	12-1	3	20	6.67	0	9	0	0	0/0
2024^	TE	11-1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0/0
2025	TE	12-1	5	62	12.5	0	19	0	0	0/1
2026	TE	8-5	9	120	13.3	3	32	1	2	0/0
at UK		**20-6**	**14**	**182**	**13.0**	**3**	**32**	**1**	**2**	**0/1**
Totals		**45-8**	**17**	**202**	**11.9**	**3**	**32**	**1**	**2**	**0/1**

^ at Illinois

BOYER'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU*	0	0	0	0	1	31	0	31
vs. Bama*	1	2	0	2	1	20	1	20
at TAMU	0	0	0	0	2	35	1	32
vs. So. Ala.	0	0	0	0	3	24	0	11
at USC*	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	6
vs. LSU*	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4
at Oklahoma*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**9**	**120**	**3**	**32**

BOYER'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	FF/FR
vs. Toledo	0	0	0	0	0/0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	0/0
vs. EMU*	0	0	0	0	0/0
at USC	0	0	0	0	0/0
at UGA	1	13	0	13	0/0
vs. Texas	1	14	0	14	0/0
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0/0
at Auburn	0	0	0	0	0/1
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	1	10	0	0	0/0
at Vanderbilt	2	25	0	19	0/0
at UofL	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**5**	**62**	**0**	**19**	**0/1**

BOYER'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (ILLINOIS)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. EIU*	0	0	0	0
vs. Kansas	0	0	0	0
vs. Central Mich.	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
vs. Purdue	0	0	0	0
vs. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Oregon	0	0	0	0
vs. Minnesota	0	0	0	0
vs. Michigan State	0	0	0	0
at Rutgers	0	0	0	0
at Northwestern	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

BOYER'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (ILLINOIS)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	0	0	0	0
at Kansas	0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State	1	4	0	4
vs. Fla. Atlantic*	2	16	0	9
at Purdue	0	0	0	0
vs. Nebraska	0	0	0	0
at Maryland	0	0	0	0
vs. Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	0
vs. Indiana	0	0	0	0
at Iowa	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Totals	**3**	**20**	**0**	**9**

BOYER'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (ILLINOIS)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Wyoming	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

BOYER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 3, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Receiving yards: 35, at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026
Receiving TDs: 1, twice, last at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026
Long reception: 32, at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026
Rush attempts: 1, vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026
Rush yards: 2, vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026
Long rush: 2, vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026
Rushing TDs: n/a
Fumble recovery: 1, at Auburn, Nov 1, 2025



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AHMAD
BREAUX
DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-3 • 278 • Junior
Ruston, La. (LSU/Ruston HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at LSU
- Has tallied 46 career tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks
- Has 10 tackles in eight games played this season, including 1.5 TFL and 1.5 sacks
- Got his first career sack at UK vs. Youngstown State in the season opener

2025 - (LSU)
- Appeared in 12 games
- Tallied 19 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and a half-sack
- Charted a season-best three tackles in four games (vs. Louisiana Tech, at Ole Miss, at Vanderbilt, vs. Western Kentucky)

2024 - (LSU)
- Appeared in 13 games with two starts as a true freshman
- Starts came in consecutive weeks against UCLA and South Alabama in September
- Finished the year with 17 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss
- Played a total of 292 defensive snaps and another 28 on special teams (15 punt coverage, 12 field goal block)

High School
- One of the top prospects in from the state of Louisiana coming out of high school
- Rated as 3-star linebacker by On3, 247 Sports, ESPN and Rivals

- Helped Ruston capture the 2023 Division I non-select state title with a 31-17 win over Zachary
- It was Ruston's first state title since 1990
- Listed as the nation's No. 61 ranked defensive lineman and No. 20 overall in Louisiana in the composite rankings
- As a senior, recorded 45 tackles, including 7.0 tackles for loss, 6.0 sacks
- Two-time First-Team 5A All-State in 2022 and 2023
- Three-time All-District
- Coached by Jerrod Baugh
- Also participated in track and field, throwing the discus

Personal

- Born in Lafayette, Louisiana
- Son of Candice Lowe and David Breaux
- Has one brother, Nicholas Breaux
- Major is criminal justice

Ahmad Says

- His nickname is "Boogie"
- After football, his dream job is to be a swat officer
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can play multiple musical instruments, including the alto saxophone, bassoon, drums, piano and guitar
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is crawfish etouffée
- Three words to describe him are humble, quiet and focused

BREAUX'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2024*	13-2	17	0-0	1.5-4	0/0	1	0	0
2025*	12-0	19	0.5-4	2.5-8	0/0	3	0	0
2026	8-0	10	1.5-7	1.5-7	0/0	0	0	0
at UK	**8-0**	**10**	**1.5-7**	**1.5-7**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Totals	**33-2**	**46**	**2.0-11**	**5.5-19**	**0/0**	**4**	**0**	**0**

**at LSU*

BREAUX'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. YSU	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**10**	**1.5-7**	**1.5-7**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

BREAUX'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (LSU)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
at Clemson	1	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
vs. La Tech	3	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. SE La.	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	3	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	1	0	0
vs. USC	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Texas A&M	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas			DNP				
vs. WKU	3	0.5-4	0.5-4	0/0	1	0	0
at Oklahoma	1	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
at Houston	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**19**	**0.5-4**	**2.5-8**	**0/0**	**3**	**0**	**0**

BREAUX'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (LSU)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. So. Cal	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Nicholls	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UCLA*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. So. Alabama*	3	0-0	1.0-3	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Arkansas	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Texas A&M	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Oklahoma	1	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Baylor	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**17**	**0-0**	**1.5-4**	**0/0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

BREAUX'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, 6x, last vs Western Ky., Nov 22, 2025
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs South Alabama, Sept 28, 2024
Sacks: 0.5, vs Western Ky., Nov 22, 2025
Quarterback hurries: 4, last vs Western Ky., Nov 22, 2025



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ELIJAH

BROWN

TIGHT END

6-6 • 263 • Fifth Year
Dayton, Ohio (UCF/FAU/Alabama/Wayne HS)

2026

- Has seen action vs. Youngstown State and South Alabama

2025

- Transferred to UK after previous stops at UCF, FAU and Alabama
- Spent the 2025 spring season at UCF before transferring to UK
- Saw action vs. Eastern Michigan in 2025 at UK

2024 - (FAU)

- Played in eight games with one start vs. Tulsa
- Recorded a 22-yard catch vs. Charlotte

2023 - (FAU)

- Played in three games vs. Tulsa, East Carolina and Rice as a redshirt freshman for the Owls

2022 - (Alabama)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Was a consensus four-star prospect from Wayne High School in Dayton, Ohio
- Ranked as the No. 8 tight end and No. 10 player in Ohio by 247Sports
- Rivals ranked him as the No. 10 tight end in the nation and 10th-ranked player in Ohio
- On3 Consensus listed him as the nation's No. 11 tight end
- As a junior, caught 30 passes for 278 yards and a touchdown while helping block for a ground attack at Wayne that churned out 1,754 yards on just 277 attempts
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter for head coach Roosevelt Mukes
- Also a three-year letter winner as a power forward on the basketball team

Personal

- Born in Dayton, Ohio
- Son of Shelly and Ernet Brown
- Has one brother, Isaac Brown
- Graduated in May of '26 with a degree in communication ... Currently working on an undergraduate certificate in business

Elijah Says

- His nickname is "E.B."
- After football, his dream job is to be a clothing designer
- Other than playing football, he also is good at fishing
- If he could have dinner with one famous person, living or dead, he would choose Muhammad Ali
- His favorite family recipe to make is shrimp scampi

BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2022*	TE	0-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2023%	TE	3-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2024%	TE	8-1	1	22	22.0	0	22
2025	TE	1-0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	TE	2-0	0	0	0	0	0
at UK		3-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		**14-1**	**1**	**22**	**22.0**	**0**	**22**

**at Alabama*
% at FAU

BROWN'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

BROWN'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. EMU	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

BROWN'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (FAU)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. FIU	0	0	0	0
at UConn	0	0	0	0
vs. Wagner	0	0	0	0
vs. South Florida	0	0	0	0
at East Carolina	0	0	0	0
at Temple	0	0	0	0
vs. Charlotte	1	22	0	22
at Tulsa*	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**22**	**0**	**22**

BROWN'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (FAU)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Tulsa	0	0	0	0
vs. East Carolina	0	0	0	0
at Rice	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

BROWN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs Charlotte, Nov 23, 2024
Receiving yards: 22, vs Charlotte, Nov 23, 2024
Receiving TDs: n/a
Long reception: 22 vs Charlotte, Nov 23, 2024



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SAM

BROWN III

SAFETY

5-11 • 172 • Freshman
San Clemente, Calif.
(Capistrano Valley Christian Schools)

High School

- Three-year letter winner and two-year starter for head coach Brandon Camarillo
- Combined for 163 tackles, including 112 solo tackles during his career
- Totaled 101 tackles for 11.2 tackles per game, also collecting 5.0 tackles for loss and one interception as a senior ... Also had two receptions for 65 yards for the Eagles
- Earned his team's Defensive Player of the Year
- Named All-Ironwood League First Team
- Also lettered one season on the soccer team, earning Second Team All-League
- Chose Kentucky over Coastal Carolina and Alabama

Personal

- Born in Mission Viejo, California
- Son of Erin and Mike Brown
- Dad, Mike, played safety at Nebraska from 1996-99 before spending 10 seasons in the NFL with the Chicago Bears
- Has one sister, Kyla
- Major is undecided

Sam Says

- His nickname is "Brunsen"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he doesn't have a middle name
- His hobbies include golfing, playing video games and eating
- If he could have dinner with one famous person, living or dead, he would choose LeBron James
- One word to describe him on the football field is "juiceful"



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TY

BRYANT

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 196 • Senior
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2026

- A three-year letter winner who has started in 33 of 45 career games for the Wildcats, including 26 in a row
- Campbell Trophy Finalist
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Quarterfinalist
- Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Phil Steele)
- 2027 Senior Bowl Top 300 List
- Elected to represent UK at SEC Media Days
- Ranks tied for fourth nationally among active FBS players in career interceptions (9) with Alabama's Bray Hubbard
- Tied with teammate Jordan Castell with four interceptions this season which leads the SEC and ranks seventh nationally
- His four interceptions have come in the last three games ... Becomes the first Wildcat to intercept a pass in three consecutive games since Danny Trevathan in 2011
- Third on the team in tackles (59)
- Named one of four team captains vs. Alabama and at Oklahoma
- Totaled a team-high 10 tackles and charted his first collegiate sack on a third-down play in the second quarter, which forced Alabama to try a field goal
- Also got 10 tackles in the win over Texas A&M, along with a pass breakup
- Had six tackles plus an interception in the win over No. 10 LSU, his first pickoff of the season
- Had two interceptions, the second time in his career he has had multiple interceptions in the same game against an SEC opponent (also achieved the mark against Ole Miss on Sept. 6, 2025) in the win at Oklahoma
- Got his third straight pick in the win over Vanderbilt early in the fourth quarter ... Returned it 18 yards to the Vanderbilt 47-yard line, setting up UK's final touchdown drive

2025

- Started in all 12 games
- All-SEC Second Team (Coaches)
- CSC First-Team Academic All-American
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2025)
- Named one of four game captains vs. Toledo, South Carolina and at Vanderbilt
- Team's leading tackler with 76
- Added 2.0 tackles for loss and a pass breakup
- Also led the team and tied for the SEC lead in interceptions with four ... Ranked 24th nationally
- UK's primary punt returner ... Had seven punt returns for 36 yards (5.1 yards per return)
- Had a team-lead-tying 10 tackles vs. Ole Miss, including a half tackle for loss (-1 yard), while also adding two straight interceptions in the first quarter ... On Ole Miss' third drive, returned the pickoff 11 yards to the Rebels' 21, which set up a Kentucky touchdown drive ... On Ole Miss' fourth drive, returned the pickoff 14 yards to the Rebels' 32, again setting up a Kentucky field goal
- First player with two interceptions in the same game since Jordan Lovett last season vs. Murray State
- First Wildcat with two interceptions in an SEC home game since Anthony Wajda in 1999 vs. LSU
- Got his third interception of the season in the win over Florida and it set up a 39-yard field goal by Jacob Kauwe ... Also tied for the team lead in tackles with six
- Got his fourth INT of the season and fifth of his career at Vanderbilt ... Returned it 28 yards
- Led the Wildcat defense with a career-high-tying 12 tackles vs. Louisville, his third double-figure tackle total of the season

2024

- 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
- Totaled a season-high eight tackles at Texas
- Dean's List (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- Named to the 2024 Division I Academic All-District Team by CSC
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2023

- 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 that 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, Spring 2024)
- 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
- Coached by Nate McPeek
- 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

- Volunteered at Easterseals of the Bluegrass (2026)
- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2025)
- Visited a local elementary school (2024)
- Volunteered to go Christmas shopping for families in need (2024)

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Angela 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
- Graduated in May of '26 with a degree in communication and is currently working on a second degree in psychology
- On UK's Student-Athlete Advisory Council in 2025-26
- Member of the SEC's Football Leadership Council in 2025-26

Ty Says

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

BRYANT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2023	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
2025	12-12	76	0-0	2.0-2	0/0	0	1	4-70
2026	8-8	59	0.5-3	1-0-5	0/1	0	3	4-70
Totals	**45-33**	**221**	**0.5-3**	**5.0-15**	**2/1**	**0**	**5**	**9-156**

BRYANT'S CAREER STATISTICS CONT...

Year	PR	Yds	TD	Long
2025	7	36	0	25
Totals	**7**	**36**	**0**	**25**

BRYANT'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. YSU*	5	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
vs. Bama*	10	0.5-3	0.5-3	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. So. Ala.*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. LSU*	6	0-0	0.5-2	0/0	0	0	1-9
at Oklahoma*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	2-43
vs. Vandy*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	1-18
Totals	**59**	**0.5-3**	**1.0-5**	**0/1**	**0**	**3**	**4-70**

BRYANT'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Toledo*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	10	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	2-25
vs. EMU*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at UGA*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Texas*	7	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Auburn*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1-17
vs. Tenn. Tech*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vandy*	8	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0	1-28
at UofL*	12	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**76**	**0-0**	**2.0-2**	**0/0**	**0**	**1**	**4-70**

BRYANT'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Opponent	PR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	KR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
vs. Toledo	2	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	2	28	14.0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	20.0	20	0
at UGA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas	3	11	3.7	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vandy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**7**	**36**	**5.1**	**25**	**0**	**1**	**20**	**20.0**	**0**	**0**

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. EKU	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, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 29, 2025
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 3x, last vs Texas, Oct 18, 2025
Pass breakup: 1, 4x, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Interception: 2, twice, last vs Oklahoma (43 yards)
Forced fumble: 1, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2024
Fumble recovery: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Punt returns: 3, vs Texas, Oct 18, 2025
Punt return yards: 28, vs Eastern Michigan, Sept 13, 2025
Long punt return: 25, vs Eastern Michigan, Sept 13, 2025



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SHANE
CARR

WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 185 • Senior
Bakersfield, Calif. (Southern Utah/South HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Southern Utah
- Played in 24 games with 19 starting assignments for the Thunderbirds ... Combined for 81 receptions for 1,371 yards receiving and 10 touchdowns
- Over those two seasons, averaged 3.38 receptions per game and 57.13 yards per game
- Has two 100-yard receiving games (vs. EKU in 2025 and vs. Idaho State in 2024)
- Has played in four games and has three catches for 26 yards and a score this season
- Got his two catches for 22 yards and a TD vs. South Alabama

2025 - (Southern Utah)
- Played in all 12 games with 10 starting assignments
- Totaled a team-high 50 catches for a team-high 744 yards and team-high-tying four scores
- Averaged 14.8 catches per game and 62.00 yards per game
- In a win at Eastern Kentucky, racked up a season-high seven catches for a season-high 124 yards, including a season-high 44-yard reception
- Named to the United Athletic Conference (UAC) Second Team

2024 - (Southern Utah)
- Played in all 12 games with nine starting assignments
- Had 31 receptions and led the team with 627 receiving yards and six touchdowns
- Averaged 20.23 yards per catch, boasting a season-long catch of 56 yards
- Posted a career high of seven catches for 104 yards and a touchdown against Idaho State
- Named to the Phil Steele All-UAC Fourth Team

High School
- Tallied 773 career rushing yards with six touchdowns on the ground at South High School
- Caught 23 passes for 410 yards and four touchdowns in his career
- Also threw for 674 yards and 10 touchdowns in his high school career
- Posted 40 tackles his senior season
- Grabbed six interceptions and broke up three passes his senior year

Personal
- Born in Tyler, Texas
- Son of Zshonetta Anderson
- Siblings are Sani, Leon, Kyric and Zhoneya
- Major is criminal justice

Shane Says
- Nickname is "SC"
- After his football career he hopes to be a firefighter
- Three words to describe him are nice, calm and explosive
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he has Mexican roots
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is gumbo

CARR'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
2024^	12-9	31	627	20.2	6
2025^	12-10	50	744	14.9	4
2026	4-0	3	26	8.7	1
at UK	**4-0**	**3**	**26**	**8.7**	**1**
Totals	**28-19**	**84**	**1,397**	**16.6**	**11**

^ at Southern Utah

CARR'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	2	22	1	15
at USC	1	4	0	4
Totals	**3**	**26**	**1**	**15**

CARR'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (SUU)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Idaho State*	6	77	0	26
at San Diego State*	5	54	1	21
vs. N. Arizona*	3	89	1	42
at UC Davis*	6	83	0	30
vs. West Georgia*	2	46	0	39
at Tarleton State*	1	3	1	3
vs. Abilene Christian*	3	24	1	17
at Utah Tech	3	47	0	21
vs. Austin Peay*	4	77	0	32
at Eastern Ky.*	7	124	0	44
vs. Central Arkansas	4	35	0	16
at North Alabama*	6	85	0	43
Totals	**50**	**744**	**4**	**44**

CARR'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (SUU)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Utah State	0	0	0	0
at UTEP	2	32	0	27
vs. UC Davis*	1	11	0	11
at Idaho State*	7	104	1	32
at Austin Peay*	1	24	0	24
vs Tarleton State. *	3	84	1	37
vs. Eastern Ky.*	1	38	1	38
at West Georgia	2	96	1	56
at Abilene Christian*	2	11	0	6
vs. North Alabama*	5	72	1	33
at Central Arkansas*	5	75	0	34
vs. Utah Tech*	2	80	1	40
Totals	**31**	**627**	**6**	**56**

CARR'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 7, twice, last vs Eastern Kentucky, Nov 8, 2025
Receiving yards: 124, vs vs Eastern Kentucky, Nov 8, 2025
Receiving TDs: 1, 11x, last vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Long reception: 56, at West Georgia, Oct 26, 2025



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MARTELS
CARTER JR.

RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 205 • Sophomore
Chattanooga, Tenn. (Paducah Tilghman - KY)

2026
- Switched from defensive back to running back in the spring
- Had five rushes for a career-best 37 yards vs. Youngstown State

2025
- Redshirt season
- Saw action in four games and had four tackles
- Got his first career tackles vs. Eastern Michigan, finishing with three
- Also got a tackle vs. Tennessee Tech

High School
- A unanimous four-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- The top-ranked recruit in the state of Kentucky, according to 247Sports Composite and Rivals
- Rated as the sixth-best safety in the country, according to Rivals
- A two-way player at wide receiver and defensive back
- Coached by Sean Thompson at Paducah Tilghman High School
- Through 12 games as a senior, combined for 25 tackles, three tackles for loss, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and three interceptions on defense
- Also added 35 receptions for 490 yards and five touchdowns receiving and 12 carries for 122 yards and one touchdown catching on offense
- Helped his team to a 15-0 record and a Class 4A State Championship title, just the fourth-ever state football championship for the school, and the first since 2009 when it was 3A
- Named Most Valuable Player of the state tournament
- Had nine catches for 169 yards along with five solo tackles, two assists and one tackle for loss in Paducah Tilghman's 27-20 state championship win over Franklin County
- Named to the *Courier-Journal's* First-Team All-State defense in 2024
- Named to the "Class of the Commonwealth" team by the *Lexington Herald-Leader*
- Was a preseason Mr. Football candidate
- Prior to his junior season, was coached by Martels Carter at Brainerd High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee

- Chose Kentucky over Auburn, Clemson, Oregon and Tennessee

Personal

- Born in Fulton, Georgia
- Son of Martels Carter
- Siblings are Deno Montgomery, Ameer Carter, Ameerah Carter, Grayson Carter, Kenya Carter, Kimia Carter, and the late Kenndii Carter
- Dad, Martels, played football at Austin Peay (1995-2000); brother, Deno Montgomery, played football at EKU (2011-15); sister, Kimia, played basketball at North Carolina Central (2019-23)
- Major is pre-management

Martels Says

- Nickname is "C4"
- One thing most people don't know is that he is a good bowler
- One word to describe him on the football field is "electric"
- The highlight of his life so far was winning the MVP award after winning the state championship
- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life he would choose chicken wings

CARTER JR.'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2025	4-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	1-0	5	37	7.4	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**5-0**	**5**	**37**	**7.4**	**0**	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

CARTER'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	5	37	0	15	0	0	0	0
Totals	**5**	**37**	**0**	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

CARTER'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Toledo	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**4**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

CARTER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 5, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Rush yards: 37, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Long rush: 15, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Tackles: 3, vs Eastern Michigan, Sept 13, 2025



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JORDAN
CASTELL

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 211 • Senior
Orlando, Fla. (Florida/West Orange HS)

2026

- Thorpe Award semifinalist
- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Florida
- Excels in the classroom as a three-time SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll member (2023, 2024 and 2025)
- Has played in 43 career games with 42 starting assignments and has 233 career tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 16 PBUs and seven interceptions
- Team's second-leading tackler with 65 ... Also has a team-high tying four interceptions with Ty Bryant which leads the SEC and ranks seventh nationally
- Ranks tied for 17th nationally among active FBS players in career interceptions (7)
- Ranks fifth in the SEC in total tackles per game (8.13)
- Tallied a team-high tying seven tackles and had a game- and career-high 2.0 tackles for loss in the season opener vs. Youngstown State ... Snagged an interception in the second quarter, his first at Kentucky
- Named one of four game captains vs. Texas A&M and went on to chart a game-high 13 total tackles with an interception and pass breakup in the win ... Intercepted a pass in the shadow of UK's own goalpost with 6:34 remaining in the game ... Marked his fifth career interception and second in as many weeks for Kentucky ... Was his second interception at Kyle Field, also had one while playing for Florida
- Named Panini Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week and Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week for his play against the Aggies
- Picked off two passes, including a 41-yard return for a touchdown, in the win over Oklahoma ... Marked his first collegiate touchdown ... Also added nine total tackles and an additional pass breakup
- Earned five national honors (Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the week, Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week, Thorpe Award National DB of the Week, Panini Senior Bowl National Defensive Player of the Week and Lott Trophy Player of the Week), as well as SEC Defensive Player of the Week by the league office for his efforts against the Sooners
- Named one of four game captains in the win over Vanderbilt and snagged a game-high eight tackles, including a tackle for loss.

2025 - (Florida)

- Started in 10 games played, missing the Mississippi State and Florida State games with injury
- The Mississippi State game was the first game in his career at any level he was forced to miss
- Tallied 54 tackles, two interceptions, and a QB hurry
- Co-led the team in interceptions with two, while being third on the team in total tackles (54) and assisted tackles (26)

2024 - (Florida)

- Started all 13 games at safety
- Placed fourth on the team in tackles with 55 total (29 solo) and team-leader in pass breakups with nine
- Had 2.0 tackles-for-loss and sack
- Led the team in total defensive snaps played with 775

2023 - (Florida)

- Earned Freshman All-SEC honors after playing in all 12 games as a true freshman, starting the last 11 at safety
- Led the team in total tackles (60) and solo tackles (30) with 1.5 tackles for loss, three pass breakups and an interception
- Also named an ESPN Freshman All-American, and CFN Freshman All-American Honorable Mention
- Named SEC Freshman of the Week and Shaun Alexander National Freshman of the Week (Week 3) after totaling 10 tackles and one pass break up in Florida's victory over Tennessee

High School

- Rated as a consensus four-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, 0n3 and Rivals coming out of West Orange High School
- Ranked as the No. 10 safety and No. 139 player overall in the Class of 2023 by ESPN
- Invited to play in 2023 Under Armour All-American game
- Listed in the ESPN Top-300
- Recorded 121 tackles (87 solo) in his career, averaging 3.5 per game, with 2.0 sacks and eight interceptions

Personal

- Born in Orlando, Florida
- Son of Shelly Scott
- Siblings are Mollie Nesbeth, Bianca Nesbeth and Destiny Castell
- Major is criminal justice

Jordan Says

- Nickname is "JC"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a high school coach
- Three words to describe him are quiet, smart and hustler
- The highlight of his life so far has been the change in his environment
- His "why" and motivation to work hard is his family

CASTELL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2023	12-11	60	0-0	1.5-11	0/0	0	3	1(-1)
2024	13-13	54	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	9	0
2025	10-10	54	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	1	2-18
2026	8-8	65	0-0	3.0-15	0/0	0	3	4(41)
at UK	**8-8**	**65**	**0-0**	**3.0-15**	**0/0**	**0**	**3**	**4(41)**
Totals	**43-42**	**233**	**0-0**	**5.5-28**	**0/0**	**2**	**16**	**7 (57)**

**at Florida*

CASTELL'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. YSU*	7	0-0	2.0-14	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Bama*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1(0)
at TAMU*	13	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	1(0)
vs. So. Ala.*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
at Oklahoma*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	2(41)
vs. Vandy*	8	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**65**	**0-0**	**3.0-15**	**0/0**	**0**	**3**	**4(41)**

CASTELL'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (UF)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. LIU*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. South Fla.*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at LSU*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miami*	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Texas*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1-18
at Texas A&M*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1-0
vs. Miss. State*			DNP				
vs. Georgia*	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	1	0-0
at Kentucky*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss*	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida St.*			DNP				
Totals	**54**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**2**	**1**	**2-18**

CASTELL'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (UF)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Miami*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Samford*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Texas A&M*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	5	1.0-1	1.0-1	0/0	0	1	0
vs. UCF*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Kentucky*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
at Texas*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Ole Miss*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
at Florida St.*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Tulane*	3	1.0-2	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
Totals	**55**	**2.0-3**	**1.0-1**	**0/0**	**0**	**9**	**0**

CASTELL'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (UF)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
at Utah	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. McNeese*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Charlotte*	4	0-0	1.0-10	0/0	0	0	0
at Kentucky*	3	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas*	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	1-(1)
at LSU*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida St.*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
Totals	**60**	**0-0**	**1.5-11**	**0/0**	**0**	**3**	**1**

CASTELL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 13, at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Pass breakups: 1, 16x, last at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Interceptions: 2, at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026 (41)
Quarterback hurries: 1, twice, last vs Georgia, Nov 1, 2025



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ANDRE
CLARKE JR.

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 176 • Freshman
Richmond, Va. (Hermitage HS)

High School

- A consensus four-star defensive back out of Hermitage High School
- Considered the No. 5 player in Virginia and the No. 15 cornerback nationally by ESPN
- A multi-faceted athlete who played corner, wide receiver and even served as the Panthers' punter
- Played for head coach Timothy Jean-Pierre
- Started in 13 games as a senior and had 23 catches for 425 yards, 13 scores, averaging a team-high 19.3 yards per catch
- Defensively, charted 34 tackles, 24 solo, with four interceptions, including two pick-sixes
- Earned First Team All-Region Defense, Second Team All-Region Offense and 2nd Team All-Region Player of the Year
- Helped Hermitage finish 10-3 overall in 2025 with an appearance in the Region 5C Championship game
- Totaled 26 solo tackles, three interceptions (two returned for touchdowns), and seven pass breakups, along with more than 750 yards and 13 total touchdowns (11 receiving) on offense as a junior in 2024
- Also had 25 receptions, 473 yards and nine touchdowns for 18.9 yards per catch
- Also a three-year letter winner in track ... Posted a 21-3.25 effort in the long jump as an 11th grader
- Picked Kentucky over Michigan, Florida State and Miami

Personal

- Born in Richmond, Virginia
- Son of Myknelle and Andre Clarke Sr.
- Has two sisters, Adrianna and Maliah
- Major is undecided

Andre Says

- Nickname is "Dre"
- Three words to describe him are clutch, consistent and confident
- Hobbies include game exploring
- His favorite family recipe to make is breakfast food
- After football, his dream job is to be a business owner



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JAY
CLARK

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 318 • Sophomore
Cleveland, Ohio (Northmont)

2025

- Saw action in four games vs. Eastern Michigan, Florida, Tennessee Tech and at Vanderbilt

High School

- Rated a 3-star by Rivals, 247sports and ESPN
- 247sports ranks him 22nd overall player in Ohio and the 37th offensive lineman nationally
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter for head coach Tony Broering
- Named First-Team Ohio by the High School Athletic Association as a senior
- Was the October 2024 Northmont Senior High Athlete of the Month
- Picked Kentucky over Boston College, Cincinnati, and Indiana

Personal

- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Son of Lauren and Darnell Inman
- Siblings are Julian Clark, Madison Inman and Madden Inman
- Major is pre-media arts and studies

Jay Says

- Nickname is "Jay Clark"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a photographer and travel
- Three words to describe him are funny, nice and god-fearing
- His family motivates him to work hard every day
- His hobbies include lifting weights, gaming and fishing



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BROCK
COFFMAN

WIDE RECEIVER

6-0 • 181 • Sophomore
Lexington, Ky. (Louisville/Sayre School)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at Louisville
- Has seen action in all eight games and has three catches for 53 yards ... Also, one of UK's primary punt returners with 10 returns for 87 yards and one score
- Got his first career catch for 38 yards vs. Youngstown State
- Caught a career-high two passes for 15 yards vs. South Alabama
- Had a 55-yard punt return for his first collegiate touchdown in the win over No. 10 LSU ... The return was a thing of beauty; catching the ball at the UK 45-yard line, he immediately broke a tackle, cut to his right, then circled backward; broke another tackle by stiffarming a defender; finding daylight, he zipped down the right sideline and serpentined his way into the endzone ... Marked UK's first punt return for a touchdown since 2021, when Josh Ali had a 74-yard jaunt at Mississippi State ... First UK player with a punt return touchdown against an AP top-10 10 opponent since Derek Abney at No. 7 Florida in 2002
- Earned SEC Co-Special Teams Player of the Week for his play against LSU

2025 - (Louisville)
- Saw action in two games vs. Eastern Kentucky and Kentucky

High School
- Considered a three-star prospect coming out of the Sayre School according to 247Sports and Rivals
- Ranked the No. 12 player in the state of Kentucky by Rivals
- A two-way player for head coach Chad Pennington
- Helped Sayre to a perfect 15-0 record and a place in the 1A State Championship game in 2024
- Had 89 receptions for 1,387 yards and a state-leading 24 touchdowns in 15 games
- Defensively had 67 tackles, five interceptions, four tackles for a loss, and one fumble recovery
- Named MVP of the Class A state championship game, helping Sayre to a 27-22 victory over Raceland and securing the school's first-ever state championship in any sport ... Caught 12 passes for 143 yards and three touchdowns on offense and had 11 tackles and one quarterback hurry on defense in the game
- Earned 2024 First Team All-State by *The Louisville Courier-Journal*
- Named the 2024 Kentucky Football Coaches Association Class A Player of the Year
- Caught 67 passes as a junior for 1,193 yards and 24 touchdowns

Personal
- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Fatima Warren and Steven Coffman
- Siblings are Jayshaun, Kwahlie, Braylan and Rachel
- Comes from a family of athletes as mom, Fatima, played basketball at UC Irvine; brother, Jayshaun, played football at Marshall and Louisville; grandfather, Victor Williams Sr., played football at Morehead State; uncle, Orlando Pace, played football at Ohio State and in the NFL with the Rams and the Bears
- Major is undecided

Brock Says
- After his football career he hopes to be a property owner
- Three words to describe him are blessed, leader and outgoing
- The best advice he's ever received is "there's never a bad day, there are only blessings or lessons"
- His go-to Karaoke song is "Heaven Can Wait" by Michael Jackson
- Besides playing football and other sports, he's also a really good singer

COFFMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	PR/Yds	Long
2025^	WR	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0
2026	WR	8-0	3	53	17.7	0	38	10/87	55
at UK		**8-0**	**3**	**53**	**17.7**	**0**	**38**	**10/87**	**55**
Totals		**10-0**	**3**	**53**	**17.7**	**0**	**38**	**10/87**	**55**

^ at Louisville

COFFMAN'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Avg.	PR	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	1	38	0	38	38.0	3	25	0	11
vs. Bama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	2	15	0	11	7.5	1	-11	-	0
at USC	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0	0	2	61	1	55
at OU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	12
Totals	**3**	**53**	**0**	**38**	**17.7**	**10**	**87**	**1**	**55**

COFFMAN'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (AT UOFL)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	FF/FR
vs. EKU	0	0	0	0	0/0
vs. Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0/0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0/0**

COFFMAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Receiving yards: 38, vs Youngstown State, Sept 6, 2026
Receiving TDs: n/a
Long reception: 38, vs Youngstown State, Sept 6, 2026
Punt returns: 3, vs Youngstown State, Sept 6, 2026
Punt return yards: 61, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Long punt return: 55, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Punt return touchdown: 1, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026



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JORDAN
COLBERT

RUNNING BACK

6-2 • 215 • Junior
Merced, Calif. (Fresno City College/ San Joaquin Memorial HS)

2026
- Got his first action of the season vs. South Alabama ... Had two carries for 14 yards

2025 - (Fresno City College)
- Played in 11 games and had 81 carries for 602 yards and seven touchdowns with 7.4 yards per rush
- Also had seven catches for 105 yards and one score
- Earned all-conference honors and helped lead the Rams to a 7-5 overall record, including a 4-1 mark in conference play

2024 - (Fresno City College)
- Played in 11 games and charted 50 carries for 310 yards and three scores
- Also had five catches for 41 yards on along with 166 kick return yards
- Helped the Rams finish 8-3 overall, including 3-1 in conference play

High School
- A three-year starter for head coach Anthony Goston at San Joaquin Memorial High School
- Saw action at running back, wide receiver, outside linebacker and free safety for the Panthers
- Totaled 1,000 yards rushing, 1,533 all-purpose yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior
- Also had 49 tackles, five pass breakups and an interception
- Earned NorCal Valley First-Team All-Conference as a running back
- An all-around athlete who also was a three-year letter winner in track and a two-year letter winner in basketball
- Named San Joaquin's Athlete of the Year in 2023

Personal
- Born in Merced, California
- Son of Nicole Hardgraves and William Colbert
- Father, William, played football at Akron
- Earned an associate degree in kinesiology from Fresno City College
- Major is pre-communication

Jordan Says
- After his football career, he hopes to be a nurse practitioner
- Three words to describe him are loyal, disciplined and coachable
- In addition to football, he also is a good basketball player
- If he could only eat one thing the rest of his life, he would choose sushi
- Hobbies include fishing and playing video games

COLBERT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2026	1-0	2	14	7.0	0	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	**1-0**	**2**	**14**	**7.0**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

COLBERT'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. So. Ala.	2	14	0	7	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**14**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

COLBERT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 2, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Rush yards: 14, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Long rush: 7, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Rushing TDs: n/a



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LORENZO
COWAN

DEFENSIVE END

6-3 • 250 • Junior
Savannah, Ga. (Southern Cal/Jenkins)

2026

- Has seen action in all eight games with one start
- Has has 13 tackles, including 2.0 tackles for loss, two quarterback hurries and a PBU this season
- Got his first two tackles of the season vs. Alabama
- Charted one tackle, his first career pass breakup and his first career quarterback hurry in the win over Texas A&M
- Totaled a season-high three tackles vs. South Alabama
- Got his first start of the season vs. Vanderbilt

2025

- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at Southern Cal
- Played in nine games with two starts at Vanderbilt and at Louisville in 2025 at UK
- Totaled 13 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks and two forced fumbles
- Got his first collegiate action vs. Eastern Michigan
- Recorded his first collegiate tackle and TFL at Georgia, charting two tackles and TFL for six yards
- Got a career-high four tackles, a TFL and a forced fumble in the win over Florida
- Earned his first career start at Vanderbilt and got three tackles
- Also had three tackles, including 1.5 for loss, a quarterback sack and a caused fumble at Louisville

2024 - (USC)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Ranked the No. 57 edge rusher nationally by On3, No. 76 by ESPN and No. 79 by 247Sports coming out of high school
- Also ranked the No. 64 player in Georgia by On3, No. 92 by ESPN and No. 125 by 247Sports
- As a senior at Jenkins High School in 2023, totaled 76 tackles, including 11 for loss with eight sacks
- Added eight pass breakups, three blocked field goals and one forced fumble
- Named First-Team All-State
- Named the 2023 5A Region 1 Defensive Player of the Year and earned an invitation to the 2023 Under Armour Next Camp Series
- As a junior in 2022, earned All-5A Region 1 First Team and Big 22 ABC WJCL Team honors
- Recorded 31 tackles, including six for loss with eight sacks, along with two pass breakups and one blocked field goal
- As a sophomore in 2021, notched 13 tackles, including one for loss, three pass breakups and one forced fumble
- Also competed on the track and basketball teams at Jenkins

Personal

- Born in Savannah, Georgia
- Son of Tiffany Cowan
- Siblings are Tavion Gadson and Rashanda Jinks
- Brother, Tavion, is a defensive lineman for the Wildcats
- Major is sport leadership

Zo Says

- Nickname is "Zo" as his full name is Lorenzo
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be an athletic mentor
- Three words to describe him are patient, respectful and honest
- The highlight of his life so far is attending the same college as his brother
- His "why" and motivation to work hard is his family and specifically the women who raised him

COWAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2025	9-2	13	2.5-9	4.5-16	2/0	0	0	0
2026	8-1	13	0-0	2.0-5	0/0	2	1	0
Totals	**17-3**	**26**	**2.5-9**	**6.5-21**	**2/0**	**2**	**1**	**0**

COWAN'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	1	0
vs. So. Ala.	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	2	0-0	1.0-3	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	2	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	1	0	0
at OU	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**13**	**0-0**	**2.0-5**	**0/0**	**2**	**1**	**0**

COWAN'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Toledo			DNP				
vs. Ole Miss			DNP				
vs. EMU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC			DNP				
at UGA	2	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Texas	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Auburn	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	4	0-0	0.5-1	1/0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vandy*	3	1.0-1	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
at UofL*	3	1.0-6	1.5-6	1/0	0	0	0
Totals	**13**	**2.5-9**	**4.5-16**	**2/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

COWAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs Florida, Nov 8, 2025
Tackles for loss: 1.5, at Louisville, Nov 29, 2025
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 29, 2025
Forced fumble: 1, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 29, 2025
Quarterback hurry: 1, twice, last vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Pass breakup: 1, at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026



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ASHTON
COZART

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 202 • Senior
Flower Mound, Texas (SMU/Oregon/Marcus)

2025 - (SMU)

- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at Southern Methodist and one season at Oregon
- Practiced with the team

2024 - (SMU)

- Played in four games and totaled one reception for 24 yards vs. Houston Christian

2023 - (Oregon)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Rated the No. 93 player in the class of 2023 by Sports Illustrated coming out of high school
- A four-star prospect by 247Sports, ESPN and in the 247Sports composite and a three-star prospect by Rivals
- Ranked a top-100 player nationally by ESPN (No. 94), a top-200 player in the 247Sports composite (No. 163), and a top-250 player by 247Sports (No. 208)
- Rated a top-30 wide receiver in the country by ESPN (No. 18), in the 247Sports composite (No. 26) and by 247Sports (No. 27) and top-75 at the position by Rivals (No. 64)
- Rated a top-20 player in Texas by ESPN (No. 16), a top-50 player in the state in the 247Sports

composite (No. 34) and 247Sports (No. 37) and a top-100 player by Rivals (No. 87)
- A consensus top-15 wide receiver in Texas, peaking as the fifth-ranked player at the position by ESPN
- Selected to the 2022 Under Armour All-America Game
- As a senior, chosen as a first-team all-district performer at wide receiver
- Finished the season with 33 catches, 582 yards and seven touchdowns for 17.6 yards per catch
- Had two games with 100-or-more receiving yards
- Coach by Kevin Atkinson at Marcus High School

Personal
- Born in Fort Worth, Texas
- Son of Chris and Valerie Cozart
- Siblings are Charles and Victoria
- Major is criminal justice

Ashton Says
- Nickname is "Cozy"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he likes to draw
- After his football career he hopes to get into coaching
- Three words to describe him are unique, determined and resilient
- He has a German Shepherd named Ella

COZART'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
2024*	4-0	1	24	24.0	0
Totals	**4-0**	**1**	**24**	**24.0**	**0**

**at SMU*

COZART'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (SMU)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Houston Christian	1	24	0	24
vs. TCU	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida State	0	0	0	0
vs. Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**24**	**0**	**24**

COZART'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs Houston Christian, Aug 31, 2024
Receiving yards: 24, vs Houston Christian, Aug 31, 2024
Long reception: 24, vs Houston Christian, Aug 31, 2024



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RICO
CROWDER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-4 • 201 • Junior
Glasgow, Ky. (Glasgow)

2026
- Has seen action in all eight games on special teams

2025
- Saw action in all 12 games on special teams

2024
- 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 sport leadership

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



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CARSON
CRUVER

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 203 • Senior
Austin, Texas (Florida Atlantic/
St. Michael's Catholic Academy)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Florida Atlantic
- Has played in two career games with three career passes for nine yards

2025 - (FAU)
- Played in one game and had two pass attempts in the Owls' 56-14 win over FAMU

2024 - (FAU)
- Saw his first collegiate action in FAU's 41-10 win over Wagner, completing a nine-yard pass

2023 -Freshman (FAU)
- Redshirt season

High School
- A three-star recruit by all of the major recruiting services
- Played in 18 games at St. Michael's Catholic High School for Jeff Dicus
- Charted 52 TDs and 3,876 passing yards on the way to being named St. Michael's Offensive MVP in both 2021 and 2022
- Named 2021 First Team Academic All-State
- 2021 Texas Finalist for Quarterback of the Year and for Offensive Player of the Year
- 2022 Elite 11 Las Vegas Regional 3rd Place in Pro Day competition
- 2022 National Combine participant

Personal
- Born in Houston, Texas
- Son of Catherine and Brian Cruver
- Has one sister, Camryn
- Grandfather, Don Cruver, was a center at Wesleyan University in the 1960's
- Major is management
- Participated in UK Athletics' PRO Career Institute this summer, serving as an intern in UK's Strategic Communications office

Carson Says
- After his football career, he wants to work in the sports industry
- Besides playing football and other sports, he's also good at math
- The most daring thing he's ever done is free dive with sharks
- Three words to describe him are kind, calm and humble
- His sports hero is Carson Palmer, whom he is named after

CRUVER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2024^	1-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	100	9	0	9
2025^	1-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0
Totals	**2-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**33.0**	**9**	**0**	**9**

^ at Florida Atlantic

CRUVER'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (FAU)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. FAMU	0-2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0-2-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

CRUVER'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (FAU)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Wagner	1-1-0	9	0	9	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1-1-0**	**9**	**0**	**9**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

CRUVER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 2, vs FAMU, Sept 6, 2025
Pass completions: 1, vs Wagner, Sept 28, 2024
Pass yards: 9, vs Wagner, Sept 28, 2024
Pass completion: 100.0, vs Wagner, Sept 28, 2024
Passing touchdowns: n/a
Long pass: 9, vs Wagner, Sept 28, 2024



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XAVIER
DAISY

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 212 • Junior
Norcross, Ga. (UAB/ Greater Atlanta Christian School)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at UAB
- Has 19 career catches for 201 yards and one TD
- Has seen action in two games this season vs. Youngstown State and South Alabama

2025 - (UAB)

- Appeared in 11 games with five starts
- Recorded 18 catches for 177 yards with one TD
- Scored his first career touchdown vs. Army
- Had a career-high seven catches vs. Army and career-high 63 yards vs. North Texas

2024 - (UAB)

- Appeared in 10 games as a true freshman with one starting assignment
- Had one catch for 24 yards and also played on special teams

High School

- A three-star recruit who didn't start playing football until he was a junior in high school
- As a senior at Greater Atlanta Christian, caught 45 passes for 813 yards and 10 TDs
- Helped the Spartans go 9-2 in 2023 and make Georgia's AAAAA playoffs
- Also played basketball for GACS

Personal

- Born in Toronto, Canada
- Son of Denise and Anthony Daisy
- Has one brother, Julian
- Major is sport leadership

Xavier Says

- Nickname is "X
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's Canadian
- After his football career, he hopes to be a SportsCenter anchor
- Three words to describe him are driven, hardworking and passionate
- His hobbies include working out, watching movies and hanging with friends

DAISY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
2024^	10-1	1	24	24.0	0
2025^	11-5	18	177	9.8	1
2026	2-0	0	0	0	0
at UK	2-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23-6	19	201	10.58	1

^ at UAB

DAISY'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0

DAISY'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (UAB)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Alabama State	1	10	0	10
at Navy	0	0	0	0
vs. Akron	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	3	42	0	19
vs. Army*	7	50	1	13
at Fla. Atlantic*	2	12	0	7
vs. Memphis*	0	0	0	0
at UConn	0	0	0	0
at Rice*	0	0	0	0
vs. North Texas	5	63	0	21
vs. South Florida		DNP		
at Tulsa	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	177	1	21

DAISY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (UAB)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Alcorn		DNP		
at ULM		DNP		
at Arkansas	0	0	0	0
vs. Navy	0	0	0	0
vs. Tulane	0	0	0	0
at Army	0	0	0	0
at South Fla.	0	0	0	0
vs. Tulsa	1	24	0	24
vs. UConn	0	0	0	0
at Memphis	0	0	0	0
vs. Rice	0	0	0	0
at Charlotte	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	24	0	24

DAISY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 7, vs Army, Oct 4, 2025
Receiving yards: 63, vs North Texas, Nov 15, 2025
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Army, Oct 4, 2025
Long reception: 24, vs Tulsa, Nov 2, 2024



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KENNY
DARBY

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 180 • Freshman
Bossier City, La. (Airline HS)

2026

- 247 Sports Preseason True Freshman All-American
- On3 Midseason Freshman All-American
- Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year semifinalist
- Three-time SEC Freshman of the Week
- Has started in 4 of 8 games played this season
- Second on team in catches (38) and leads the team in receiving yards (507) ... Has a team-high tying three receiving touchdowns with tight ends Henry Boyer and Willie Rodriguez
- Ranks eighth in the SEC in receptions (38) and 10th in receptions per game (4.75)
- In his first collegiate game, "The Kentucky Darby" totaled three catches for 74 yards and a touchdown
- In his first collegiate start, helped UK defeat No. 9/8 Texas A&M by catching two passes for 64 yards and a touchdown ... Played a key role in the decisive third quarter ... With the game tied at 7-7, caught a downfield pass at the 19-yard line, faked past a tackler, then plowed through another tackler for a 42-yard touchdown, his longest of the season ... On UK's next possession, on a 3rd-and-4 play, he caught a 22-yard pass, preserving an 83-yard touchdown drive that staked the Wildcats to a 21-7 lead
- In the win over South Carolina, set a Kentucky single-game freshman record with 12 receptions, good for 96 yards and a touchdown ... Became the first Wildcat with at least 12 receptions, 96 yards and one touchdown in an SEC road game since Randall Cobb at Mississippi State in 2010
- Earned SEC Freshman of the Week and On3 National True Freshman of the Week (WR) for his play against the Gamecocks
- In the win over LSU, caught four passes for 79 yards, including two crucial receptions late in the game ... With Kentucky trailing 27-24 on its last possession, caught a 19-yard pass that he carried to the LSU 23-yard line ... Four plays later, Adam Zouagui parked the 33-yard field goal that sent the game to overtime ... In the overtime, on 3rd-and-8 from the 23-yard line, caught a short pass at the 19-yard line, ran forward to secure the first down, then dragged a horde of tacklers all the way to the one-yard line ... All totaled it was a 22-yard play that set up C.J. Baxter's one-yard touchdown ... Averaged 19.8 yards on his four receptions ... His 79 receiving yards are the most for a Kentucky true freshman vs. an AP top-10 team since Barion Brown had 145 vs. Georgia in 2022
- Earned SEC Freshman of the Week for the second time this season for his performance against LSU
- Caught five passes for 35 yards, including a long haul of 17 yards, in the win over Oklahoma

- Had four receptions for 71 yards in the win over Vanderbilt, including a career-long 44-yard catch ... Was named SEC Freshman of the Week for the third time for his play
- Has caught at least two passes in every game this season

High School
- A four-star prospect from each of the major recruiting services
- Rated the No. 7 player from the state of Louisiana and the No. 28 wideout nationally by Rivals
- Rivals Industry Ranking has him as the No. 188 player nationally
- Three-year starter for head coach Justin Scogin at Airline
- Caught 83 passes for 1,124 yards and eight touchdowns as senior
- Also rushed for 609 yards on 49 carries and nine touchdowns
- Named First-Team All-District 1-5A as an athlete and return specialist
- Led the state of Louisiana in receiving yards during his junior season
- Caught 100 passes for 1,764 yards and 24 touchdowns as a junior and was named First-Team All-State by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association
- Helped lead Airline to the playoff quarterfinals
- Also participated in track and field
- Chose Kentucky over Alabama, LSU, Colorado, Ole Miss and Mississippi State

Personal
- Born in Bossier City, Louisiana
- Son of Renika Darby
- Siblings are Kylie Johnson and Kenyan Johnson
- Major is criminal justice

Kenny Says
- His nickname is “Ray” his middle name
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a rapper
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is a rapper
- If he could have dinner with a famous person, living or dead, he would choose NBA YoungBoy
- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life, it would be seafood

DARBY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Att.	Yds	FF/FR
2026	WR	8-4	38	507	13.3	3	44	1	9	0/0
Totals		**8-4**	**38**	**507**	**13.3**	**3**	**44**	**1**	**9**	**0/0**

DARBY'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	1	9	0	9	3	74	1	37
vs. Bama	0	0	0	0	5	45	0	24
at TAMU*	0	0	0	0	2	64	1	42
vs. So. Ala.*	0	0	0	0	3	43	0	27
at USC*	0	0	0	0	12	96	1	22
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0	4	79	0	35
at Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	5	35	0	12
vs. Vandy*	0	0	0	0	4	71	0	44
Totals	**1**	**9**	**0**	**9**	**34**	**436**	**3**	**42**

DARBY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 12, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Receiving yards: 96, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Receiving TDs: 1, 3x, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Long reception: 44, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Rush attempts: 1, Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Rush yards: 9, Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Long rush: 9, Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026



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ALEXANDER
DIMARTINO

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 306 • Sophomore
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Fort Lauderdale)

2025
- Practiced with the team

High School
- A three-year letter winner and starter for head coach Richard Dunbar III at Fort Lauderdale High School
- Played on the offensive line for the Flying L’s, seeing action at center and left tackle
- Excelled in the classroom, earning academic honors from the Broward County Athletic Association after garnering a 4.8 grade point average
- In addition to football, earned three letters as a member of the track and field team, participating in the javelin throw and the shot put ... Also earned one letter on the wrestling team

Personal
- Born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Son of Kristen and Joseph DiMartino
- Major is pre-mechanical engineering

Alexander Says
- Chose Kentucky for its academics and the opportunity to play football
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be an engineer and business owner
- Three words to describe him are honest, reliable and hardworking
- His hobbies include fishing, playing video games and playing pickleball
- His favorite sports hero is Jason Kelce because he went from being a walk-on to playing in the Super Bowl



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WILLIAM
DRAKEFORD JR.

QUARTERBACK

6-2 • 195 • Freshman
Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard HS)

High School
- Starting quarterback for Quince Orchard High School who captured the 4A state championship as a senior
- Racked up 1,795 passing yards and tossed 27 touchdowns
- Also rushed for 700 yards and 10 touchdowns
- Named Maryland Class 4A first team all-state, Maryland Class 4A first team all-county and All-Met honorable mention
- Quince Orchard enjoyed a perfect 14-0 season with Drakeford under center
- Also excelled in the classroom, graduating with a 4.4 grade point average ... Member of the National Honor Society
- Chose UK over offers from Merrimack, Stony Brook and Towson

Personal
- Born in Annapolis, Maryland
- Son of LaTia and William Drakeford
- Has one brother, Ryan
- Major is pre-accounting

William Says
- Chose Kentucky for its culture, for the experience and because of the coaching staff
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to work in an NFL front office
- One word to describe him on the field is "calm"
- His hobbies include playing baseball, chess, reading and being on the water
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he loves to swim



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BEN
DUNCUM

DEFENSIVE END

6-5 • 224 • Freshman
Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS)

2026
- Has played in three games this season
- Got his first career quarterback hurry vs. Youngstown State

- Recorded his first career tackle vs. South Alabama

High School
- A four-star prospect by Rivals and three-star by both 247Sports composite rankings and ESPN
- Rivals ranked him as the nation's No. 292 overall player and No. 31 edge rusher in the country
- In 2024, had 61 tackles, five TFL, two sacks and two fumble recoveries
- Four-year letter winner for head coach Hank Carter at Lake Travis High School, which also produced NFL receiver Garrett Wilson
- Completed his senior season with 65 tackles, including 16.0 tackles for loss, 7.0 sacks and three forced fumbles
- Helped the Cavalier's finish 14-1, going undefeated through the regular season before falling in the UIL Class 6A Division I semifinals
- Named All-District 26-6A Lineman of the Year by the *Austin American-Statesman*
- Also competed in track and field in shot put and discus throw and was nationally ranked
- Chose UK over Oklahoma State, Kansas State and Wisconsin

Personal
- Born in Austin, Texas
- Son of Duane and Nicole Duncum
- Has two brothers, Bobby and Tyler
- Major is undecided

Ben Says
- After his football career, he hopes to own a trade company
- Three words to describe him are calm, smart and bold
- The highlight of his life so far is coming to Kentucky
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he didn't start playing football until high school
- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life, it would be Chipotle

DUNCUM'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2026	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
Totals	**3-0**	**1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

DUNCUM' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Tackles: 1, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026



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KALEN
EDWARDS

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 335 • Sophomore
Dyersburg, Tenn. (Dyersburg)

2026
- Has played in six games and has three tackles, including a TFL
- Charted one tackle vs. Youngstown State
- Got a tackle, including a half tackle for loss vs. Texas A&M
- Got his first career start vs. South Alabama and recorded a tackle

2025
- Saw action in five games and totaled five tackles, including a half TFL
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Eastern Michigan
- Also saw action in the win over Florida and recorded his first career tackle
- Got a career-high two tackles in the win over Tennessee Tech and also at Louisville
- Dean's List (Fall 2025)

High School
- A versatile athlete who played on the offensive line, defensive line and tight end at Dyersburg High School for head coach Bart Stowe
- Rated a 4-star by Rivals and 3-star prospect by 247sports and ESPN
- Ranked the 14th-best player in Tennessee and No. 29 defensive tackle nationally
- Ranked the 10th-best recruit in Tennessee and the 42nd-best defensive lineman nationally by 247sports
- Twice named to the Class 3A All-State teams by the Tennessee Football Coaches Association and the Tennessee Sports Writers Association (2023 and 2024)
- Recorded 35 tackles with 7.5 tackles for loss as a senior
- Finished with 47 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, two sacks, two forced fumbles and three blocked kicks and led his team to the Class 3A Semifinals as a junior
- Named the State Gazette Football Co-Defensive Player of the Year for the 2023-24 school year
- Earned the Region 7-3A Defensive Player of the Year in 2023
- Semifinalist for the 2023 Tennessee Titans Class 3A Mr. Football Award
- Also excelled in the shot put at Dyersburg, advancing as a state qualifier in the spring of 2024
- Selected Kentucky over Auburn and Louisville

Personal
- Born in Dyersburg, Tennessee
- Son of Deanna Edwards
- Siblings are Kedriana, Z'Noriya and Egypt
- Major is undecided

Kalen Says
- Nickname is "Big K"
- One word to describe him on the football field is "dog"
- The highlight of his life so far was signing to play at UK
- The person who motivates him to work hard is his mom because of how strong she is and how hard of a worker she has always been for their family
- If he could have dinner with one famous person, living or dead, he would choose J.J. Weaver

EDWARDS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2025	6-0	5	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0	0
2026	6-0	3	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**11-0**	**8**	**0-0**	**1.0-1**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

EDWARDS' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. YSU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU			DNP				
at Oklahoma	0	0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy			DNP				
Totals	**3**	**0-0**	**0.5-1**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

EDWARDS' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. EMU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at UofL	2	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**5**	**0-0**	**0.5-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

EDWARDS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Tackles: 2, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 29, 2025
Tackles for loss: 0.5, twice, last at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026



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JASON
EKPERUOH

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 354 • Sophomore
Montreal, Quebec (The Webb School, TN)

2025
- Redshirt season

High School
- Moved to the United States in 2023 from Montreal, Quebec to attend and play football at The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee
- Played tackle and guard for head coach Evan Guy
- Named his team's Most Valuable Player after helping The Feet improve from 0-10 in 2023 to a winning 6-5 record and an appearance in the TSSAA Division II-AA playoffs in 2024
- Named First-Team All-Region by the TSSAA as a senior
- An excellent student who was named to the National Honor Society after graduating Magna Cum Laude from The Webb School
- Also played basketball before moving to Tennessee

Personal
- Born in Chateauguay, Quebec
- Son of Theo and Bridget Ekperuoh
- Siblings are Pamela, Tae and Jeffrey
- Major is pre-computer engineering

Jason Says
- He chose Kentucky because of the great environment on and off the field
- Most people don't know that he is fluent in French
- Three words to describe him are tall, friendly and reserved
- If he could have dinner with one famous person, living or dead, he would invite LeBron James
- One thing he will never do again is hike the Appalachian Trail



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JA'KAYDEN
FERGUSON

WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 184 • Sophomore
Houston, Texas (Arkansas/Thurgood Marshall HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at Arkansas
- Has seen action in all eight games and got his first collegiate start vs. Vanderbilt
- Has seven catches for 70 yards
- Also serves as UK's primary kick returner and has eight returns for 136 yards (17.9)
- Got a career-best three catches for 43 yards in the win over No. LSU

2025 - (Arkansas)
- Played in six games with the Razorbacks, including Texas A&M (Oct. 18), No. 12 Tennessee (Oct. 11), Notre Dame (Sept. 27), Memphis (Sept. 20), Arkansas State (Sept. 6) and Alabama A&M (Aug. 30)

High School
- Considered a four-star prospect, according to Rivals, and a three-star prospect, according to 247Sports, ESPN and On3
- Rated the No. 42 athlete in the Class of 2025 and No. 85 overall prospect in Texas, according to 247Sports
- Also, No. 53 wide receiver in the Class of 2025 and No. 49 overall prospect in Texas by Rivals
- No. 87 wide receiver in the Class of 2025 and No. 89 overall prospect in Texas according to On3
- Played at Thurgood Marshall High School in Missouri City, Texas for head coach James Williams
- Helped lead Thurgood Marshall to a 10-3 overall record as a senior in 2024
- Registered 448 receiving yards and six touchdowns on 26 receptions as a senior through 11 games that season
- Logged 48 receptions for 558 yards and five touchdowns as a junior in 2023
- Also ran track .. Ran a 23.71 200-meter dash as a junior ... Ran an 11.59 100-meter and a 23.45 200-meter during club track competition between freshman and sophomore years

Personal
- Born in Houston, Texas
- Son of Lakisha Ferguson and Jamar Rodriguez
- Siblings are Andre Barnett, Carter Barnett, Jaden Rodriguez, Jax Rodriguez, Jagger Rodriguez, Javaughn and Kindell Pierce
- Major is criminal justice

Ja'Kayden Says
- His nickname is "Ferg"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports agent
- Three words to describe him are chill, goofy and misunderstood
- He has a French bulldog named Bella
- Hobbies include playing video games, playing basketball and TikTok

FERGUSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	KR	Yds.	TD	Long
2025*	6-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	8-1	7	70	10.0	0	8	136	0	27
at UK	**8-1**	**7**	**70**	**10.0**	**0**	**8**	**136**	**0**	**27**
Totals	**14-1**	**7**	**70**	**10.0**	**0**	**8**	**136**	**0**	**27**

**at Arkansas*

FERGUSON'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	KR	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	0	0	0	0	2	33	0	17
at TAMU	0	0	0	0	1	23	0	23
vs. So. Ala.	1	8	0	8	0	0	0	0
at USC	1	9	0	9	2	33	0	17
vs. LSU	3	43	0	20	1	20	0	20
at OU	0	0	0	0	2	27	0	27
vs. Vandy	1	8	0	8	0	0	0	0
Totals	**7**	**70**	**0**	**20**	**8**	**136**	**0**	**27**

FERGUSON'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (ARKANSAS)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Alabama A&M	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas State	0	0	0	0
at Memphis	0	0	0	0
vs. Notre Dame	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas A&AM	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

FERGUSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 3, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Receiving yards: 43, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Receiving TDs: n/a
Long reception: 20, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Kick returns: 2, 3x, last at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Kick return yards: 33, twice, last at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Long kick return: 27, at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026



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ROB
FOGLER

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-7 • 325 • Senior
Cincinnati, Ohio (Ball State/St. Xavier)

2025
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Ball State
- Practiced with the team

2024 - (Ball State)
- Practiced with the team

2023 - (Ball State)
- Redshirt season
- Dean's List

High School
- Was a two-year letter winner for head coach Steve Specht at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati
- Helped lead the Bombers to a 7-5 overall record with a second round appearance in the Ohio playoffs in 2022
- Voted team captain as a senior
- Led his team to a state championship in 2021
- Reunites with high school teammates Justin Kattus and Andrew Weber from St. Xavier

Personal
- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Anne and Mike Fogler
- Has one older sister, Emily and a fraternal twin, Dave, who is 13 minutes older ... Dave is a mechanical engineering major at Dayton
- Major is finance
- Participated in UK Athletics' PRO Career Institute in the summer of '26, serving as an intern in UK's Operations department

Rob Says
- He chose Kentucky because it's close to home
- Besides playing football, he's also a good golfer
- Three words to describe him are leader, articulate and caring
- The best advice he's ever received is "do everything right the first time."
- His favorite sports hero is LeBron James because of his work ethic



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TAVION
GADSON

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 303 • Senior
Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)

2026
- 2027 Senior Bowl Top 300 List
- Has started in all seven games played ... Did not see action vs. South Alabama with injury
- Has 25 tackles, including 4.0 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks, two PBUs and two fumble recoveries
- Named one of four game captains vs. Texas A&M and went on to chart four tackles, including a tackle for loss in the victory
- Got his first career fumble recovery in the win over No. 10 LSU
- Named one of four game captains and disrupted the backfield all night in the win at Oklahoma ... Totaled a career-high eight tackles and also added 1.5 sacks for a loss of 11 yards and a pass breakup
- Got his second career fumble recovery in the win over Vanderbilt
- Ranks tied for first in the SEC and tied for third nationally in fumbles recovered (2)

2025
- Played in 11 games with one start, his first collegiate start coming at Vanderbilt
- Totaled 28 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks (tied for second on the team) and three quarterback hurries
- Got a career-high four tackles, his first career sack and his first career QBH at South Carolina
- Also had four tackles at Georgia
- Had a career-high tying four tackles, a half-sack and a QBH vs. Texas
- Named one of four game captains vs. Tennessee
- Got his second solo sack of the season (-5 yards) in the win at Auburn ... Also had two total tackles and a QB hurry
- Named to the Comeback Player of the Year Award Watch List
- Dean's List (Fall 2025)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024
- Saw his first action of the season at Tennessee, returning from a knee injury suffered in the spring
- Also played vs. Murray State
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2023
- 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
- Lorenzo is a defensive end for the Wildcats
- Has a double major in marketing and management ... Also working on an undergraduate certificate in sales

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
- His sports hero is Julio Jones because he has dawg energy

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
2025	11-1	28	2.5-14	4.0-17	0/0	0	3	0
2026	7-7	25	3.0-22	4.0-24	0/2	0	0	2
Totals	**24-8**	**54**	**5.5-36**	**8.0-41**	**0/2**	**0**	**3**	**2**

GADSON'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. YSU*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Bama*	5	1.5-11	2.0-12	0/0	0	1
at TAMU*	4	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.			DNP			
at USC*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. LSU*	2	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
at Oklahoma*	8	1.5-11	1.5-11	0/0	0	1
vs. Vandy*	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
Totals	**25**	**3.0-22**	**4.0-24**	**0/2**	**0**	**2**

GADSON'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Toledo	3	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	3	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0
vs. EMU	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at USC	4	1.0-4	1.0-4	0/0	1	0
at UGA	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Texas	4	0.5-5	0.5-5	0/0	1	0
vs. Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Auburn	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	0/0	1	0
vs. Florida			DNP			
vs. Tenn. Tech	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Vandy*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at UofL	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	**28**	**2.5-14**	**4.0-17**	**0/0**	**3**	**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: 8, at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs Alabama, Sept 12 (12 yards)
Sacks: 1.5, twice, last at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026 (11 yards)
Quarterback hurries: 1, 3x, last at Auburn, Nov 1, 2025
Pass breakups: 1, twice, last at Oklahoma , Oct 17, 2026
Fumble recovery: 1, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026



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DEMARCUS
GARDNER

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 177 • Sophomore
Cedartown, Ga. (Cedartown)

2026
- Has seen action in all eight games and has three tackles
- Got a career-high two tackles. vs. Alabama and one vs. South Alabama

2025
- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games (EMU, Florida and Tennessee Tech) and had two tackles

- Got his first career tackle vs. Eastern Michigan and also got one vs. Tennessee Tech

High School
- Rated a 3-star by Rivals, 247sports and ESPN
- 247sports ranked him the 40th-best defensive back nationally
- A two-way standout at defensive back and wide receiver
- Helped Cedartown boast a 9-2 record with an appearance in the 2024 GHSA Class 4A playoffs
- Named the Region 7-AAAA All-Purpose Player of the Year after finishing his senior season with 42 tackles, a four interceptions, including three pick-sixes, along with four passes defended
- Offensively, 32 catches for 561 yards (17.5 yards per catch) with eight touchdowns and had eight rushes for 69 yards (8.6 yards per rush) and one score
- The all-purpose player also had eight kick returns for 204 yards and five punt returns for 49 yards
- Totaled 12 career interceptions
- As a junior, caught 33 passes for 793 yards and 11 touchdowns to go with 22 tackles, seven PBU and three interceptions and earned Player of the Year
- Had five interceptions as a sophomore
- Coached by Jamie Abrams
- Also participated in basketball and on the track team

Personal
- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of Lasandra Watkins and Rudolph Johnson
- Siblings are Patrick Gardner and Malika Johnson
- Major is sport leadership

Demarcus Says
- Nickname is "DG"
- After football he hopes to get into flipping houses
- The highlight of his life so far was playing in the state championship game when he was a sophomore and his brother was a senior
- Three words to describe him are silly, smart and caring
- His hobbies include playing basketball and bowling

GARDNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2025	3-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2026	8-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**11-0**	**5**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GARDNER'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**3**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GARDNER'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. EMU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0//0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GARDNER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Tackles: 2, vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026



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AARON
GATES

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 199 • Senior
Newnan, Ga. (Florida/Trinity Christian School)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Florida
- On the Comeback Player of the Year Award Watch List after a season-ending shoulder injury last year
- Has played in seven games with five starting assignments ... Missed the South Carolina game with injury
- Leads the team and ranks eighth in the SEC in passes defended (7) ... His seven PBUs have come in the last four games played
- Made his first start at Kentucky vs. Alabama and charted five tackles
- Also started against South Alabama and got one tackle, including a TFL, his first career quarterback hurry and career-high three pass breakups in the win
- Got a season-high tying five tackles in the win over No. 10 LSU
- Also got a career-high tying three PBUs in the win at Oklahoma, along with two tackles
- Named on the PFF SEC College Team of the Week following the OU game
- Totaled three tackles, including his first sack, along with a quarterback hurry and a pass breakup in the win over Vanderbilt

2025 - (Florida)
- Appeared in four games and posted seven tackles before suffering a season-ending injury vs. No. 4 Miami on Sept. 20
- Named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Named to the Comeback Player of the Year Award Watch List

2024 - (Florida)
- Saw action in nine games with five starts at the STAR spot before a torn ACL vs. Ole Miss on Nov. 23, 2024 ended his season
- Logged 27 tackles (14 solo), an interception, three pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and a quarterback hurry
- Finished fifth on the team in tackles-for-loss (4.0)

2023 - (Florida)
- Redshirt season
- Played in four games on special teams
- Made his collegiate debut at South Carolina (Oct. 14) on special teams, stopped a two-point conversion, and intercepted a lateral on the game's final play to secure the victory

High School
- Ranked a four-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and On3 Consensus coming out of Trinity Christian
- Ranked nationally as the No. 12 player in his position group by ESPN
- Listed as the No. 187 overall recruit by ESPN
- Appeared in nine games with Trinity Christian in 2022, recording 32 tackles (18 solo) and an interception

Personal
- Born in Thomaston, Georgia
- Son of Antonio and Latrina Gates
- Siblings are Akeria and Trae
- Major is criminal justice

Aaron Says
- Nickname is "AG"
- After football he hopes to get into construction management
- Besides football, he's also good at ping pong and baseball
- Three words to describe him are passionate, protective and silly
- His hobbies include gaming, reading and music

GATES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2023^	4-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
2024^	10-5	27	0-0	4.0-9	0/2	0	3	1
2025^	4-0	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2026	7-5	17	0.5-3	1.0-1	0/0	2	7	0
at UK	**7-5**	**17**	**0.5-3**	**1.0-1**	**0/0**	**2**	**7**	**0**
Totals	**25-10**	**51**	**0.5-3**	**5.5-13**	**0/3**	**2**	**10**	**1**

^ at Florida

GATES' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Bama*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.*	1	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	1	3	0
at USC			DNP				
vs. LSU*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	3	0
vs. Vandy*	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	0/0	1	1	0
Totals	**17**	**0.5-3**	**1.5-4**	**0/0**	**2**	**7**	**0**

GATES' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (UF)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. LIU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. South Fla.	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at LSU	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

GATES' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (UF)

at Miami (FL)	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**7**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GATES' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (UF)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Miami (FL)	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Samford*	2	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	1	0
vs. Texas A&M	2	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UCF	1	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Kentucky	4	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Georgia*	4	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	1	1
at Texas*	8	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**27**	**0-0**	**4.0-9**	**0/2**	**0**	**3**	**1**

GATES' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (UF)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
at So. Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida St.	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GATES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, at Texas, Nov 9, 2024
Tackles for loss: 1, 5x, last vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Sacks: 0.5, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Pass breakups: 3, twice, last at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Quarterback hurry: 1, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Interceptions: 1, vs Georgia, Nov 2, 2024
Fumble recoveries: 1, twice, last at Texas, Nov 9, 2024



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GRANT
GODFREY

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 240 • Senior
Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)

2026

- Has started in all seven games this season
- Named one of four game captains vs. Youngstown State, at South Carolina, LSU and Vanderbilt
- Leads the team, ranks second in the SEC and 21st nationally in total tackles with 72 tackles
- Ranks second on the team with six quarterback hurries
- Has three double-figure tackle games this season
- Got 11 tackles, including 0.5 tackles for loss and a PBU in the win over Texas A&M
- Got a team-high nine tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks, along with a fumble recovery and a quarterback hurry in the win over South Carolina
- Recorded 10 tackles, the second double-figure tackling game of his career, and was credited with two quarterback hurries in the win over No. 10 LSU
- Totaled a career-high 15 tackles in the win at Oklahoma

2025

- Saw action in all 12 games with two starts vs. Tennessee Tech and at Vanderbilt
- Totaled 34 tackles (seventh on the team), 2.0 tackles for loss, one-half sack and a quarterback hurry
- Got four tackles and had one-half quarterback sack, the first of his career vs. Texas
- Totaled a career-high nine stops, including one-half tackle for loss, at Vanderbilt
- Dean's List (Fall 2025)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024

- 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
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2023

- 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 TDs
- Helped North Gwinnett High School to the GHSAA 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 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 senior forward on the Arizona's men's basketball team
- Major is communication ... Also working on an undergraduate certificate in education and Esport athlete performance management

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
2025	12-2	34	0.5-3	2.0-6	0/0	0	1	0
2026	8-8	72	2.0-11	4.0-18	0/1	1-10	6	1
Totals	**27-11**	**115**	**2.5-14**	**6.0-24**	**0/1**	**1-10**	**7**	**1**

GODFREY'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	INT	PBU
vs. YSU*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0
vs. Bama*	7	1.0-10	1.0-10	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	11	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. So. Ala.*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	1-10	0
at USC*	9	1.0-1	1.5-2	0/1	1	0	0
vs. LSU*	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0
at OU*	15	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy*	5	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**72**	**2.0-11**	**4.0-18**	**0/1**	**6**	**1-10**	**1**

GODFREY'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Toledo	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. EMU	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at UGA	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Texas	4	0.5-3	0.5-3	0/0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Auburn	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Florida	3	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
at Vandy*	9	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0
vs. UofL	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**0.5-3**	**2.0-6**	**0/0**	**1**	**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			

GODFREY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

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: 15, at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Tackles for loss: 1.5, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Quarterback hurry: 2, twice, last vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Pass breakup: 1, at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026
Interception: 1, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026 (10 yards)



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DENAIRIUS
GRAY

WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 181 • Freshman
Boynton Beach, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna HS)

2026

- Has seen action in four games on special teams vs. South Alabama, LSU, Oklahoma and Vanderbilt

High School

- Listed as a four-star prospect by ESPN and On3.com from Chaminade-Madonna Prep (Hollywood, FL)
- A three-star prospect from Rivals and 247Sports
- A consensus top-75 wide receiver nationally
- Ranked the No. 44 wide receiver in the 2026 class by 247Sports Composite and the No. 63 player in the state of Florida by ESPN
- A four-year letter winner for head coach Dameon Jones
- Helped the Lions win two state championships during his prep career (2023 and 2024)
- Led the team to a 12-2 overall record in 2025 with an appearance in the FHSAA Class 1A championship game
- Had 24 catches for 336 yards and seven scores as a senior
- As a junior in 2024, totaled 48 catches for 709 yards and 11 touchdowns—averaging nearly 15 yards per reception
- Regarded as one of the best "jump-ball receivers in Florida"
- Was a two-way player as a freshman, catching 56 passes for 752 yards and 14 scores
- Defensively, totaled 42 tackles and an interception
- Chose Kentucky over Auburn, Ole Miss, Central Florida and NC State

Personal

- Born in Boynton Beach, Florida
- Son of Barbie Gray and Sony Demosthene
- Siblings are Destiny Gray and Demetri Demosthene
- Major is undecided

Denairius Says

- His nickname is "D Gray"
- After his football career, he hopes to travel the world, cook and work in real estate
- Three words to describe him are resilient, tough and hard-working
- Hobbies including cooking, gaming and fishing
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's very shy



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GRANT
GRAYTON

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-3 • 194 • Sophomore
Laurel, Md. (Good Counsel)

2026

- Started in the season opener vs. Youngstown State and totaled a career-high tying five tackles
- Has missed the last six games with injury

2025

- Played in nine games with two starts vs. Tennessee Tech and Vanderbilt
- Totaled 16 tackles, three PBUs and an interception
- Intercepted a fourth-quarter pass at Georgia for the first pick of his career ... added a 21-yard return to set up Kentucky's final touchdown
- Got his first collegiate start vs. Tennessee Tech
- Charted a career-high five tackles and a PBU at Vanderbilt

High School

- A three-star prospect by all of the major recruiting services
- Rated the 30th-best player in Maryland and the No. 68 safety nationally by 247Sports
- Named to the All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Second Team as a senior after totaling 45 tackles, 10 pass breakups with one interception and just one touchdown allowed for the Falcons
- Helped lead his team to a 10-1 overall record and the WCAC state championship title in 2024
- A four-year letter winner coached by Andy Stefanelli
- Also an excellent basketball player
- Chose Kentucky over Minnesota

Personal

- Born in Laurel, Maryland
- Son of Candice and Christopher Grayton
- Has a twin sister, Gabrielle ... He is older by seven minutes
- Major is undecided

Grant Says

- His "why" and motivation to work hard is for his parents and grandparents who sacrificed a lot to get him where he is today
- Other than playing football, he also enjoys drawing
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's a second cousin to actor Sean Patrick Thomas
- After football, his dream job is to be in real estate or be a coach
- Three words to describe him are funny, determined and selfless

GRAYTON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
2025	9-2	16	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-21	0	3
2026	2-1	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**11-3**	**22**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**1-21**	**0**	**3**

GRAYTON'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. YSU*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Bama*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**6**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GRAYTON'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Toledo			DNP				
vs. Ole Miss			DNP				
vs. EMU	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
at USC	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at UGA	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1-21
vs. Texas	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee			DNP				
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vandy*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
at UofL	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
Totals	**16**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**3**	**1-21**

GRAYTON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, twice, last vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Pass breakups: 1, 3x, last at Louisville, Nov 29, 2025
Interceptions: 1, at Georgia, Oct 4, 2025



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SAM

GREENE

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 251 • Senior
Washington, D.C. (Southern Cal/ St. Frances Academy)

2026

- Has started in four of seven games played this season ... Did not see action vs. Vanderbilt with injury
- On the Comeback Player of the Year Award Watch List after suffering a torn ACL last season vs. Florida
- Has 23 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, a team-high two forced fumbles, one interception, one quarterback hurry and one pass breakup
- Turned in multiple game-changing plays in Kentucky's 31-21 upset at No. 9/8-ranked Texas A&M ... Totaled an interception, six tackles, one-half tackle for loss and a fourth-down stop for turnover on downs
- Named SEC Defensive Player of the Week and Comeback Player of the Week for his play against the Aggies
- Named one of four game captains at South Carolina ... Made six tackles, caused two fumbles and had a quarterback hurry in the win ... Trailing 17-0 in the second quarter, he completely changed the game's momentum by pulling loose a fumble that was recovered by Kentucky, setting in motion a touchdown drive and eventually a school record for the largest road game comeback victory in UK history ... Also in the second quarter, his QB hurry on third down forced a punt; UK took the punt and drove for a field goal ... In the third quarter on a third-down play, Greene knocked loose a fumble that went out of bounds short of the first down; UK stopped USC on fourth down, setting the stage for a UK touchdown drive that put the Wildcats ahead, 24-20 ... Earned Comeback Player of the Week for his performance
- Got one tackle in the first half before exiting the Oklahoma game with injury

2025

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Southern Cal
- Suffered a season-ending injury vs. Florida on Nov. 8, 2025
- Finished the season with 25 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sacks, a four quarterback hurries (tied for second on the team) and a PBU
- Totaled a career-best two quarterback hurries vs. Texas
- Named one of four game captains vs. Auburn and UF
- Charted a career-high seven tackles while tying career highs with two tackles for loss (-11 yards) and a quarterback sack (-10) in the win at Auburn ... Also got his first career pass breakup and a QB hurry

2024 - (USC)

- Played in 11 games with three starting assignments vs. Nebraska, UCLA and Notre Dame
- Totaled 15 tackles, including 3.0 tackles for loss, one sack and two quarterback hurries
- Got a season-high four tackles at Washington

2023 - (USC)

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games and had one tackle

High School

- Helped St. Frances Academy (Md.) earn the No. 1 ranking in the final 2022 state MaxPreps Top 25 as a senior defensive lineman
- Transferred from Upper Marlboro (Md.) Rock Creek Christian to Baltimore St. Frances in January 2022
- As a junior in 2021, had 11.5 sacks and 43 tackles for loss at Rock Creek Christian

Personal

- Born in Washington D.C.
- Son of Londrea Dudley and Samuel Greene
- Siblings are Samdrea Dudley, Samantha Dudley, Samia Greene and Chayse Greene
- Major is communication

Sam Says

- Nickname is "SG"
- He chose Kentucky for the opportunity to shine in the SEC
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he used to play quarterback until the eighth grade
- After football, his dream job is to be in real estate
- Three words to describe him are nice, caring and him

GREENE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
2023^	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2024^	11-3	15	1.0-5	3.0-8	0/0	0	2	0
2025	9-9	25	1.0-10	3.0-12	0/0	0	4	1
2026	7-5	23	1.5-7	2.0-8	2/0	1-7	1	1
at UK	**16-14**	**48**	**2.5-17**	**5.0-20**	**2/0**	**1-7**	**5**	**2**
Totals	**30-17**	**64**	**3.5-22**	**8.0-28**	**2/0**	**1-7**	**7**	**2**

^ at USC

GREENE'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	INT
vs. YSU*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
at TAMU*	6	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	1-7
vs. So. Ala.	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	6	0-0	0-0	2/0	1	0	0
vs. LSU*	5	1.5-7	1.5-7	0/0	0	0	0
at OU*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy			DNP				
Totals	**23**	**1.5-7**	**2.0-8**	**2/0**	**1**	**1**	**1-7**

GREENE'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Toledo*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. EMU*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
at USC*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at UGA*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Texas*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0
vs. Tennessee*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Auburn*	7	1.0-10	2.0-11	0/0	1	1
vs. Florida*	1	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech			DNP			
at Vandy			DNP			
Totals	**25**	**1.0-10**	**3.0-12**	**0/0**	**4**	**1**

GREENE'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (USC)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. LSU	0	0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Utah State	1	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0
vs. Wisconsin	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Minnesota	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Penn State	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Maryland	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Rutgers	3	1.0-5	2.0-6	0/0	0	0
at Washington	4	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0
vs. Nebraska*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
at UCLA*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
vs. Notre Dame*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	**15**	**1.0-5**	**3.0-8**	**0/0**	**2**	**0**

GREENE'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (USC)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Nevada	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Arizona State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Colorado	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**

GREENE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 7, at Auburn, Nov 1, 2025
Sacks: 1.5, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026 (7 yards)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs Rutgers, Oct 25, 2024
Quarterback hurries: 2, vs Texas, Oct 18, 2025
Pass breakups: 1, twice, last vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026
Interceptions: 1, at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026
Forced fumbles: 2, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026



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JAMARRION
HARKLESS

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 346 • Senior
Lexington, Ky. (Purdue/Frederick Douglas HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after three years at Purdue
- Has played in seven games this season with four starts ... Missed the Texas A&M game with injury
- Has totaled 29 career tackles with 5.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks ... Also has one forced fumble
- Made three tackles, including 1.5 quarterback sacks, caused is first career fumble and got a QB hurry in the win over No. 10 LSU ... Sacked the quarterback for a 15-yard loss, causing a fumble that was recovered by the Wildcats in the fourth quarter ... Part of a UK defense that allowed 34 points and 410 yards total offense, significantly below the 43.6 points and 547.8 yards LSU was averaging entering the game
- Recorded a career-high five tackles in the win at Oklahoma
- Had a six-yard quarterback sack, his third QB takedown of the season, in the win over Vanderbilt

2025 - (Purdue)
- Started in 12 games and charted 13 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks, along with four quarterback hurries for the Boilermakers

2024 - (Purdue)
- Appeared in the first 10 games and had six tackles

2023 - (Purdue)
- Redshirt season

High School
- Considered a consensus three-star prospect by all of the major recruiting sites
- Slotted as the No. 8 player in Kentucky and the 90th overall defensive lineman according to 247Sports
- Won the 2022 Kentucky 5A state championship with Frederick Douglas
- Named to the 2022 Lexington All-City team

Personal
- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Has one brother, Jefferson Harkless
- Major is liberal studies

Jamarrion Says
- Nickname is "Chops"
- After football, his dream job is to be a coach
- Three words to describe him are chill, funny and loyal
- Besides playing football and basketball, he's also a really good singer
- Fun fact: he is distantly related to Marvin Gaye

HARKLESS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
2024^	10-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2025^	12-12	13	2.5-9	2.5-9	0/0	0	4	0
2026	7-4	10	3.0-25	3.0-25	1/0	0	1	0
at UK	**7-4**	**10**	**3.0-25**	**3.0-25**	**1/0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Totals	**29-16**	**29**	**5.5-34**	**5.-5-34**	**1/0**	**0**	**5**	**0**

^ at Purdue

HARKLESS' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Youngstown St.*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at TAMU			DNP			
vs. So. Ala.	1	0.5-4	0.5-4	0/0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. LSU*	3	1.5-15	1.5-15	1/0	1	0
at Oklahoma*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vandy*	1	1.0-6	1.0-6	0/0	0	0
Totals	**10**	**3.0-25**	**3.0-25**	**1/0**	**1**	**0**

HARKLESS' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (PURDUE)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Ball State*	3	1.5-3	1.5-3	0/0	0	0
vs. Southern Ill.*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. USC*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Notre Dame*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Illinois*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
at Minnesota*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
at Northwestern*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
vs. Rutgers*	1	1.0-6	1.0-6	0/0	1	0
at Michigan*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Ohio State*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Washington*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Indiana*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	**13**	**2.5-9**	**2.5-9**	**0/0**	**4**	**0**

HARKLESS' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (PURDUE)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Indian State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Notre Dame	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Oregon State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Nebraska	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Illinois	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Oregon	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Ohio State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Penn State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Michigan State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Indiana	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	**6**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**

HARKLESS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Sacks: 1.5, twice, last vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Tackles for loss: 1.5, twice, last vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Quarterback hurries: 1, twice, last vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Forced fumble: 1, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Quarterback hurries: 1, vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026



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CASH
HARNEY

WIDE RECEIVER

5-9 • 177 • Freshman
Covington, Ky. (Covington Catholic HS)

High School
- A three-year starter for head coach Eddie Eviston at Covington Catholic
- Played his freshman season at Beechwood, helping the Tigers win the 2002 Class 2A state championship title
- Transferred to CovCath in 2023 and was a two-way player at both quarterback and safety for the Colonels
- Completed 121 of his 188 pass attempts for 1,914 yards and 15 touchdowns with just six interceptions as a senior (64.4 percent completion rate)
- Also rushed 128 times for 1,002 yards and 12 rushing TDs
- Became the only quarterback in program history to exceed 1,000 yards in both passing and rushing in the same season and he did it twice (2024, 2025)
- Earned First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Region and First Team All-Area as a junior and senior
- Was named one of 10 finalists for Northern Kentucky Offensive Player of the Year as a senior
- Helped Covington Catholic finish 9-4 overall with an appearance in the Regional Finals in 2025
- As a junior, led CovCath to the Class 4A state semifinals
- Combined for 6,855 passing and rushing yards during his prep career
- Also an excellent basketball player who averaged 15.8 points per game and was named Region Most Valuable Player as a senior
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville

Personal
- Born in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky
- Son of Joe and Chasity Harney
- Has two sisters, Bailee Hopewell and Mya Harney
- Father, Joe, played basketball at Western Kentucky, while sister, Bailee, played basketball at Bellarmine
- Major is undecided

Cash Says
- After football, his dream job is to be a surgeon
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he loves Star Wars

- Three words to describe him are cool, quiet and independent
- His sports hero is Julian Edelman
- If he could eat one thing the rest of his life, he would choose steak



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JUSTYN
HARTLEY

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 192 • Freshman
Hoover, Ala. (Hoover HS)

2026
- Has seen action in seven games on special teams ... Did not play vs. Vanderbilt

High School
- A three-star prospect by the 247Sports composite rankings, as well as ESPN
- Attended famed Hoover (Alabama) High School, where he was coached by Chip English
- Logged 75 total tackles, including 11.0 tackles for loss and 7.0 sacks, as a senior for the Buccaneers
- Named to the North-South All-Star team
- Finished the 2024 season with 41 tackles, 7.0 sacks and both an interception and fumble return for a touchdown

Personal
- Born in Birmingham, Alabama
- Son of Jamee Hartley
- Siblings are Jasmine, Julz and Justyce
- Major is sport leadership

Justyn Says
- His nickname is "chicken legs"
- After football, his dream job is to be an NFL general manager
- Three words to describe him are funny, compassionate and supportive
- His go-to karaoke song is "Beat It" by Michael Jackson
- If he could eat one thing the rest of his life, he would choose Cajun chicken sausage Alfredo



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LANCE
HEARD

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 325 • Senior
Bonita, La. (Tennessee/LSU/Neville HS)

2026
- Preseason All-SEC Second Team (Media, Coaches)
- Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Phil Steele)
- 2027 Senior Bowl Top 300 List
- ON3 Midseason First-Team All American
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Lombardi Award semifinalist
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Tennessee and one at LSU
- Has played in 44 career games (23 at UT, 12 at LSU and 8 at UK) and has made 32 starts (23 at UT, 1 at LSU and 8 at UK)
- Has seen action on 2,306 offensive snaps and allowed only four sacks in his career
- Named one of four game captains at South Carolina and vs. LSU
- Named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for his play vs. South Carolina ... Was the top grader on the UK line ... Had five knockdown blocks – including two on one play – had no penalties and allowed no quarterback sacks ... UK's lone rushing touchdown came directly through his left tackle position

2025 - (Tennessee)
- Started all 12 games at left tackle for the Vols

2024 - (Tennessee)
- Earned the starting left tackle spot in his first season at UT
- Started all 11 games he played in and missed two games due to injury
- Played 753 offensive snaps while allowing just two sacks and three quarterback hits on the year according to PFF

2023 - (LSU)
- Played in all 12 regular-season games for the Tigers and made one start as a true freshman
- Saw time mostly as a reserve offensive lineman and on field goal/PAT units
- Named to the SEC All-Freshman Team
- Saw action on 195 offensive snaps and did not allow a sack
- Made the first of his career, at right tackle against Army

High School
- A consensus five-star prospect out of Neville High School in Louisiana by On3, 247Sports and Rivals
- Ranked the No. 2 offensive tackle prospect in high school by On3 and No. 3 by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- Considered the No. 2 overall high school player in the state of Louisiana for the Class of 2023
- Played on both sides of the ball at Neville High School
- Played two seasons at Neville after transferring from Bastrop High School following his sophomore season
- Played in the Army All-American Game in December of 2022 and caught a touchdown pass

Personal
- Born in Monroe, Louisiana
- Son of Veronica Heard and Rodney Williams
- Has five siblings
- Major is pre-communication

Lance Says
- After football, his dream job is to be a retiree
- Three words to describe him are reserved, caring and calm
- Besides playing football, he also loves gaming
- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life, it would be Rotel dip
- His motivation to work hard and his "why" is his mom



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MASON
HOWARD

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 321 • Freshman
Fort Thomas, Ky. (Highlands HS)

High School
- A two-way player on both the offensive and defensive line for head coach Bob Sphire at Highlands
- Helped the Bluebirds finish 10-3 overall and advance to the Class 4A state quarterfinals as a senior
- Also a two-year letter winner in the shot put and discus
- Chose Kentucky over Butler, Dayton and The Citadel

Personal
- Born in Fort Thomas, Kentucky
- Son of Shane and Monica Howard
- Has one brother, Aiden
- Major is pre-nursing

Mason Says
- His nickname is "Maho"
- After football, his goals are to become a nurse or certified registered nurse anesthetist
- He chose UK because it was his dream to play at Kentucky since he was a little kid
- His favorite family recipe to make is meatloaf
- Hobbies include golfing and playing video games



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SAXTON
HOWARD

WIDE RECEIVER

6-0 • 177 • Sophomore
Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian)

2025
- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2025)

High School
- A standout football and basketball player at Lexington Christian Academy
- A dynamic and versatile playmaker on the gridiron as a quarterback, wide receiver, running back and kick returner and punt returner who racked up more than 4,000 passing, receiving, rushing and return yards
- Rushed for nearly 1,000 yards with 19 TDs and completed 66 percent of his passes for 1,411 yards with 14 scores, ranking him as one of the top QBs in KY as a senior
- Averaged 10.8 yards per rush and 13.4 yards per reception over his prep career
- Helped the Eagles compile a 45-11 record with a state final appearance, two state semifinals and a state quarterfinal appearances, all while playing the Commonwealth's toughest schedule
- Notable performance in 2024 was throwing 207 yards with two TDs against nationally ranked Boyle County in season opener at WKU; Totaled 139 rushing yards and one score along with 159 passing yards and a TD against previous state champion Mayfield in LCA'S 2A State quarterfinal victory
- Named the 2024 District Player of the Year and earned First-Team 2A All-State honors
- One of only two athletes to be named All-City in football and basketball his junior and senior season
- Finished his high school basketball career ranking third in scoring, assists and steals in school history
- Chose to play football at UK over several scholarship offers to play basketball

Personal
- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Stephen and Sisi Howard
- Siblings are Stevi and Slade
- Major is pre-finance

Saxton Says
- After football, his goals are to manage professional athletes and to build a real estate portfolio
- He chose UK because it's been in his blood since birth
- Three words to describe him are loyal, determined and kind
- The best advice he's ever received was from his dad, "The choice is yours to look up at the hills or climb mountains."
- The craziest thing he's ever done was choosing football over basketball



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MI'QUISE
HUMPHREY-GRACE

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 271 • Fifth Year
Westside Cincinnati, Ohio
(South Dakota/Princeton)

2026
- 2027 Senior Bowl Top 300 List
- Has played in 50 career games with 35 starting assignments, including 20 straight at Kentucky
- Named one of four game captions vs. Youngstown State and LSU
- Leads the team with 7.5 tackles for loss, 5.0 sacks and nine quarterback hurries this season
- Wreaked havoc in the Alabama game, totaling a an interception return for a touchdown, a sack/caused fumble recovered by Kentucky, and totaled four tackles, including 1.5 for loss (-6 yards)
- The TD was his first at Kentucky and third of his collegiate career ... Recovered two fumbles for touchdowns while playing at South Dakota
- On Alabama's second possession, he sacked the quarterback (-5) and the fumble was recovered by C.J. Works
- Totaled four tackles and a quarterback hurry in Kentucky's 31-21 upset at No. 9/8 Texas A&M ... Made a crucial play in the third quarter that set up a Kentucky touchdown ... Trailing 21-7, A&M went for it on 4th-and-2 on their own 33-yard line ... Humphrey-Grace zoomed past his blocker, chasing and forcing the QB to scramble right and rush a short, errant throw to an open receiver ... Taking over at the 33-yard line, Kentucky drove for a touchdown to make it 28-7
- Had a productive day in the win over No. 10 LSU with four tackles, including 1.0 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry
- In the win at Oklahoma, notched 1.5 sacks, both coming on Oklahoma's first possession of the fourth quarter ... Contributed four total tackles, three quarterback hurries and a pass breakup ... His pass breakup led to the first interception for the Cats
- Totaled five tackles and two tackles for loss (-5 yards), including a sack/fumble, in the win over Vanderbilt ... Late in the third quarter, sacked the quarterback, knocking loose a fumble that was recovered by Kentucky ... Played a leading role in holding Vanderbilt to 15 net rushing yards – UK's fewest against an SEC opponent in 30 years.
- Has made at least one havoc play (interception, fumble caused/recovered, quarterback sack, tackle for loss or quarterback hurry) in every game this season

2025
- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at South Dakota
- In 12 games, had 31 tackles, a team-high 7.5 TFL, a team-high tying 3.5 sacks, a team-best six QBHs and two PBUs, along with a forced fumble
- Named one of four game captains vs. Texas and Florida

2024 - (South Dakota)
- Started in all 14 games and was fourth on the team in tackles with 64
- Named the 2024 Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) Defensive Player of the Year after leading the Missouri Valley in tackles for loss (18.5) and sacks (9.5)
- Helped South Dakota win a share of the Missouri Valley Football Conference championship and advance to its first FCS semifinal
- Led the team with nine quarterback hurries, a team-high tying two forced fumbles
- Got his second career scoop and score vs. South Dakota State ... Also got one in 2023 vs. Sacramento State
- Earned First Team All-America honors by the Associated Press, Phil Steele and STATS Perform
- Named a Second Team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association
- Named MVFC First team All-Conference
- Was a 2024 Buck Buchanan Award finalist
- Had a career day against Indiana State, totaling six tackles, including 4.0 TFLs, 2.5 sacks and three quarterback hurries, in the 49-0 shutout win ...

2023 - (South Dakota)
- Started in one of 13 games played
- Totaled 30 tackles with 8.0 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks, five passes defended (tied for the team lead), four quarterback hurries, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery
- Got a fumble recovery for a touchdown in the 34-24 playoff win over Sacramento State, the first collegiate touchdown of his career
- Earned Third Team Freshman All-America honors by Phil Steele

2022 - (South Dakota)
- Redshirt season
- Played in three games vs. Cal Poly, Youngstown State and Missouri State and totaled three tackles

High School
- Named an All-Conference and honorable mention All-District performer after totaling 15.0 tackles for loss and 9.5 sacks as a senior at Princeton High School in Cincinnati
- Helped the Vikings finish 11-2 in 2021
- Also played the running back position for the Vikings and competed in track and field
- Played for head coach Andre Parker

Community Cats
- Used his NIL earnings to purchase and distribute 200 backpacks filled with school supplies and hygiene products, while also providing free haircuts to children in his hometown of Cincinnati (2026)
- Donated backpacks to Golisano Children's Hospital for their foster care program (2026)

Personal
- Born in Cincinnati
- Son of Myra Humphrey and Mike Grace
- Siblings are Mike Grace Jr., Miquan Grace, Miquez Grace, Mykell Grace and Kevin Suttles
- Major is criminal justice

Mi'Quise Says

- His nickname is "Quise"
- Most people don't know that he's a chef
- His favorite thing to make is soul food
- Hobbies include watching boxing and mentoring youth athletes
- Besides playing football, he's also good at cooking and drawing

HUMPHREY-GRACE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF/FR	INT	QBH
2022*	3-0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
2023*	13-1	30	8.0-38	5.5-32	5	1/1	0	4
2024*	14-14	64	18.5-75	9.5-52	3	2/2	0	9
2025	12-12	31	7.5-47	3.5-39	2	1/0	0	6
2026	8-8	27	7.5-25	5.0-21	2	2/0	1(2)	9
at UK	**20-20**	**58**	**14.5-72**	**8.5-61**	**4**	**3/0**	**1(2)**	**15**
Totals	**50-35**	**155**	**41.0-185**	**23.5-145**	**12**	**6/3**	**1(2)**	**29**

**at South Dakota*

HUMPHREY-GRACE'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Bama*	4	1.5-6	1.0-5	0	1	0	1(2)	0
at TAMU*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. So. Ala.*	4	1.5-6	1.5-6	1	0	0	0	1
at USC*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. LSU*	4	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at OU*	4	1.5-6	1.5-6	1	0	0	0	3
vs. Vandy*	5	2.0-5	1.0-4	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	**27**	**7.5-25**	**5.0-21**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**1(2)**	**9**

HUMPHREY-GRACE'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole MIss*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU*	4	1.5-19	1.0-17	0	0	0	0	2
at USC*	3	2.0-14	1.0-13	0	0	0	0	0
at UGA*	4	0.5-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas*	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Florida*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech*	2	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vandy*	3	1.5-0	1.5-9	0	0	0	0	1
at UofL*	4	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	**31**	**7.0-47**	**3.5-39**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**6**

HUMPHREY-GRACE'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (SOUTH DAKOTA)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Northern State*	6	1.5-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin*	5	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Drake*	4	1.5-6	0.5-3	1	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Illinois*	3	1.5-12	1.0-11	0	0	1	0	3
at Murray State*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UNI*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Youngstown St.*	7	1.5-5	1.5-5	0	1	0	0	2
at So. Dakota St.*	5	2.0-6	1.0-4	0	0	1	0	0
vs. Indiana St.*	6	4.0-24	2.5-16	0	1	0	0	3
at North Dakota*	4	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. North Dakota St.*	7	3.0-12	2.0-8	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tarleton St.*	7	1.0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. UC Davis*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Montana St.*	5	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	**64**	**18.5-5**	**9.5-52**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**9**

HUMPHREY-GRACE'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (SOUTH DAKOTA)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Missouri	1	0.5-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. St. Thomas	2	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Lamar	2	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0
at North Dakota St.	3	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray St.*	1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
vs. Youngstown St.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana St.	4	1.5-4	0.5-3	0	0	0	0	2
vs. South Dakota St.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Southern Illinois	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. North Dakota	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Western Illinois	3	2.0-13	2.0-13	0	1	0	0	1
vs. Sacramento St.	4	2.0-11	1.5-9	0	0	1	0	0
vs. North Dakota St.	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	**30**	**8.0-38**	**5.5-32**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**4**

HUMPHREY-GRACE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (SOUTH DAKOTA)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Cal Poly	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Youngstown St.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri St.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	**3**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

HUMPHREY-GRACE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 7, 3x, last Tarleton State, Dec 7, 2024
Tackles for loss: 4.0, vs Indiana State, Nov 9, 2024
Sacks: 2.5, vs Indiana State, Nov 9, 2024
Quarterback hurries: 3, 3x, last at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Forced fumble: 1, 6x, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Fumble recovery: 1, 4x , last at Louisville, Nov 29, 2025
Scoop and score: 1, twice, last vs South Dakota State, Oct 26, 2024 (15 yards)
Interception: 1, vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026
Interception for a score: 1, vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026
Passes defended: 2, vs Murray State, Oct 7, 2023



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ISAIAH
JACKSON

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 185 • Freshman
Richmond, Ky. (Rockcastle County HS)

High School

- A three-star prospect by all major recruiting services who played several positions, including running back, wide receiver, free safety, strong safety and cornerback
- A four-year starter for head coach Chris Larkey at Rockcastle County
- Had 109 carries for 1,172 yards and 14 touchdowns rushing as a senior
- Recorded five 100-yard rushing games
- Also made 14 receptions for 302 yards and six touchdowns receiving
- Helped Rockcastle County to a 10-2 record, including a 3-1 mark in its district
- Three-time First Team All-District selection
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville, North Carolina and Louisville

Personal

- Born in East Providence, Rhode Island
- Son of the late Saylina Jackson
- Siblings are Josiah, Eniya and Mandalynn
- Major is kinesiology

Isaiah Says

- His nickname is "Zay"
- After football, his dream job is to be a physical therapist
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he used to be in foster care
- Three words to describe him are nice, loyal and hardworking
- He is motivated to work hard by the memory of his mother, Saylina, who passed away in 2022



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PRINCE
JEAN

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 187 • Freshman
Valdosta, Ga. (Valdosta HS)

2026

- Has seen action in all eight games
- Totaled two catches for 27 yards and a score in his first collegiate game vs. Youngstown State

High School
- A unanimous three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- A two-way player in high school for head coach Shelton Felton, seeing time at cornerback and wide receiver
- Four-year starter at Valdosta
- Rated the No. 84 overall player in the state of Georgia by On3
- Ranked the No. 121 wide receiver in the 2026 class by ESPN and Rivals
- Led the Wildcats to the 2025 1-6A Region Championship as a senior
- Totaled a team-best 65 catches for 1,015 yards and seven receiving TDs, along with 27 rushes for 128 yards and three scores
- Led the team in all-purpose yards with 1,419 yards (101.4 yards per game)
- Named to the Region 1 6A First Team
- Caught 45 passes for 622 receiving yards with seven touchdowns as a junior, helping Valdosta go 9-3 before falling in the second round of the 6A playoffs
- Also lettered two years in track, running the 800-meter dash
- Had offers from 20 schools but ultimately chose Kentucky over Georgia, Kansas State, Mississippi State and Virginia

Personal
- Born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Son of Patricia Ross and Standley Jean
- Has two siblings, Standley and Skyie
- Major is undecided

Prince Says
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he loves to roller skate
- After football, his dream job is to be a business owner
- Three words to describe him are funny, honorable and accountable
- One word to describe him on the football field is gritty
- His sports hero is Odell Beckham Jr. because he overcame adversity

JEAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
2026	8-0	2	27	13.5	1
Totals	**8-0**	**2**	**27**	**13.5**	**1**

JEANS'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	2	27	1	26
vs. Alabama	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0
at OU	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**27**	**1**	**26**

JEAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Receptions: 2, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Receiving yards: 27, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Long reception: 26, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026



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HAYES
JOHNSON

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 310 • Junior
Campbellsville, Ky. (Taylor County)

2026
- Has seen action in all eight games

2025
- Saw action in all 12 games on special teams
- Dean's List (Fall 2025)

2024
- 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 communication ... Also working on an undergraduate certificate in agriculture

Hayes Says
- He chose UK 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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CAMERON
JONES

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 335 • Senior
Weirton, W. Va. (James Madison/Weir)

2026
- Saw five snaps in the opener and helped Kentucky to 506 yards total offense, only the third time in the last 40 years that UK compiled 300 passing yards and 200 rushing yards in a season opener

2025
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at James Madison
- Saw action in one game vs. Tennessee Tech

2024 - (James Madison)
- Appeared in one game against Western Kentucky in the Boca Raton Bowl

2024 - (James Madison)
- Redshirt season

High School
- Was a standout offensive lineman at Weir High School in Weirton, West Virginia
- Rated as one of the top three offensive linemen in West Virginia
- Named Class AA First Team All-State in 2022
- In 2021, earned HDS Second Team All-Area honors
- Two-time First Team All-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference selection in 2021 and 2022
- Named First Team All-Wheeling in 2021
- Won the WTOV Offensive Blocks of Granite Award
- As a senior, helped lead the Red Raiders to the WVSSAC AA playoffs
- Coached by Frank Sisinni
- A dual-sport athlete who also played basketball

Personal
- Born in Weirton, West Virginia
- Son of Taniesha Jones and the late Kevin Gilliam
- Siblings are Terell Jones and Takayla Jones
- Major is agricultural economics

Cameron Says
- Nickname is "Cam" short for Cameron
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can solve a Rubik's Cube
- Three words to describe him are funny, adaptable and tall
- His "why" and motivation to work hard is for his dad and niece, who have passed away and he wants to honor their memory
- After his football career, his dream job is to be in real estate



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JUSTIN
KATTUS

TIGHT END

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

2026
- Has seen action in seven games vs. Youngstown State, South Alabama, South Carolina, LSU, Oklahoma and Vanderbilt

2025
- Practiced with the team

2024
- 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, was a tight end for the Wildcats from 2022-25 and currently plays for the Cincinnati Bengals
- Major is economics

Community Cats
- Served as an ambassador at UK's My New Kentucky Home (2025)

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 • 216 • Junior
Billings, Montana (Billings West)

2026
- Saw his first action of the season vs. South Alabama, missing a 48-yard field goal
- Battled an injury during fall camp

2025
- Through 12 games, was 13-of-17 on field goals and 32-of-32 on PATs
- Ranked second on the team in scoring behind Seth McGowan with 71 points
- Was 7-of-9 on field goals more than 40 yards ... the only misses were a 53-yard attempt vs. Texas and a 55-yard attempt vs. Tennessee
- Made 12-of-13 field goals inside 50 yards
- Hit a career-long 51-yarder vs. Eastern Michigan
- Made all six kicks, one field goal and five extra points, in Kentucky’s 38-7 win over Florida
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024
- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Murray State, kicking off seven times for 443 yards with four touchbacks
- Dean's List (Fall 2024)
- Named to SEC First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 with plans on becoming a doctor after football

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

KAUWE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	FG	Long FG	PAT	Points
2025	12	13-17	51	32-32	71
2026	1	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	**13**	**13-18**	**51**	**32-32**	**71**

KAUWE'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2025	0-0	2-3	4-4	6-6	1-4	13-17	51
2026	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0
Totals	**0-0**	**2-3**	**4-4**	**6-7**	**1-4**	**13-18**	**51**

KAUWE'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	FGs	Long	PATs
vs. So. Ala.	0-1	0	0
Totals	**0-1**	**0**	**0**

KAUWE'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	FGs	Long	PATs
vs. Toledo	1-1	45	3-3
vs. Ole Miss	3-3	39	2-2
vs. EMU	2-2	51	6-6
at USC	2-2	42	1-1
at UGA	0-1	-	2-2
vs. Texas	2-3	46	1-1
vs. Tennessee	0-1	0	4-4
at Auburn	1-1	48	1-1
vs. Florida	1-1	39	5-5
vs. Tennessee Tech	-	-	5-5
at Vandy	1-1	47	2-2
at UofL	0-0	-	0-0
Totals	**13-17**	**51**	**32-32**

KAUWE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 11, vs Ole Miss, Sept 6, 2025
Points by kicking: 11, vs Ole Miss, Sept 6, 2025
Field goals made: 3, vs Ole Miss, Sept 6, 2025
Field goal attempts: 3, vs Ole Miss, Sept 6, 2025
Longest field goal: 51, vs Ole Miss, Sept 6, 2025
PATs made: 6, vs Eastern Michigan, Sept 13, 2025
PATS attempted: 6, vs Eastern Michigan, Sept 13, 2025
Consecutive field goals made: 8, Sept 13, 2025 - Oct 4, 2025



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JORDAN
KNOX

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-2 • 329 • Senior
Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwest Mississippi JC/ Northwestern/Northwestern HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after graduating from Northwest Mississippi Junior College
- Spent two seasons at Northwestern prior to junior college and played in 10 career games with three starts
- Has seen action in all eight games
- Earned a start in the season opener vs. YSU

2025 - (Northwest Mississippi)
- Played at Northwest Mississippi, helping the Rangers go 10-2 overall, 5-1 in conference play, and win the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference Championship (MACCC)
- The fourth-ranked Rangers reached the semifinal round of the NJCAA Division I Playoffs
- Earned First Team All-MACCC North Division honors

2024 - (Northwestern)
- Redshirt season

2023 - (Northwestern)
- Played in 10 games with three starts as a freshman, helping the Wildcats finish 8-5 overall with a victory against Utah in the Las Vegas Bowl
- Saw action in 132 snaps, including 75 at left guard, 10 at right guard, eight in the right tackle slot, two at left tackle and 35 as an in-line tight end
- Made his first career start against Wisconsin
- Earned a season-high offensive grade of 74.0 against Purdue

High School
- Started all four years of his varsity career and spent three seasons as a team captain for head coach Page Wofford at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, S.C.
- Helped the Trojans chart a 33-13 combined record during his four seasons, making an appearance in the state championship game in 2022
- Made 46 consecutive starts on the offensive line, allowing no sacks over his final three seasons
- Named a two-time all-state and three-time all-region selection
- Helped the Trojans to a 13-2 overall record as a senior
- Named Big 22 Player of the Year for South Carolina and North Carolina
- Rated as the No. 5 interior offensive lineman in the nation and No. 7 overall recruit in South Carolina, by 247Sports coming out of high school

Personal
- Born in Pineville, North Carolina
- Son of Tonia Ashford-Knox and Anthony Knox
- Siblings are Summar Knox, Taylor Knox and Jasmine Ashford-Hill
- Major is management

Jordan Says
- Three words to describe him are smart, loving and strong
- Hobbies include working out, watching television and hanging with friends and family
- Besides playing football, he's also really good at math
- If he could have dinner with a famous person, living or dead, he would chose LeBron James
- One thing he will never do again is eat chitterlings



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SPENCER
LEADBETTER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 198 • Senior
Glenview, Ill. (Loyola Academy)

2026
- Saw action vs. Youngstown State

2025
- Played vs. Eastern Michigan

2024
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Ohio and also played vs. Murray State

2023
- Practiced with the team

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

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

Personal
- Born in Glenview, Illinois
- Son of Megan and Scott Leadbetter
- Siblings are Jack, Charlie, Lucas and Addison
- Cousin, Conor Dwyer, was an Olympic gold medalist swimmer who won a gold medal for the U.S. 4×200-meter freestyle relay team at the 2012 Summer Olympics
- Major is communication and is working on an undergraduate certificate in business

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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JACQAI
LONG

QUARTERBACK

6-2 • 203 • Junior
Hurricane, W.Va. (Marshall/Hurricane HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Marshall, where he saw action in five games

2025 - (Marshall)
- Played in five games, completing 6-of-18 passes for 31 yards
- Also had 15 carries for 38 yards and one score

2024 - (Marshall)
- Redshirt season

High School
- A three-star prospect out of Hurricane High School (Hurricane is pronounced HUR-uh-kun)
- A dual-threat talent at the quarterback spot who completed 120 of 184 passes for 1,833 yards and 19 touchdowns with just two interceptions
- Rushed for 393 yards and another seven touchdowns on 60 carries in 2023

Personal
- Born in Hurricane, West Virginia
- Son of Heather and Jerrald Long
- Father, Jerrald, had seven touchdown catches as a Marshall wide receiver and also played at WVU (1994-1998)

- Major is finance

JacQai Says

- His nickname is "Qai"
- After football, his dream job is to be in medical sales or in a financial job
- One thing most people don't know is that he has played the violin for 15 years
- Three words to describe him are resilient, stoic and genuine
- Hobbies include kayaking, watching movies and playing video games

LONG'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2025^	5-0	15	38	1	6	18	0	33.3	31	0	12
Totals	**5-0**	**15**	**38**	**1**	**6**	**18**	**0**	**33.0**	**31**	**0**	**12**

^ at Marshall

LONG'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (MARSHALL)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
at Georgia	3-11-0	19	0	12	2	-2	0	0
vs. EKU	1-5-0	6	0	6	10	52	1	20
at MTSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	-5	0	0
vs. ODU	1-1-0	3	0	3	1	1	0	1
vs. Texas State	1-1-0	3	0	3	1	-6	0	0
Totals	**6-18-0**	**31**	**0**	**12**	**15**	**38**	**1**	**20**

LONG'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 11, at Georgia, Aug 30, 2025
Pass completions: 3, at Georgia, Aug 30, 2025
Pass yards: 19, at Georgia, Aug 30, 2025
Passing touchdowns: n/a
Long pass: 12, at Georgia, Aug 30, 2025
Rush attempts: 10, vs EKU, Sept 13, 2025
Rushing yards: 50, vs EKU, Sept 13, 2025
Rushing touchdowns: 1, vs EKU, Sept 13, 2025
Long rush: 20, vs EKU, Sept 13, 2025



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MARK
MANFRED III

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 171 • Sophomore
Marietta, Ga. (Missouri/Sprayberry HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at Missouri

2025 - (Missouri)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Lettered four seasons at Sprayberry under head coach Brett Vavra
- A consensus three-star prospect by 247Sports.com, ESPN.com, Rivals.com and On3.com
- Listed as the No. 56 and No. 63 prospect in the state of Georgia by 247Sports.com and ESPN. com, respectively
- Charted as the No. 44 and No. 48 cornerback nationally according to 247Sports.com and ESPN. com, respectively
- Helped Sprayberry to 24 victories, including 11 wins during senior season, and three consecutive playoff appearances with a quarterfinal showing as a senior
- Compiled 143 tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss, three interceptions, 14 passes defended, and one forced fumble, while also accumulating 1,363 receiving yards on 67 receptions with 13 touchdowns on offense
- Named a two-time first team all-region selection and the regional 6-5A Athlete of the Year

Personal

- Born in Marietta, Georgia
- Son of Donisha Bryant
- Siblings are Adonis Hardy, Arollo Hardy and Chase McToy
- Major is undecided

Mark Says

- Three words to describe him are fun, funny and goofy
- After his football career is over, he would like to be a sports agent
- Besides playing sports, he's also really good at riding jet skis
- His favorite family recipe to make is chicken and rice
- His motivation and his why are his mom



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COLE
MARSZALEK

LONG SNAPPER

5-11 • 197 • Senior
Goodyear, Ariz. (Jacksonville State/Arizona State/Millennium HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at Jacksonville State and two seasons at Arizona State
- Has seen action in 32 career games (14 at Arizona State, 14 and Jacksonville State and 4 at UK)
- Was UK's primary snapper in the first four games but has missed the last four with injury

2025 - (Jacksonville State)

- Played in all 14 games, helping the Gamecocks finish 9-5 overall, 7-1 in Conference USA play, with a win over Troy in the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl
- Earned Conference USA First Team honors
- Recorded a tackle at Southern Miss

2024 - (Arizona State)

- Played in 13 games and handled snapping duties on all field goal and punt attempts for Big XII Championship squad which earned a spot in the College Football Playoff

2024 - (Arizona State)

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in one game vs. Southern Utah

High School

- Considered a five-star long snapper by Kohl's Professional Camps and was rated the No. 6 snapper in the country
- Ranked fifth on his team in tackles with 74 during his senior season with 11 tackles for loss

Personal

- Born in Goodyear, Arizona
- Son of Christine and Brian Marszalek
- Has one brother, Cade
- Major is criminal justice

Cole Says

- Three words to describe him are outgoing, fun and helpful
- After his football career is over, he would like to be a firefighter
- Besides playing sports, he's also good at eating hot dogs
- If he could eat one thing for the rest of his life, it would be hot dogs
- Speaking of dogs, he has a pit bull named Hank



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DAVIS
MCCRAY

WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 196 • Freshman
San Antonio, Texas
(Cornerstone Christian Academy)

High School

- A unanimous three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- Ranks the No. 123 player in the state of Texas and the No. 123 wide receiver nationally by ESPN
- A two-way player at wide receiver and defensive back for head coach Clayton Guillory at Cornerstone Christian
- Totaled 29 catches for 485 passes and eight TDs in 10 games as a senior
- Charted 90 receiving yards and one score in his final regular-season game
- Helped lead the Warriors a 6-4 overall record
- Also had three rushes for 14 yards and defensively, had four tackles, two interceptions and a pass breakup
- Caught 32 passes for 639 yards and 10 TDs on 19.97 yards per reception as a junior
- Added 38 tackles and one forced fumble on defense
- Voted Homecoming King by his peers as a senior

- Also a track athlete, participating in the long jump, 100-meter dash and the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays
- Chose Kentucky over offers from several schools, including Washington State and Houston

Personal
- Born in Austin, Texas
- Son of Katherine Hyde and Tanyana McCray
- Siblings are Carter, Iverson and Aliyah
- Major is pre-management

Davis Says
- Three words to describe him are smart, humble and laid back
- After his football career is over, he would like to be a realtor
- Besides playing sports, he's also good at fishing
- The family recipe he loves to make is waffles
- His mom is his motivation



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ISAIAH
MCMILLIAN

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 176 • Freshman
Katy, Texas (Katy HS)

2026
- Has started as a true freshman in two of eight games played and has totaled 14 tackles, including 1.0 tackle for loss and two PBUs this season
- Tallied a team-high tying seven tackles, with a tackle for loss and a pass breakup in his first collegiate start vs. Youngstown State
- Got three tackles vs. Alabama
- Charted a tackle and a PBU in the win over Texas A&M
- Got a tackle in the win at Oklahoma

High School
- A unanimous three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- A four-year letter winner at cornerback for head coach Gary Joseph at Katy High School
- Was injured his senior season but helped the Tigers go 10-3 overall, including 8-0 in their district
- As a junior in 2024, had 46 total tackles, including 41 solo tackles, and 15 pass breakups and two interceptions, while also returning five punts for 178 yards
- Offensively, had 32 catches for 639 receiving yards with 10 touchdowns
- Was named a 2024 Unanimous All-District First Team selection as a defensive back ... Also first team as a return specialist
- Also played basketball and ran track
- Chose Kentucky over Arizona, Houston, Iowa, Pitt, and Oklahoma State

Personal
- Born in Fort Worth, Texas
- Son of Cydryce and Charles McMillian
- Siblings are Chloe, Zoe, Mykayla and Cherrelle
- Comes from a family of athletes as his dad, Charles, played football at Utah State (1993-94) and mom, Cydryce, played volleyball at Indiana (2002-05)
- Major is pre-accounting

Zay Says
- His nickname is "Zay"
- After his football career is over, he would like to be an accountant and entrepreneur
- Three words to describe him are quiet, funny and caring
- Besides playing football and other sports, he's good at drawing
- His sports hero is Tom Brady

MCMILLIAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
2026	DB	8-2	14	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	2	0	0	0
Totals		**8-2**	**14**	**0-0**	**1.0-4**	**0/0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**

MCMILLIAN'S S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. YSU*	7	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	1	0	0	0
vs. Alabama*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	0
vs. South Ala.	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at OU	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**14**	**0-0**	**1.0-4**	**0/0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**

MCMILLIAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Tackles: 7, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Pass breakup: 1, twice, last at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026



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RYAN
MEEKER

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-1 • 311 • Freshman
Wheelersburg, Ohio (Wheelersburg HS)

High School
- Three-year starter for head coach Rob Woodward at Wheelersburg High School
- Served as a team captain as a senior, playing center, defensive end and defensive tackle
- Honored as the top lineman in both the SOC II and Southeast District
- A First-Team All-Southeast District honoree, the Ohio Prep Sports Media Association's (OPSMA) Division V Offensive Lineman of the Year, and a First-Team All-Ohio honoree
- One of just 52 individuals in Wheelersburg football history to have been named as a First-Team All-Ohio honoree
- Helped lead the Pirates to its second OHSAA Division V State Championship berth in the last eight years in 2025 and a OHSAA State runner-up finish as a centerpiece for the team at both center and nose guard
- Over his three seasons seeing significant time, helped the Pirates three-peat as SOC II Champions
- Program went 32-10 with three consecutive appearances in the OHSAA Division V Regional Championship Game

Personal
- Born in Wheelersburg, Ohio
- Son of Mandy and Brad Meeker
- Has one sister, Ryleigh
- Major is undecided

Ryan Says
- His nickname is "Meek"
- After his football career is over, he would like to be a business owner
- Three words to describe him are calm, cool and collected
- Hobbies include fishing, hunting and playing golf
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he plays football



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TINO
MERLO

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-2 • 278 • Senior
Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)

2025
- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2025)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024
- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2023
- 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



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CAMERON
MILLER JR.

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 341 • Freshman
Hammond, Ind. (Morton HS)

High School
- A unanimous three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- Coached by Mac Mishler at Morton High School
- Helped Morton rush for nearly 170 yards per game and twice rushed for over 300 team yards
- Finished the 2025 season at 6-4 in Indiana Division 5A football
- Earned All-State honors as a junior
- Named to the ChicagoTribune.com's All-Area Team for northwest Indiana
- One scouting report called him a "bully on the field who plays a physical game"
- Only started playing football several years ago but quickly moved up prospect ranks
- Also a four-year letter winner in basketball as a small forward, power forward and center
- Picked UK over Florida Atlantic, Indiana, Purdue, Texas Tech, West Virginia and others

Personal
- Born in Gary, Indiana
- Son of Tanaya Jones and Cameron Miller Sr.
- Siblings are Camden Miller, Mariah Jones, Elijah Mays, Xavier Mays
- Major is sport leadership

Cam Says
- Nickname is "Pudahh" a name given to him by his grandmother at birth
- After his football career is over, he would like to get into content creation
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he likes to make beats
- Fun fact: he is distantly related to Michael Jackson, the King of Pop
- One thing he will never do again is rock climb

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 sport leadership

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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DJ
MILLER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 208 • Sophomore
St. Louis, Mo. (Cardinal Ritter)

2026
- Has started in all seven games played ... Missed the South Carolina game with injury
- Has 18 catches for 221 yards (12.3 ypc) and one TD on the season
- Hauled in a career-high tying five passes for 96 yards in the win over No. 9/8 Texas A&M ... Had explosive plays on each of his first two receptions ... Caught a 19-yard catch and run on UK's first play from scrimmage and later added a 53-yard reception ... Also recovered a late onside kick attempt by Texas A&M
- Named one of four game captains vs. South Alabama
- Returned from injury in the South Carolina game to catch four passes for 54 yards in the win over No. 10 LSU
- Also caught four passes for 28 yards in the win over Oklahoma
- Caught five passes, matching his career high, for 49 yards and a touchdown, his first of the season, in the win over Vanderbilt

2025
- Saw action in seven games with three starts (vs. Auburn, Florida and Vanderbilt) as a true freshman
- Had 13 catches for 175 yards and two scores
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. No. 21/17 Texas and caught two passes for 13 yards
- In his second career game vs. No. 17/17 Tennessee, totaled five catches on all five of his targets for a team-best and career-best 120 yards and two touchdowns ... had a career-long, 56-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter, the first of his college career, followed by a 28-yarder in the third quarter ... Tied the school record – with seven others – for most touchdown pass receptions by a freshman in a game with two ... First freshmen to do so since Dane Key and Barion Brown in 2022 ... Became just the seventh freshman in school history with a 100-yard receiving game and just the eighth such performance
- Had at least one catch in six of his seven games

High School
- A four-star prospect by Rivals and 247Sports Composite
- Rated the No. 5 player in Missouri and the nation's No. 33 wide receiver
- Played in 33 games during his prep career and totaled 109 catches for 1,703 yards and 18 scores
- A four-year letter winner and three-year starter for head coach Brennan Spain
- Member of the two-time Class 5A state champion teams (2023 and 2024)
- Had 71 catches for 1,032 yards (14.5 yards per catch) with eight touchdowns in 11 games as a senior
- Named All-Metro First Team in 2024
- Totaled 66 catches for 1,361 receiving yards with 25 touchdowns as a junior
- Also an excellent baseball player
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Tennessee and Ole Miss

Personal
- Full name is Dejerrian but goes by DJ
- Born in St. Louis, Missouri
- Son of Jerry Miller and Dewande Holmes
- Siblings are Branden Miller, Keith Holmes, Kameisha Holmes and Kiera Holmes
- Major is sport leadership

DJ Says
- Nickname is "DJ"
- Three words to describe him are chill, intelligent and confident
- After his football career is over, he would like to own a gym and become a personal trainer
- Beside playing sports, he's also a really good cook
- If he could eat one thing for the rest of his life he would choose pizza

D. MILLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	TD	Avg
2025	7-3	13	175	13.5	2	0	0	0	0.0
2026	7-7	18	221	12.3	1	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	**14-10**	**31**	**396**	**12.8**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**

D. MILLER'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att.	Yards	TD	Long
vs. YSU*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	5	96	0	53	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	DNP							
vs. LSU*	4	54	0	20	0	0	0	0
at OU*	4	28	0	11	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy(	5	43	1	12	0	0	0	0
Totals	**18**	**221**	**1**	**53**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

D. MILLER'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att.	Yards	TD	Long
vs. Texas	2	13	0	9	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	5	120	2	56	0	0	0	0
at Auburn*	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	2	20	0	14	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	2	21	0	13	0	0	0	0
at Vandy*	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
at UofL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**13**	**175**	**2**	**56**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

D. MILLER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 5, twice, last vs Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026
Receiving yards: 133, vs Tennessee, Oct 25, 2025 (5 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 2, vs Tennessee, Oct 25, 2025
Long reception: 56, vs Tennessee, Oct 25, 2025



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KENNY
MINCHEY JR.

QUARTERBACK

6-2 • 211 • Senior
Hendersonville, Tenn.
(Notre Dame/Pope John Paul II HS)

2026

- Manning Award Watch List
- Davey O'Brien Midseason Watch List
- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Notre Dame
- Elected to represent UK at SEC Media Days
- Is 7-1 as a starting quarterback
- Has thrown 232 passes in eight games with only one interception ... That's a record for the most pass attempts for a UK QB to begin a season with only one interception.
- Has the second-longest streak of consecutive passing attempts without an interception in UK history (200)
- Ranks fourth in the SEC and 17th nationally in completions percentage (.690)
- Ranks fifth in the SEC and 24th nationally in passing yards (1,755)
- Making his first collegiate start, guided Kentucky to a 45-13 win over FCS No. 7-ranked Youngstown State ... Only the third quarterback in Kentucky history to have 300 passing yards, four TDs and at least 65 percent completions in a season opener, joining Tim Couch and Will Levis
- Led Kentucky to a 31-21 upset at No. 9/8-ranked Texas A&M ... With UK trailing 7-0 in the second quarter, he directed the Wildcats to five consecutive scoring drives, four touchdowns and a field goal ... Guided an efficient offense that needed only 54 plays to amass 408 yards total offense; UK averaged 7.6 yards per play and had zero turnovers ... Texas A&M entered the game allowing just 10 points and 218 yards per game ... Completed 14 of 18 passes for 252 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions ... Completed his last 11 in a row; with the game tied at halftime, he completed 9-of-9 in the decisive second half ... Averaged 18 yards per completion, including a career-long 53-yard bomb
- Earned a Davey O'Brien Great 8 QB nod for his play against the Aggies
- Completed 28-of-41 passes for 272 yards, three touchdowns, no interceptions, plus the game-winning two-point conversion pass in overtime, in UK's win over South Carolina ... Engineered the largest road game comeback win in Kentucky history ... Became the first Kentucky quarterback to have at least 270 passing yards, three touchdowns, no interceptions and completed at least 68 percent in an SEC road game since Jared Lorenzen at Vanderbilt in 2001
- Named one of four game captains vs. No. 10 LSU and completed 23 of 36 passes for 246 yards in the win ... Rushed six times for 18 yards on non-sack plays, including one touchdown and the game-winning two-point play – a quarterback draw – in overtime ... UK ended the first half with a 75-yard drive, taking the final 6:11 off the clock, capped by Minchey's fourth-and-goal 1-yard quarterback sneak for a touchdown. It marked his first career rushing TD
- Completed 21-of-28 passes for 158 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions in the win at Oklahoma
- Named one of four game captains vs. Vanderbilt and completed 19 of 26 passes for 203 yards, one touchdown ... Also more involved in the running game ... Not including sack yardage, rushed four times for 30 yards, including a one-yard burrow for a touchdown that essentially clinched the game in the fourth quarter

2025 - (Notre Dame)

- Appeared in six games and completed 20 passes for 196 yards
- Recorded 84 rushing yards on seven carries and a rushing touchdown

2024 - (Notre Dame)

- Saw action in one game vs. Purdue
- Made a pair of rushes for 12 combined yards and registered first touchdown of career with a seven-yard TD, marking the longest rush of career
- Also completed one pass for four yards

2023 - (Notre Dame)

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games, completing two passes for 12 yards

High School

- Considered a consensus four-star recruit as rated by 247 Sports, ESPN, On3 and Rivals coming out of Pope John Paul II High School
- The 160th overall prospect, 12th quarterback and second-ranked player in the state by 247 Sports
- 2023 All-American Bowl selection
- 2022 Elite 11 Finals roster
- Played in four games as a senior, throwing for 768 yards and 11 scores
- As a junior, led Pope John Paul II to an 8-5 mark and the Tennessee 3A D-II state semifinals throwing for 3,280 yards and 32 touchdowns
- Finished his career with 5,212 yards passing, 63.2 completion percentage and 53 touchdowns
- Played for head coach Justin Geisinger

Personal

- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of T. Taylor and Kennith Minchey Sr.
- Siblings are Kayla and Kasyn
- Major is liberal studies

Kenny Says

- One thing most people don't know is that he is Irish
- Three words to describe him are relatable, easy-going and competitive
- The highlight of his life so far was when he gave his life to Christ
- Hobbies include traveling and playing basketball
- His favorite family recipe to make is cinnamon toast

MINCHEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2023^	3-0	0	0	0	2	2	0	100.0	12	0	8
2024^	1-0	2	12	1	1	1	0	100.0	4	0	4
2025^	6-0	7	84	1	20	26	0	76.9	196	0	37
2026	8-8	44	38	2	160	232	1	69.0	1755	14	53
at UK	**8-8**	**44**	**38**	**2**	**160**	**232**	**1**	**69.0**	**1755**	**14**	**53**
Totals	**18-8**	**53**	**134**	**4**	**183**	**261**	**1**	**70.1**	**1967**	**14**	**53**

^ at Notre Dame

MINCHEY'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU*	18-27-0 (66.7)	301	4	38	1	17	0	17
vs. Alabama*	18-31-1 (58.1)	146	1	24	6	-19	0	4
at TAMU*	14-18-0 (77.8)	252	2	53	7	-2	0	3
vs. So. Ala.*	19-25-0 (76.0)	177	1	27	3	-9	0	0
at USC*	28-41-0 (68.3)	272	3	32	8	12	0	15
vs. LSU*	23-36-0 (63.9)	246	0	35	7	12	1	5
at OU*	21-28-0 (75.0)	158	2	17	7	4	0	15
vs. Vandy*	19-26-0 (73.1)	203	1	44	5	23	1	12
Totals	**160-232-1 (69.0)**	**1755**	**14**	**53**	**44**	**38**	**2**	**17**

MINCHEY'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (ND)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Purdue	7-8-0 (87.5)	58	0	26	1	6	0	6
at Arkansas	1-1-0 (100.0)	37	0	37	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	0-0-0 (0.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Navy	3-3-0 (100.0)	35	0	24	1	13	0	13
vs. Syracuse	4-6-0 (66.7)	18	0	6	2	58	1	34
at Stanford	5-8-0 (62.5)	48	0	15	2	6	0	15
Totals	**20-26-0 (76.9)**	**196**	**0**	**37**	**7**	**84**	**1**	**34**

MINCHEY'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (ND)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
at Purdue	1-1-0 (100.0)	4	0	4	2	12	1	7
Totals	**1-1-0 (100.0)**	**4**	**0**	**4**	**2**	**12**	**1**	**7**

MINCHEY'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (ND)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Tenn. St.	2-2-0 (100.0)	12	0	8	0	0	0	0
vs. Pitt	0-0-0 (0.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Oregon St.	0-0-0 (0.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2-2-0 (100.0)**	**12**	**0**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

MINCHEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 41, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Pass completions: 28, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Pass yards: 301, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Passing touchdowns: 4, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Pass completion: 100.0, 4x, last vs Navy, Nov 8, 2025
Long pass: 53, at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2025
Rush attempts: 8, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Rushing yards: 58, vs Purdue, Sept 20, 2025
Rushing touchdowns: 1, 4x, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Long rush: 34, vs Syracuse, Nov 22, 2025



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TOVANI
MIZELL

RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 213 • Junior
Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Western)

2026
- Expected to miss the season with a knee injury suffered in fall camp

2025
- Played in three games vs. Florida, Vanderbilt and Tennessee Tech
- Totaled three carries for 10 yards
- Got his first action of the season in the win over Florida and totaled two carries for six yards
- Dean's List (Fall 2025)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024
- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Murray State and had one carry
- Dean's List (Spring 2025)
- Named to SEC First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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

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

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

MIZELL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2024	1-0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2025	3-0	3	10	3.3	0	4	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	**4-0**	**4**	**10**	**3.3**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

MIZELL'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Florida	2	6	0	4	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**3**	**10**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

MIZELL'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Murray St.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

MIZELL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Rush attempts: 2, vs Florida, Nov 8, 2025
Rush yards: 6, vs Florida, Nov 8, 2025
Long rush: 4, twice, last vs Tennessee Tech, Nov 15, 2025
Rushing TDs: n/a



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BEN
MYERS

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 286 • Freshman
Ballard County, Ky. (Paducah Tilghman HS)

High School
- A three-star recruit who turned down scholarship offers to be a preferred walk-on at Kentucky after a successful prep career as an offensive lineman at Paducah Tilghman
- A four-year starter on the offensive line for head coach Sean Thompson
- Named Lineman of the Year in 2025 by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association after totaling 90 pancakes and helping Paducah Tilghman reach the Class 4A State semifinals
- Also named to the All-Western Kentucky Conference team and was voted the team's Most Valuable Player
- Helped the Blue Tornado claim a 4A state championship in 2024 with a perfect 15-0 record
- Excelled in the classroom, graduating with a perfect 4.2 grade point average
- Member of the National Honor Society
- Also played basketball and tennis for the Blue Tornadoes
- Chose Kentucky over Arkansas State, Troy and Southern Illinois

Personal
- Born in Paducah, Kentucky
- Son of Dr. Johnny and the late Amy Myers
- Siblings are Nathan Myers and Mallie Myers Ganey
- Major is kinesiology

Ben Says
- Nickname is "Benners"
- After his football career is over, he would like to be an orthopedic surgeon
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he survived an explosion when he was 7 years old and has scars on his body from the burns
- The best advice he's ever received came from his mom "be kind, be respectful, be a leader"
- Hobbies include hunting, playing tennis and playing basketball



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TERHYON
NICHOLS

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-11 • 194 • Junior
Cincinnati, Ohio (Withrow)

2026

- Has started in all six games played this season... Missed the season opener with injury ... Was available for Alabama but did not see action
- Tied for second on the team with four PBUs
- Returned to the starting lineup vs. Texas A&M and had two tackles and a PBU
- Totaled a career-best eight tackles and added a career-high tying two pass breakups in the win at South Carolina
- Got seven tackles and PBU in the win over No. 10 LSU
- Recorded four tackles in the win at OU
- Had two tackles, including a TFL, in the win over Vanderbilt

2025

- Played in seven games with six starts
- Missed the last five games with injury (vs. Auburn, Florida, Tennessee Tech, Vanderbilt and Louisville)
- Finished with 18 tackles, 1.0 TFL, a team-high five PBUs and a QBH
- Totaled a career-high five tackles vs. Tennessee
- Dean's List (Fall 2025)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024

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

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
- 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
- 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
- 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 Michigan, 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 health promotion
- Member of UK’s Student-Athlete Advisory Council in 2025-26

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
2025	DB	7-6	18	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	2	0	5
2026	DB	6-6	26	0-0	1.5-3	0/0	0	0	4
Totals		**21-13**	**52**	**0-0**	**2.5-5**	**0/0**	**2**	**0**	**14**

NICHOLS' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU			DNP					
vs. Alabama			DNP					
at TAMU*	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	8	0.5-1	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	7	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at OU*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy*	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**26**	**1.5-3**	**0-0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

NICHOLS' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Ole Miss*	2	0.5-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU*	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at USC*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at UGA*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas*	4	0.5-2	0-0	2	0	0	0	1
vs. Tennessee*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn			DNP					
vs. Florida			DNP					
vs. Tenn. Tech			DNP					
at Vandy			DNP					
at Louisville			DNP					
Totals	**18**	**1.0-2**	**0-0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**

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**

NICHOLS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Tackles for loss: 0.5, 3x, last at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Pass breakups: 2, 3x, last at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Quarterback hurry: 1, twice, last vs Texas, Oct 18, 2025



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QUINTAVION
NORMAN

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 223 • Junior
Covington, Georgia (Newton)

2026
- Has seen action in five games on special teams - vs. Youngstown State, South Carolina, LSU, Oklahoma and Vanderbilt

2025
- Saw action vs. Tennessee Tech and got his first career tackle
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024
- 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-AAAAAAA after totaling 6.0 sacks in seven games
- Originally headed the junior college route before the Kentucky coaches found him and saw his potential
- Signed in the late signing period
- Coached by Camiel Grant and Josh Skelton

Personal
- Born in Covington, Georgia
- Son of Cindy Maddox
- Siblings are Adrian Norman, Amarion Maddox, Tameshia Maddox, Ladauris Maddox and Tay Gowan
- Older brother, Tay Gowan, was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the sixth round of the 2021 NFL Draft and has played for four different teams (Arizona, Philadelphia, Minnesota and Tennessee)
- Major is sport leadership

Quintavion Says
- His nickname is "Q"
- Enjoys playing football and video games
- Three words to describe him are respectful, humble and relentless
- 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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MATTHEW
OBERMEIER

KICKER

5-11 • 160 • Freshman
Carmel, Ind. (Carmel HS)

High School
- Three-year letter winner and two-year starter as a kicker for head coach Kevin Wright and powerhouse prep program Carmel in Indianapolis
- As a senior in 2025, made 7-of-8 field goal attempts, connected on 56-of-57 PATs and had 36 touchbacks
- Had a long field goal of 47 yards
- Three of his field goals were from 43 yards or longer
- Helped lead the Greyhounds to a 9-2 season as a senior
- Did not play football until high school

Personal
- Born in Chicago
- Son of Scott and Rebecca Obermeier
- Dad, Scott, was an All-American kicker at Northern Iowa from 1991-95
- Has one brother, Michael
- Major is pre-marketing

Matthew Says
- His nickname is "Obe"
- After football, his dream job is to be a CEO of a company
- Three words to describe him are energetic, kind and competitive
- His favorite family recipe to make is Swedish meatballs
- His go-to karaoke song is "Mr. Brightside" by The Killers



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THOMAS
O'HARA

PUNTER

6-1 • 201 • Senior
Melbourne, Australia
(Murray State/St. Bedes College)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Murray State
- Punted in the first five games of the season, averaging 40.7 yards per punt
- Totaled three punts for 128 yards (42.7) vs. Texas A&M
- Punted six times for 244 yards in the win over South Carolina (40.7)

2025 - (Murray State)
- Appeared in all 12 games and punted 52 times for 2,287 yards for an average of 44.0 yards per punt in 2025
- Ranked sixth in the MVFC in punting average

2024 - (Murray State)
- Appeared in all 12 games with 63 punt attempts with a total yardage of 2,828 yards, which was second on the MVFC behind only Harry Traum of Indiana State with 2,931 yards
- Finished the season ranked third in the MVFC with a punt average of 44.9 yards
- Led MVFC with 13 punts of 50 or more yards

High School
- Punted at St. Bede's College in Melbourne
- Trained with famed Australian kicking academy ProKick Australia

Personal
- Born in Brisbane, Australia
- Son of Kirsty and Matthew O'Hara
- Has two sisters, Sophie and Ella
- Major is pre-finance

Thomas Says
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he does not have a pet kangaroo
- Three words to describe him are calm, confident and excited
- His go-to karaoke song is "All Too Well" by Taylor Swift
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is lasagna
- The best advice he's ever received is "everything happens for a reason"

O'HARA'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	TBs	FC	Inside 20	Long	50+
2024^	12	63	2,828	44.9	4	25	22	69	13
2025^	12	52	2,287	44.0	4	20	15	71	19
2026	5	17	692	40.7	1	4	3	49	0
Totals	**29**	**132**	**5,807**	**44.0**	**9**	**49**	**40**	**71**	**32**

^ at Murray State

O'HARA'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20	TB
vs. YSU	2	84	42.0	45	1	0
vs. Alabama	5	204	40.8	46	0	1
at TAMU	3	128	42.7	45	1	0
vs. So. Ala.	1	32	32.0	32	0	0
at USC	6	244	40.7	49	1	0
Totals	**17**	**692**	**40.7**	**49**	**3**	**1**

O'HARA'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (MSU)

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20	PATs
at ETSU	5	177	35.4	52	0	-
vs. So. Louisiana	4	183	45.8	51	0	-
at Georgia St.	4	181	45.3	52	1	-
at Jacksonville St.	6	298	49.7	62	0	-
at South Dakota	6	295	49.2	56	2	-
vs. Illinois State	3	127	42.3	48	2	-
vs. So. Dakota St.	6	281	46.8	71	1	-
at Youngstown St.	5	221	44.2	54	2	-
vs. Southern Ill.	4	153	38.3	46	0	-
at UNI	2	86	43.0	53	2	-
vs. N. Dakota	3	94	31.3	38	1	-
at Indiana St.	4	191	47.8	57	4	-
Totals	**52**	**2,287**	**44.0**	**71**	**15**	-

O'HARA'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (MSU)

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20	PATs
at Mizzou	8	351	43.9	59	3	-
vs. Butler	4	186	46.5	58	2	-
vs. Miss. Valley	3	140	46.7	65	3	-
at N. Dakota	6	261	43.5	56	2	-
vs. S. Dakota	6	291	48.5	69	1	-
at Indiana St.	6	258	43.0	55	2	--
vs. Illinois St.	6	262	43.7	50	1	-
vs. N. Dakota St.	0	0	0.0	0	0	-
vs. S. Dakota St.	5	235	47.0	58	3	-
vs. Missouri St.	6	264	44.0	53	3	1-1 (rush)
at UK	6	286	47.7	60	1	-
at Southern Ill.	7	294	42.0	52	1	-
Totals	**63**	**2,828**	**44.9**	**69**	**22**	**1-1**

O'HARA'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Punts: 8, at Missouri, Aug 29, 2024
Punt Yards: 351, at Missouri, Aug 29, 2024
Single-game Avg: 49.7, at Jacksonville State, Sept 20, 2025
Long Punt: 71, vs. South Dakota State, Oct 18, 2025
PATs: 1, vs Missouri State, Nov 9, 2024 (rush)



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JASON
PATTERSON

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 204 • Junior
Sneads, Fla. (Sneads)

2026

- Team's second-leading rusher with 448 rushing yards on 71 attempts, while averaging 6.2 yards per rush
- Also has five catches for 39 yards (7.8)
- Rushed six times for 58 yards for 9.7 yards per carry in the win over No. 9/8 Texas A&M
- Carried 12 times for a career-high 137 yards and a career-best three touchdowns in the win over South Alabama ... With 1:12 remaining in the first half, he made the play that was the hinge of the game – a career-long 75-yard touchdown burst, tying the score after the Wildcats had fallen behind 21-14 ... First UK player with at least 137 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns since Ray Davis had 280 yards and three touchdowns vs. Florida in 2023 ... Averaged 11.4 yards per carry, highest in one game for a Wildcat (min. 10 carries) since A.J. Rose averaged 12.3 yards per carry vs. North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl following the 2020 season ... Marked his first 100-yard game
- Had a season-high tying 12 carries for 38 yards in the win at Oklahoma
- Also had 12 carries for 44 yards in the win over Vanderbilt

2025

- Saw action in all 12 games
- Finished with 57 carries (fourth on the team) for 225 yards (third on the team) and one rushing TD (3.9 ypc)
- Also had 17 catches for 85 yards with one TD and four kick returns for 57 yards
- Had 13 carries for a career-best 80 yards and his first career touchdown, all in the fourth quarter, vs. Eastern Michigan
- Rushed a team- and career-high 16 times for 51 yards, while also totaling a team- and career-high seven receptions for 44 yards vs. Tennessee
- Made his first collegiate touchdown catch, a 15-yard reception in the second quarter, in the win over Florida ... Added seven carries for 21 yards

2024

- 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
- 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 ran track and played 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, Koii Patterson
- Major is sport leadership .. Also working on an undergraduate certificate in business

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
2025	12-0	57	225	3.9	1	29	17	85	5.0	1	19
2026	8-0	71	443	6.2	3	75	5	39	7.8	0	16
Totals	**24-0**	**148**	**779**	**5.3**	**4**	**75**	**23**	**139**	**6.0**	**1**	**19**

PATTERSON'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	11	78	0	22	1	16	0	16
vs. Bama	11	53	0	10	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	6	58	0	22	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	12	137	3	75	1	2	0	2
at USC	5	29	0	10	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	2	6	0	5	1	7	0	7
at OU	12	38	0	11	1	8	0	8
vs. Vandy	12	44	0	9	1	6	0	6
Totals	**71**	**443**	**3**	**75**	**5**	**39**	**0**	**16**

PATTERSON'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	13	80	1	29	1	9	0	9
at USC	1	3	0	3	1	3	0	3
at UGA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas	7	20	0	11	2	4	0	10
vs. UT	16	51	0	17	7	44	0	19
at AU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UF	7	21	0	9	1	15	1	15
vs. TTU	4	23	0	9	0	0	0	0
at VU	1	5	0	5	1	8	0	8
at UofL	8	22	0	8	2	3	0	5
Totals	**57**	**225**	**1**	**29**	**17**	**85**	**1**	**19**

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
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: 16, vs Tennessee, Oct 25, 2025
Rush yards: 137, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026 (12 carries)
Long rush: 75, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Rushing TDs: 3, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Receptions: 7, vs Tennessee, Oct 25, 2025
Receiving yards: 44, vs Tennessee, Oct 25, 2025
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Florida, Nov 8, 2025
Long reception: 19, vs Tennessee, Oct 25, 202



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MATT
PONATOSKI

QUARTERBACK

6-1 • 205 • Freshman
Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)

2026
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. South Alabama

High School
- A dual-sport standout in both football and baseball at Archbishop Moeller
- Was drafted in the 18th round of the 2026 MLB draft by the Cincinnati Reds
- A four-star commit who ranked the No. 13 quarterback nationally in the 2026 class by 247Sports Composite
- A four-year starter at quarterback for head coach Bert Bathiany
- Completed 66.1 percent of his passes for 2,395 yards and 28 touchdowns with just one interception in 12 games as a senior
- Named First-team Division I All-Ohio, First-team Division I All-Southwest District, GCL South Co-Offensive Player of the Year and First-team All-GCL South
- Named a 2025 Ohio Mr. Football finalist
- Posted a 0.83 ERA in 25⅓ innings with 44 strikeouts, while hitting .314 with one home run in 86 at-bats as a pitcher and designated hitter as a senior
- Earned Ohio Mr. Football honors as a junior in 2024 after throwing for 4,217 yards (a school record), 57 touchdowns (a school record) with just three interceptions
- Named the Gatorade Player of the Year in Ohio in both football and baseball as junior, becoming just the third player in the award's history to win it in two different sports in the same school year, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss and National Baseball Hall of Famer Joe Mauer
- Became the Crusaders' all-time leader in career passing yards and career touchdown passes
- Led his team to the OHSAA Division I state championship in 2024 with a 14-2 record
- Won the pro day competition and was named to the 12-man Elite 11 finalist list in 2024
- Chose UK over Alabama, Arkansas and Oregon

Personal
- Born in Cincinnati
- Son of Ryan and Becky Ponatoski
- Siblings are Ellie and Kendall
- Major is pre-communication

Matt Says
- His nickname is "Matty P"
- After football, his dream is to play baseball and eventually become a coach
- Three words to describe him are calm, exciting and caring
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't take criticism from someone you wouldn't take advice from"
- Besides playing football and other sports, he's also really good at Scrabble



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COLETON
PRICE

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 308 • Fifth Year
Bowie, Texas (Baylor/Bowie HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Baylor
- Preseason All-SEC Second Team (Phil Steele)
- Sports Illustrated's Midseason All-America Second Team
- 2027 Senior Bowl Top 300 List
- Rimington Trophy Watch List
- Has played in 40 career games with 38 career starts
- Played 59 snaps and helped Kentucky to 506 yards total offense, only the third time in the last 40 years that UK compiled 300 passing yards and 200 rushing yards in a season opener vs. Youngstown State
- Played 66 snaps vs. Alabama and recorded two knock down blocks
- Named to the Pro Football Focus College Team of the Week following UK's dominant rushing performance over South Alabama
- Named one of four game captains vs. Texas A&M and spearheaded the offensive line from his center position in the Cats' 31-21 upset ... Played in 57 snap and graded at 84 percent, highest among the linemen, and also led the UK line with four knockdown blocks
- Turned in a dominant performance, helping the Wildcats win the line of scrimmage in the 35-34 overtime win over No. 10 LSU ... Led UK with five knockdown blocks, had no assignment errors or penalties, and allowed no quarterback sacks
- Named one of four game captains vs. Vanderbilt ... Turned in a spotless, dominant performance in Kentucky's 34-17 win over Vanderbilt ... Playing every play at center, did not allow a quarterback sack or pressure ... Had no missed assignments or penalties ... Had the second-highest grade of 84 percent and three knockdown blocks ... In the last three quarters, Kentucky scored on six straight possessions, piling up 362 yards and 24 first downs

2025 - (Baylor)
- Named to the Rimington Trophy Watch List
- Allowed only one sack on 526 pass block snaps
- Earned All-Big 12 Offensive Linemen Second Team by PFSN College
- Named Preseason Fourth-Team All-Big 12 by Athlon
- Started 11 of 12 games at center, only missing the Samford game while returning from injury
- Logged 842 snaps, with 526 coming in pass-block scenarios … Allowed one sack, six QB hurries and seven pressures … Committed nine holding penalties

2024 - (Baylor)
- Started all 13 games at center
- Rated by PFF as a 66.3 in pass block, a 69.1 in run block and a 68.0 overall offensive grade
- Allowed 10 pressures in 499 pass-block scenarios according to PFF, registering 935 snaps, most on the offense
- Paved the way for an offensive line that nationally ranked No. 20 in total offense, No. 19 in scoring offense, No. 19 in team passing efficiency and No. 27 in total first downs
- Baylor ranked No. 36 in fewest sacks allowed and No. 4 nationally in tackles for a loss allowed
- Had a stretch of four straight 80+ pass block grades in the middle of the season, including a 82.9 at Texas Tech and Oklahoma State
- Allowed only one QB pressure over his final four games

2023 - (Baylor)
- Played in eight games, making the final six starts of the year at center
- Made his first-career start at Cincinnati
- Totaled a 65.4 pass-block grade from PFF, which ranked eighth-best in his draft class

2022 - (Baylor)
- Redshirt season

High School
- A two-way player on the offensive and defensive line at Bowie High School for head coach Cory Mandrell

- 2020 UIL 4-3A First-Team All-District offensive lineman
- 2020 District 4-3A Outstanding Lineman honoree
- 2019 UIL 4-3A All-District Second-Team offensive lineman and defensive lineman
- Rated as a three-star prospect by the three major recruiting publications
- Ranked the No. 20 offensive guard by ESPN Rated as the No. 50 interior offensive lineman by 247Sports
- Ranked the No. 6 offensive guard by Dave Campbell's Texas Football

Personal

- Born in Decatur, Texas
- Son of Cody and Lory Price
- Siblings are Chelsea Guevara, Chloe Billingsley, Katie Turlington and the late Colby Price
- Married to the former Hailey Skinner of Bowie, Texas ... Got married on Oct. 10, 2025 during a bye week at Baylor
- Graduated from Baylor in August of '26 with a degree in business communications ... Currently working on second degree in criminal justice and an undergraduate certificate in business from Kentucky

Coleton Says

- His nickname is "CP"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach or be in the cattle business
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's part Native American
- Three words to describe him are genuine, determined and loyal
- His late brother, Colby, is who motivates him ... Colby died in a car accident when he was 16



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ANDREW
PURCELL

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-10 • 201 • Sophomore
Enterprise, Ala. (Enterprise)

2026

- Has seen action in four games - vs. Youngstown State, at South Carolina, vs. LSU and at Oklahoma

2025

- Saw action in two games and had two tackles
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Eastern Michigan and charted two tackles
- Also got playing time vs. Florida

High School

- A four-star recruit by ESPN, Rivals.com and 247Sports and has a three-star ranking from On3.com
- The No. 165 player nationally by 247Sports ... Also rated No. 11 in Alabama and the nation's No. 19 cornerback by the same service
- Consensus top-20 player in Alabama and top-50 cornerback by all the recruiting services
- A two-way player who also saw action at wide receiver
- Totaled 37 tackles, 1.0 sacks, three interceptions, including one pick-six in 2024 ... Also had 14 catches for 520 yards and seven receiving TDs
- Named First Team All-State by the Alabama Sports Writers Association
- Helped the Wildcats advance to the third of the 7A state playoffs, their best finish since 1993 ... His eight pickoffs in 2023 were the most in Alabama Class 7A and he returned two of them for touchdowns
- Coached by Ben Blackmon
- Selected for the Alabama North-South All-Star Game
- Athletic ability also indicated by winning the state high jump championship as a junior; played basketball as well ... Had a personal-best jump of 6-foot-10
- Picked Kentucky over Clemson, Georgia, Miami, Florida and Ole Miss

Personal

- Born in Leesburg, Florida
- Son of Richard Robinson
- Siblings are Aden Hendrix and Aziya Purcell
- Major is sport leadership

Andrew Says

- His nickname is "Drew"
- Three words to describe him are respectful, coachable and hardworking
- Hobbies include working out, gaming and watching movies
- Has an American Pit Bull named King
- Other than football, he's also good at mini golf



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SPENCER
RADNOTI

LONG SNAPPER

6-3 • 237 • Junior
Canton, Ga. (Georgia State/Cherokee HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Georgia State
- Has played in 18 career games, including all eight games at UK this season

2025 - (Georgia State)

- Saw action in all 12 games at a long snapper on PAT and field goals
- Excelled in the classroom, earning Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll in 2024 and 2025
- Dean's List (Fall of '25)
- Athletic Director's Honor Roll (Spring of '25)

2024 - (Georgia State)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Played football and lacrosse at Cherokee High School
- Named All-Region Honorable Mention as a senior

Personal

- Last name is pronounced Radnoti (Rad-not-ee)
- Born in Canton, Georgia
- Son of Anthony and Stephanie Radnoti
- Has one brother, Jackson
- Major is management

Spencer Says

- His nickname is "Spence" or "Rad"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a private consultant
- Three words to describe him are fun, kind and hardworking
- His hobbies are fishing and being in the outdoors
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he didn't grow up playing football



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BEN
REEVES

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 242 • Junior
Edgewood, Ky. (Georgetown College/ Covington Catholic HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at NAIA's Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky.

2025 - (Georgetown College)

- Played in 10 games and tallied 30 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, two pass breakups, and a forced fumble
- Helped the Tigers finish 7-3 overall, 4-2 in the Mid-South Conference (MSC) Bluegrass Division
- Also excelled in the classroom, earning 2025 Mid-South Conference All-Academic honors

2024 - (Georgetown College)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Was a key cog on the defensive line at Covington Catholic in 2023, totaling 64 tackles with a team-high 7.0 sacks as a senior
- Helped lead the Colonels to a 14-1 overall record and an appearance in the 2023 KHSAA Class 4A State Championship
- Tallied a career-high 11 tackles in a 49-12 win over Greenup in the KHSAA 4A playoffs
- Member of the National Honor Society

Personal

- Born in Edgewood, Kentucky
- Son of Michael and Alison Reeves
- Siblings are Charlie and Lauren
- Major is pre-accounting

Ben Says
- He chose Kentucky because it was his dream school, being from Kentucky
- Three words to describe him are fun, competitive and hardworking
- His hobbies are golf, traveling and spending time with family
- One thing most people don't know about him is that his ancestors are from Ireland
- One thing he will never do again is live in a dorm



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CYRUS
REYES

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 192 • Junior
Katy, Texas (Mississippi State/Taylor HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Mississippi State
- Has seen action in all eight games and has 10 tackles and a PBU
- Totaled a career-high four tackles and a pass breakup vs. Youngstown State

2025 - (Mississippi State)
- Played in all 13 games with seven tackles
- Named to the 2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024 - (Mississippi State)
- Played in 12 games, just one of two true freshmen who played in all 12 games for the Bulldogs
- Played primarily on special teams and recorded five tackles
- Named to the 2024 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

High School
- Prepped at Taylor High School under the direction of head coach Chad Simmons
- A 3-star recruit according to 247Sports, On3 and Rivals
- Two-time team captain
- In his prep career, totaled 209 tackles, 121 of which were solo tackles, while also earning five interceptions, five pass deflections and one fumble recovery
- Two-time unanimous all-district safety
- Racked up a career-best 91 tackles during his senior season
- Had 60 solo tackles in 2023 to go along with three interceptions
- Also participated in track & field

Personal
- Last name is pronounced Reyes (RAY-yes)
- Born in Katy, Texas
- Son of Cesar and Patricia Reyes
- Siblings are Ruby, Orlando, Giovanni, Dominque and Melina
- Major is finance
- Serves as a "My New Kentucky Home" Ambassador (2026)

Cyrus Says
- Hobbies include playing chess, playing pickleball, praying, gaming and reading
- Three words to describe him are faithful, hardworking and smart
- If he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life, he would eat Spam masubi
- He has a Dachshund named Keko
- The highlight of his life so far has been seeing Christ in the Eucharist

REYES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2024*	DB	12-0	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2025*	DB	13-0	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2026	DB	8-0	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at UK		**8-0**	**10**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Totals		**33-0**	**22**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

^ at Mississippi State

REYES' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at OU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**9**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

REYES' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (MSU)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Southern Miss.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arizona St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Alcorn	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NIU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Texas A&M	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Arkansas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Wake Forest	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**18**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

REYES' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (MSU)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. EKU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Arizona St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Toledo	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Texas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas A&M	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UMass	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**5**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

REYES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Tackles: 4, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Pass breakup: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026



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BRIAN
ROBINSON

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 257 • Junior
Youngstown, Ohio (Westerville North)

2026
- Has seen action in seven games this season and got his first tackle, TFL and sack vs. South Alabama

2025
- Practiced with the team

2024
- 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 economics
- Serves as a "My New Kentucky Home" Ambassador (2026)

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

ROBINSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
2024	2-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2026	7-0	1	1.0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	**9-0**	**1**	**1.0-0**	**1.0-1**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

ROBINSON'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	1	1.0-1	1.0-1	0/0	0	0
at USC			DNP			
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at OU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**1.0-1**	**1.0-1**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**

ROBINSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Tackles: 1, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Alabama, Sept 26, 2026 (1 yards)



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MARK
ROBINSON III

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 328 • Junior
Altamonte Springs, Fla. (UTEP/ Southeastern/Lyman HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at UTEP and one season at Southeastern University, a NAIA school located in Lakeland, Florida
- Saw action vs. Youngstown State and South Alabama

2025 - (UTEP)
- Started all 12 regular-season games at left tackle for the Miners
- Played a total of 813 snaps, finishing with a PFF grade of 70.1 with a pass-blocking percentage of 85.4
- Helped UTEP rush for 1,387 yards and 14 TDs
- Earned All-Conference USA honorable mention

2024 - (Southeastern)
- Started in all nine games at left tackle for Southeastern University
- Named the Sun Conference Freshman of the Year and earned second-team All-Sun Conference honors after helping the Fire finish 7-2 overall
- Instrumental in Southeastern boasting the ninth-best rushing offense in the NAIA, totaling 2,263 yards on the ground (5.1 ypa), with 22 rushing touchdowns and a 31.2 points per game average

High School
- Named Seminole County first-team All-Conference all four years
- Played for head coach Jermel Jones
- As a junior, helped lead the Greyhounds to their first winning season in 13 years, going 7-3
- As a senior, was a key cog on the offensive line, helping the Greyhounds finish 6-4, the program's first back-to-back winning seasons since 2004-05
- Also an excellent basketball player who earned second-team All-Conference honors in 2022 and 2023

Personal
- Born in Orlando, Florida
- Son of Shaina and Mark Robinson Jr.
- Siblings are Raiden and Braylon
- Dad, Mark, played defensive tackle at ECU from 2004-09
- Has a dual major in sport leadership and pre-communication

Mark Says
- His nickname is "Trey"
- Three words to describe him are caring, smart and tall
- His favorite sports hero is Kevin Durant
- His favorite family recipe he can make is his mom and dad's macaroni and cheese
- The best advice he's ever received is "keep your head down and work"



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WILLIE
RODRIGUEZ

TIGHT END

6-4 • 249 • Junior
Taylor Mill, Kentucky (Covington Catholic)

2026
- Preseason All-SEC Second Team (Phil Steele)
- Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Media and Coaches)
- 2027 Senior Bowl Top 300 List
- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team nominee
- John Mackey Preseason Watch List
- Allstate Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- Hispanic Player of the Year Watch List
- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Award Semifinalist
- Elected to represent UK at SEC Media Days
- Team's leading receiver with 39 catches for 324 yards and a team-high tying three TDs (8.3 ypc)
- His 39 receptions are the most for a UK tight end in the first eight games since All-American James Whalen in 1999
- Has at least one catch in 19 of his last 20 games
- Has at least two catches in all eight games this season and 10 straight, dating back to last season
- First UK tight end with at least five receptions in four straight SEC games since James Whalen in 1999
- Named one of four team captains vs. Youngstown State and caught four passes for 48 yards and a score
- Paced the receiving corps vs. Alabama with a career-high eight catches for 49 yards ... Marked the most catches for a UK tight end in one game since Jacob Tamme caught nine vs. Tennessee in 2007
- Caught five passes for 57 yards and the game-winning two-point conversion in the win at South Carolina ... Got his first two career rushes for five yards
- Led the Wildcats in receptions in the win over No. 10 LSU, catching six for 25 yards ... His six receptions were the most for a UK tight end vs. an AP top-10 team since Jacob Tamme caught six at Georgia in 2007
- Caught five passes for 38 yards and two touchdowns in the win at Oklahoma ... Marked the first time in his collegiate career to haul in multiple TD receptions
- Led UK with six catches for 67 yards in the win over Vanderbilt ... Notched his first career rushing touchdown in the final 30 seconds of the first half ... Lined up in the “Willie-cat” formation at the one-yard line, took a direct shotgun snap, rushed forward, stutter-stepped near the line of scrimmage, then scooted untouched around right end into the end zone

2025

- Started in seven of 12 games played
- Named one of four team captains at Georgia
- Had 23 catches for 310 yards and one TD
- Had two receptions for 28 yards and the first touchdown of his career vs. Eastern Michigan
- Totaled two receptions for a career-high 66 yards at USC, including a career-long catch of 53 yards
- Caught a career-high six passes for a career-best 78 yards at Vanderbilt ... His six receptions were the most for a UK tight end since C.J. Conrad caught six at Mississippi State in 2015
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024

- Saw action in all 12 games with three starts vs. Ohio, Vanderbilt and Louisville
- Totaled five catches for 94 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
- Dean's List (Fall 2024)
- Named to SEC First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Rated a unanimous three-star recruit by ESPN, Rivals, On3 and 247Sports
- ESPN had him as the No. 24 tight end in the nation and Rivals had 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
- 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

Community Cats

- Rodriguez's commitment to service began at home, where he has helped care for his younger sister, Gabby (now 19), who has Rett syndrome, a rare neurological and developmental disorder that primarily affects girls and impacts the way the brain develops. Her influence has instilled in him compassion, patience and a desire to make a positive impact on those around him.
- Volunteer at Golisano Children's Hospital, visiting with the kids during the summer and fall (2025-present)
- Volunteer at Easterseals of the Bluegrass, a non-profit in Lexington that supports individuals and families with disabilities (2026)
- Volunteered at a shoe drive to benefit Camp Horsin' Around, a local nonprofit that enriches the lives of children whose health is compromised or who have special needs by collaborating with organized groups to provide an outdoor camp adventure (2025)
- Volunteered at Gabby's high school, Scott High School (2025), playing games and spending time with her classmates

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Jody and Willie Rodriguez
- Has five siblings — brother Alexes (pronounced uh-lex-EES), twin brothers Antonio and Emilio, and sisters Sofia and Gabby
- 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 More from 1992-96; Sister, Sofia, is currently a soccer player at IU Indy
- Major is management

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	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
2024	TE	12-3	5	94	18.8	0	25	0	0	0	0
2025	TE	12-7	23	310	13.5	1	53	0	0	0	0
2026	TE	8-8	39	324	8.3	3	21	4	6	1	3
Totals		**32-18**	**67**	**728**	**10.9**	**4**	**53**	**4**	**6**	**1**	**3**

RODRIGUEZ'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU*	4	48	1	20	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama*	8	49	0	18	0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	3	22	0	10	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.*	2	18	0	11	0	0	0	0
at USC*	5	57	0	20	2	5	0	3
vs. LSU*	6	25	0	11	1	0	0	0
at OU*	5	38	2	14	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy*	6	67	0	21	1	1	1	1
Totals	**39**	**324**	**3**	**21**	**4**	**6**	**1**	**3**

RODRIGUEZ'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo*	2	31	0	23
vs. Ole Miss*	1	9	0	9
vs. EMU	2	28	1	25
at USC*	2	66	0	53
at UGA*	2	7	0	5
vs. Texas*	3	32	0	19
vs. Tennessee*	2	28	0	18
at Auburn	1	8	0	8
vs. Florida	1	8	0	8
vs. Tenn. Tech	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	6	78	0	20
at Louisville*	1	15	0	15
Totals	**23**	**319**	**1**	**53**

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: 8, vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026
Receiving yards: 78, at Vanderbilt, Nov 22, 2025
Receiving TDs: 2, at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Long reception: 53, at South Carolina, Sept 27, 2025
Rushing attempts: 2, at South Caroline, Oct 3, 2026
Rushing yards: 5, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Rushing TDs: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026



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ABA

SELM

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 327 • Junior
Independence, Ky. (Simon Kenton)

2026

- Saw the first action of the season vs. South Alabama

2025

- Saw action vs. Eastern Michigan

2024

- 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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MIKKEL
SKINNER
TIGHT END

6-4 • 234 • Sophomore
Greer, S.C. (Riverside)

2026
- Has seen action in all eight games
- Has nine catches for 95 yards and a score this season ... Also has eight carries for 57 yards
- Had his first collegiate receptions vs. Youngstown State, catching a team-high four passes for a team-high 61 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown
- Had two rushes for 14 yards and one catch for seven yards in the win over No. 9/8 Texas A&M
- Named one of four game captains at South Carolina
- Charted a career-high four rushes for 24 yards in the win over Vanderbilt

2025
- Redshirt season
- Played in four games, seeing his first collegiate action vs. Texas ... Also saw action vs. Tennessee, at Auburn and vs. Tennessee Tech

High School
- A four-star recruit by Rivals, 247 Sports and 247Sports Composite
- Considered the No. 2 overall recruit in the state of South Carolina in the 2025 class by 247Sports and the No. 10 tight end nationally by On3
- A versatile athlete who sees action at wide receiver, tight end, running back, linebacker, defensive end for head coach Matt Rochester at Riverside
- Led the Warriors to their first playoff appearance in the Class AAAAA Division 2 state playoffs in 15 years in 2024
- Caught 44 passes for 819 yards and 12 receiving TDs as a senior
- Also had 31 carries for 321 yards with six scores
- Totaled 1,340 all-purpose yards
- Defensively, had 12 tackles and 5.0 sacks
- Caught 44 passes for 651 yards and 10 TDs as a junior
- Also had 68 carries for 588 yards (8.6 yards per carry) with five scores
- A multi-sport athlete at Riverside who also competed in basketball and track
- Helped lead the basketball team to the South Carolina AAAA title game in 2023, charting 11 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks in the semifinals
- Earned All-Region honors
- Ran a 23.78 in the 200-meter dash as a junior
- Chose Kentucky over Georgia, South Carolina, Ohio State, USF and West Virginia

Personal
- Born in Greer, South Carolina
- Son of Dwayne Skinner and Latoya Greene
- Siblings are Marques Skinner and Maddison Skinner
- Comes from a family of athletes as aunt, Kalana Greene, played basketball at UConn (2005-10) before playing professionally in the WNBA and for CCC Polkowice in Poland; Cousin, Courtney Brown, was an offensive lineman at Penn State and for the Cleveland Browns; Cousin, Joe Hamilton, was a quarterback at Georgia Tech
- Major is criminal justice

Mikkel Says
- His dream job is to be an actor
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can play the drums
- Three words to describe him are funny, outgoing and lit
- If he could eat only one thing the rest of his life he would choose chicken and mangoes (okay, that's two things)
- Hobbies are playing basketball and gaming

SKINNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2025	4-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	8-0	8	57	7.1	0	16	9	95	10.6	1	28
Totals	**12-0**	**8**	**57**	**7.1**	**0**	**16**	**9**	**95**	**10.6**	**1**	**28**

SKINNER'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	1	3	0	3	4	61	1	28
vs. Bama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	2	14	0	14	1	7	0	7
vs. So. Ala.	0	0	0	0	2	23	0	20
at USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at OU	1	16	0	16	1	1	0	1
vs. Vandy	4	24	0	16	1	3	0	3
Totals	**8**	**57**	**0**	**16**	**9**	**95**	**1**	**28**

SKINNER'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

SKINNER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 4, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Receiving yards: 61, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Long reception: 28, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Rush attempts: 4, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Rush yards: 24, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Long rush: 16, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026



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AHMIR
SMITH
RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 200 • Junior
Santee, S.C. (Garden City CC/ Northern Illinois/Calhoun County HS)

2026
- Has seen action in two games vs. Youngstown State and South Alabam
- Totaled two rushes for 13 yards in the opener vs. Youngstown State

2025 - (Garden City CC)
- Rushed for 322 yards and 5 touchdowns on 74 carries (4.4 yards per carry)
- Also caught 14 passes for 183 yards with three touchdowns
- Earned Garden City All-Conference Honorable Mention

2024 - (Northern Illinois)
- Redshirt season
- Saw action in one game against Bowling Green and rushed three times for four yards

High School
- A four-year starter at Calhoun County High School for head coach Wayner Farmer
- Named Team Captain as a senior and helped lead the Saints to a 10-2 record and advance to the second round of playoffs
- Had 200 carries and ran for 1,700 yards with 31 TDs as a senior and was named the team's Most Valuable Player
- Named to the All-American Bowl and the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas
- Three-time Calhoun County Offensive Player of the Year
- Also a four-year letter winner on the track team as a sprinter
- State champion in the 4x100 relay in 2022 and 2023
- Three-time Sprinter of the Year Award winner
- Named to the Honor Roll from 2021-2023 and earned a spot on the Principal's List

Personal
- Born in Orangeburg, South Carolina
- Son of Diandra Simmons
- Siblings are Ahli and Ahbri
- Dad, Roberto Smith, was a running back at Wingate from 2005-06
- Major is pre-communication

Ahmir Says
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a farmer
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he lives on a farm
- Three words to describe him are funny, competitive and independent
- If he could only eat one thing the rest of his life, he would choose beef stew
- The best advice he's ever received is from his mom, "The world is yours. Go get it."

AH. SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2024	1-0	3	4	1.3	0	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
2026	2-0	3	12	6.5	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UK	**2-0**	**3**	**12**	**6.0**	**0**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
Totals	**3-0**	**6**	**16**	**2.7**	**0**	**8**	**4**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

^ at Northern Illinois

AH. SMITH'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	2	13	0	8	0	0	0	0
at USC	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**3**	**12**	**0**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

AH. SMITH'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. BGST	3	4	0	5	0	0	0	0
Totals	**3**	**4**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

AH. SMITH'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 3, vs Bowling Green, Oct 12, 2024
Rush yards: 13, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Long rush: 8, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026



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ANTWAN
SMITH

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 226 • Junior
Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake)

2026
- Has seen action in five games this season and has four tackles and an interception
- Got a career-high tying two tackles and his first interception in the win over South Alabama
- Left the South Carolina game early with injury
- Has missed the last three games with injury

2025
- Saw action in all 12 games and finished with six tackles and a PBU
- Got his first PBU in the win over Florida
- Got a career-high two tackles vs. Tennessee Tech

2024
- 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 sport leadership

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
2025	ILB	12-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
2026	ILB	5-0	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-31	0
Totals		**24-0**	**11**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**1**	**1-31**	**2**

A. SMITH'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-31	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**4**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1-31**	**0**

A. SMITH'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at UGA	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vandy	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**6**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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
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
vs. Murray St.	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
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	**1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

A. SMITH'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, twice, last vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Pass breakup: 1, twice, last vs Florida, Nov 8, 2025
Quarterback hurry: vs Murray State, Nov 16, 2024
Interception: 1, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026



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DEVIN
SMITH

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0 • 231 • Junior
Brunswick, Georgia (Brunswick)

2026
- Has seen action in two games vs. Youngstown State and at South Carolina
- Got one tackle and a TFL in the season opener

2025
- Played in the first five games before leaving the Georgia game (10/4) with injury
- Missed the remainder of the season

2024
- 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 Iyke, James, Jovontae and Geya
- Major is sport leadership

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"

D. SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2025	ILB	5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2006	ILB	2-0	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0
Totals		**7-0**	**1**	**1.0-4**	**1.0-4**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

D. SMITH'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**1.0-4**	**1.0-4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

D. SMITH'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

D. SMITH'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026 (4 yards)



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JADEN
SMITH

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-3 • 205 • Junior
Charlotte, North Carolina (West Charlotte)

2026
- Saw action in all five games, earning his first career start at South Carolina
- Totaled a career-best four tackles, including his first career tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry in the win at South Carolina ... Left the game in the fourth quarter with a knee injury and has not returned to action

2025
- Saw action in six games and finished with 10 tackles and a QBH
- Got his first career tackle and a QBH vs. Toledo
- Recorded a career-best three tackles vs. Eastern Michigan
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024
- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action on special teams vs. Ohio and also played against Auburn, Murray State and Louisville
- Named to SEC First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 criminal justice

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

JA. SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2024	DB	4-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2025	DB	6-0	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
2026	DB	5-1	7	1.0-4	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
Totals		**15-0**	**16**	**1.0-4**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**2**	**0**	**0**

JA. SMITH'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	**7**	**1.0-4**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

JA. SMITH'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Ole Miss	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at UGA			DNP					
vs. Texas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn			DNP					
vs. Florida			DNP					
vs. Tenn. Tech			DNP					
at Vandy			DNP					
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**10**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

JA. SMITH'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Ohio	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

JA. SMITH'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Quarterback hurry: 1, twice, last at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026



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HASAAN
SYKES

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 192 • Junior
Atlanta, Ga. (Western Carolina/Tucker HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Western Carolina
- Has played in 27 career games with 18 starting assignments (11 at Western Carolina and 7 at UK)
- Has two career double-digit tackle games
- Has 33 total tackles this season, including 1.0 tackle for loss and a team-high tying four pass breakups
- Missed the season opener with injury
- Returned to action vs. Alabama and had six tackles, including a tackle for loss
- Got seven tackles and a PBU vs. Texas A&M
- Named one of four game captains vs. South Alabama
- Also got seven tackles in the win at Oklahoma
- Had six tackles and a PBU in the win over Vanderbilt

2025 - (Western Carolina)

- Started 11 of the team's 12 games, missing the road win at Wofford
- Ranked fifth on the WCU squad with 49 total tackles, including 31 solo stops with four tackles for loss with two sacks
- Had five pass breakups, fourth on the team
- Tied for the team lead with three interceptions, tied for third in the SoCon
- Received an honorable mention for FCS National Defensive Player of the Week from Stats Perform after he recorded six solo stops, including a sack, forced a fumble, and intercepted a pass in the 52-7 win over Furman (Oct. 11)

2024 - (Western Carolina)

- Played in nine of the team's 12 games
- Charted five total tackles
- Named to the 2024-25 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll
- Recorded a career-high two tackles and a TFL at Florida

High School

- Played cornerback/safety and wide receiver at Tucker High School, earning second-team Georgia Region 4-AAAAA and All-County plaudits
- Participated in the Georgia Elite Classic where he was named a top performer for the week
- Caught 22 passes for 414 yards and two touchdowns in his career
- Also competed in track & field, winning the GHSA 5-A state championship in the long jump as an 11th grader, posting a season-best leap of 23-4.25
- Excelled in the classroom, graduating with a 4.2 grade point average

Personal

- Name is pronounced HA-sahn SIKES
- Born in Newport News, Virginia
- Son of Shakia Abrahams and Keith Skyes
- Siblings are Amari Sykes, Justice Abrahams and Lyric Abrahams
- Major is pre-finance

Hasaan Says

- He chose UK for the opportunity to become great
- After the NFL, his dream job is to be an entrepreneur
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is from Virginia
- Three words to describe him are reserved, simple and content
- Hobbies include traveling, gaming and reading

SYKES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2024*	DB	9-0	5	1.0-2	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2025*	DB	11-11	49	4.0-30	2.0-24	1/0	0	3-63	5
2026	DB	7-7	33	1.0-1	0-0	0/0	0	0	4
at UK		**7-7**	**33**	**1.0-1**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**4**
Totals		**27-18**	**87**	**6.0-33**	**2.0-24**	**1/0**	**0**	3-63	**9**

** at Western Carolina*

SYKES' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU			DNP					
vs. Alabama*	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	7	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at OU*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy*	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**1.0-1**	**0-0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

SYKES' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (WESTERN CAROLINA)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Gardner-Webb	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-61	0
at Wake Forest	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Elon	9	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Samford	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Campbell	3	1.5-5	0-0	2	0	0	1-2	0
at Wofford			DNP					
vs. Furman	6	1.0-15	1.0-15	0	1	0	1-0	0
at The Citadel	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Chattanooga	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Mercer	10	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. ETSU	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at VMI	2	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**49**	**4.0-30**	**2.0-24**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**3-63**	**0**

SYKES' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (WESTERN CAROLINA)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Campbell	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Elon	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Montana	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Wofford	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. The Citadel	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Furman	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at ETSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. VMI	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Samford	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**5**	**1.0-2**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

SYKES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 11, vs Samford, Sept 20, 2025
Tackles for loss: 1.5, at Campbell, Sept 27, 2025
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last vs VMI, Nov 22, 2025
Forced fumble: 1, vs Furman, Oct 11, 2025
Pass breakups: 2, twice, last at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Interceptions: 1, 3x, last vs Furman, Oct 11, 2025



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NELSON
TAMBLING

TIGHT END

6-5 • 240 • Freshman
Gainesville, Fla. (Eastside HS)

High School
- A two-sport athlete who also shined in basketball at the 3A level in the Sunshine State
- Started one season at quarterback at Eastside High School under Harold "Gator" Hoskins
- Led the Rams to a 9-3 mark, their third district title in four years, and the second round of the playoffs as a senior in 2025
- Passed for 1482 yards and 21 touchdowns against just three interceptions
- Added six rushing touchdowns
- Prior to Eastside, started as a quarterback under head coach Ian Scott at Gainesville High School
- Excelled in the classroom, earning a 4.6 weighted GPA
- Named to the National Honors Society
- Chose Kentucky over Stetson

Personal
- Born in Gainesville, Florida
- Son of Kent and Jennifer Tambling
- Father, Kent, was a wide receiver at Florida
- Has one brother, Zachary
- Major is pre-aerospace engineering

Nelson Says
- He chose Kentucky for the opportunity to compete at the highest level
- After the NFL, his dream job is to work on a rocket that goes to Mars
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he likes to cook
- Three words to describe him are lucky, tall and exciting
- Hobbies include cooking, playing basketball, chess and video games



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KEVIS
THOMAS

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 181 • Senior
Perry, Fla. (Maryland/Lowndes)

2026
- Has played in seven games
- Recorded one tackle vs. Alabama

2025
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Maryland (2023-24)
- Has played in 26 career games (14 at Maryland and 12 at UK) with six career starts (all at Maryland)
- Has totaled 27 career tackles and two pass breakups
- Finished with four tackles this season

2024 - (Maryland)
- Started in six of eight games played for the Terps and totaled six tackles and two PBUs
- Got a career-high four tackles twice (vs. Northwestern and at Minnesota)
- Made his first career start vs. Indiana and got three tackles

2023 - (Maryland)
- Appeared in six games as a true freshman and charted two tackles

High School
- Played quarterback at Lowndes High School before transitioning to defensive back and wide receiver
- Caught 22 passes for 417 yards and three touchdowns as a senior, while also returning a pair of kickoffs for a touchdown
- Named 2021 Second Team All-Region after totaling 25 tackles and an interception
- Coached by Zach Grage
- An all-around athlete who also played basketball and baseball for the Vikings

Personal
- Born in Tallahassee, Florida
- Son of Keyana Simmons and Walter Thomas
- Siblings are Kavan Thomas, Akeela Thomas, Knyon Simmons, Kenna Simmons and Kyson Simmons
- Major is communication

Kevis Says
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is the first person in his family to go to college
- Three words to describe him are humble, respectful and motivated
- His sports hero is LeBron James because he's never complacent
- Hobbies include gaming and playing basketball
- After his football career, he wants to be a business owner

K. THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2023^	DB	6-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2024^	DB	8-6	21	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	2
2025	DB	12-0	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2026	DB	7-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at UK		**19-0**	**5**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Totals		**33-6**	**28**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**2**

^ at Maryland

K. THOMAS' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at OU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy			DNP					
Totals	**1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

K. THOMAS' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at UGA	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**4**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

K. THOMAS' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (MARYLAND)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. UConn			DNP					
vs. Michigan State			DNP					
at Virginia			DNP					
vs. Villanova	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Southern Cal.*	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Oregon			DNP					
vs. Rutgers	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Penn State*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**21**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

K. THOMAS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (MARYLAND)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Towson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Charlotte	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Michigan St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Indiana	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

K. THOMAS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, twice, last at Minnesota, Oct 26, 2024
Pass breakups: 1, twice, last vs. Rutgers, Nov 16, 2024



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TYLER
THOMAS

DEFENSIVE END

6-5 • 260 • Senior
Mobile, Ala. (South Alabama/UAB/ Cottage Hill Christian HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at South Alabama and one season at UAB
- Rejoins South Alabama teammate Dominic Wiseman at UK
- Has seen action in five games and has three tackles
- Named one of four game captains vs. South Alabama
- Missed the last three games with injury

2025 - (South Alabama)
- Saw action in 11 games with four starts
- Totaled 17 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks and two quarterback hurries

2024 - (South Alabama)
- Played in all 13 games
- Recorded 20 total tackles with six solo tackles
- Also registered 3.5 tackles for loss with 2.5 sacks and two forced fumbles

2023 - (UAB)
- Redshirt season
- Appeared in four games and made one tackle

High School
- Prepped at Cottage Hill Christian Academy in Mobile
- Named a Second Team All-State performer and earned All-Region Honorable Mention honors
- Was rated a two-star prospect by 247 Sports coming out of high school

Personal
- Born in Charleston, South Carolina
- Son of Stacey and Adam Thomas
- His father, Adam, played college basketball at Enterprise State Junior College and the University of Mobile before going on to play professionally in Finland
- Has two brothers, Trent and Trevor
- Identical twin brother, Trent, is a tight end at Tennessee ... Tyler is older by one minute
- Major is pre-management ... Also working on an undergraduate certificate in business

Tyler Says
- His sports hero is Kobe Bryant because he represents greatness
- Best advice he's ever received is from his dad "focus on you"
- After his football career, he wants to be a business owner
- One thing he will never do again is get in the ocean
- Has a Rottweiler named Deuce

T. THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2023!	DE	4-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2024^	DE	13-0	20	3.5-12	2.5-10	2/0	0	0	0
2025^	DE	11-4	17	3.5-18	2.0-12	0/0	2	0	0
2026	DE	5-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at UK		**5-0**	**3**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Totals		**33-4**	**41**	**7.0-30**	**4.5-22**	**2/0**	**2**	**0**	**0**

! at UAB
^ at South Alabama

T. THOMAS' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU			DNP					
at OU			DNP					
vs. Vandy			DNP					
Totals	**3**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

T. THOMAS' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (SOUTH ALABAMA)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Morgan St.*	4	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tulane	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. C. Carolina*	4	1.0-2	1.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at North Texas*	3	2.0-16	1.0-12	0	0	0	0	0
at Troy*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia St.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Louisiana	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at ULM			DNP	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Southern Miss.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Texas St	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**17**	**3.5-18**	**2.0-12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**

T. THOMAS' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (SOUTH ALABAMA)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. North Texas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ohio	4	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	1	0	0	0
v.s. NW St.	1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at App State	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at LSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Arkansas St.	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	1	0	0	0
vs. Troy	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ga. Southern	3	1.0-2	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisiana	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Southern Miss.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas St.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Western Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**20**	**3.5-12**	**2.5-10**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**

T. THOMAS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (UAB)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Memphis	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Temple	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at North Texas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

T. THOMAS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, 4x, last vs. Coastal Carolina, Sept 20, 2025
Tackles for loss: 2.0, at North Texas, Sept 27, 2025
Sacks: 1.0, 4x, at North Texas, Sept 27, 2025
Forced fumble: 1, twice, last at Arkansas State, Oct 5, 2024
Quarterback hurries: 2, at Georgia State, Oct 23, 2025



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HANK
TIMON

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-6 • 318 • Freshman
Guilford, Ind. (East Central HS)

2026
- Played in five snaps vs. Youngstown State, helping UK to 506 yards total offense, only the third time in the last 40 years that UK compiled 300 passing yards and 200 rushing yards in a season opener

High School
- Rated a three-star recruit by 247Sports and a Top 200 offensive tackle
- Four-year letter winner for head coach Jake Meiners, playing on the offensive and defensive lines
- As a senior in 2025, helped East Central go 9-3 and paved the way for the Trojans to average 252 rushing yards per game
- Also totaled 21 tackles on the defensive line in 2025
- Member of back-to-back Class 4A State Championship teams (2022 and 2023)
- In his four years with the program, East Central compiled an impressive 45-7 record, including a perfect 15-0 season in 2023

Personal
- Born in Cincinnati
- Son of Tad and Jill Timon
- Has one sister, Anna
- Mother, Jill, was a swimmer at Ohio University from 1996-00

- Major is pre-management

Hank Says
- He chose UK because it was his dream school and for the opportunity to not only play in the SEC but to be a member of the first class under the new era of Will Stein
- After his football career, he hopes to join the marketing professional sports team
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he likes to play poker
- Three words to describe him are tall, nice and funny
- Hobbies include fishing and hunting



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TEGRA
TSHABOLA

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-3 • 329 • Fifth Year
West Chester, Ohio (Ohio State/Lakota West HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Ohio State
- A three-time letter winner for the Buckeyes who played in 43 games with 29 starts
- Has started in all eight games for Kentucky
- Named one of four game captains in the win over South Alabama

2025 - (Ohio State)
- Started in 13 games
- A Third-Team Preseason All-American (Pick Six Previews)
- Named to the Outland Trophy watch list

2024 - (Ohio State)
- Started in all 16 games at right guard
- Helped the Buckeyes win the CFP national championship
- Ranked second among offensive linemen with 781 snaps from scrimmages
- A key cog in helping Ohio State's offense rank 7th nationally last season in fewest TFLs allowed per game (3.75) and 10th in fewest sacks allowed per game (1.0)
- Was part of an offensive line that gave up just four sacks total in the College Football Playoffs against No. 7 Tennessee, No. 1 Oregon, No. 3 Texas and No. 5 Notre Dame

2023- (Ohio State)
- Played in 10 games and earned his first Varsity O letter

2022- Freshman (Ohio State)
- Redshirt season
- Played in four games vs. Arkansas State, Toledo, Wisconsin and Rutgers

High School
- A four-star prospect who was the top-rated offensive lineman in the state of Ohio in 2021 as a senior
- A top 150 overall prospect regardless of position, checking in at No. 112 in the 247 rankings
- Southwest District Division I all-district first team
- Three-time Division I first-team All-Ohio
- Selected to play in the 2022 All-American Bowl in San Antonio

Personal
- Name is pronounced "TAY-gruh" "sha-BO-la"
- Born in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Moved to Ohio when he was young from the DRC
- Son of John and Angel Tshabola
- Has a dual major in communication and criminal justice

Tegra Says
- His nickname is "Teg"
- After his football career, he wants to become a coach or trainer
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's fluent in French
- The highlight of his life so far was becoming a father
- The best advice he's ever received is "be who you say you are"



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BRAXTON
URQUHART

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-3 • 200 • Senior
Birmingham, Ala. (Butler CC/Hoover HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Butler Community College
- Was listed as the No. 10 junior college cornerback, according to 247Sports
- Played in 17 games and charted 36 tackles and seven pass breakups at Butler CC

2025 - (Butler CC)
- Played in nine games and accumulated 26 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss (-7 yards) and five pass breakups
- Helped the Grizzlies go 7-3 overall, including 4-2 in conference play
- Earned All-KJCCC Honorable Mention

2024 - (Butler CC)
- Saw action in eight games and totaled 10 tackles and two pass breakups

High School
- A unanimous three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- Played at Hoover High School
- Selected to the 2022 AHSAA North-South All-Star Football Game

Personal
- Born in Birmingham, Alabama
- Son of Porscha and Brian Urquhart
- Siblings are Brian, Jerica and Sydney Urquhart and Eldrion Harvell
- Brother, Brian, was a baseball player at Morehouse College, while brother Eldrion, played baseball at LeMonye College
- Major is liberal studies

Braxton Says
- His nickname is "Steez"
- After his football career, his dream job is to be a doctor or scientist
- Three words to describe him are intelligent, kind and humble
- One thing most people don't know about him is that Rich Homie Quan is his uncle
- The best advice he's ever received is "everything is hard, being average or being successful ... pick your hard"



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TAVION
WALLACE

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 241 • Sophomore
Jesup, Ga. (Arkansas/Appling County HS)

2026
- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at Arkansas
- Has seen action in five games and has six tackles along with a QBH and a PBU
- Missed three games (South Carolina, LSU and Oklahoma) with injury before returning to action vs. Vanderbilt
- Got a career-high four tackles and his first career quarterback hurry in the season opener
- Charted one tackle vs. Alabama
- Recorded his first career PBU vs. South Alabama

2025 - (Arkansas)
- Played in nine games
- Totaled two tackles in a win over Arkansas State

High School
- A consensus four-star prospect according to 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and On3, ESPN 300 (No. 45), Top 247 (No. 177), On3 300 (No. 194) and Rivals250 (No. 198) prospect
- Rated the No. 45 overall prospect in the class of 2025, No. 3 outside linebacker in the class of 2025 and No. 8 overall prospect in Georgia by ESPN
- Attended Appling County High School in Baxley, Ga.
- As a senior, totaled 53 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss, two quarterback hurries, two interceptions, a forced fumble, one pass breakup and a blocked extra point

- A two-way player who also registered 506 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 56 carries
- Named the 2024 Defensive Player of the Year by ITG-Next
- Earned First Team All-Region for GHSA Region 3-AA
- Totaled 58 tackles, four tackles for loss, 10 quarterback hurries, three pass breakups and 1.5 sacks in 10 games as a junior in 2023
- Finalist for the Touchdown Club of Atlanta's Junior Little Peach Award
- Also ran track, recording a personal best 10.61100-meter dash and 22.44 200-meter dash

Personal

- Born in Jesup, Georgia
- Son of Adrian Bryant and Trevor Wallace
- Siblings are Kolby, Tionne, Titus and Trevin
- Older brother, Trevin, played linebacker at Kentucky from 2021-23 and currently plays for the Carolina Panthers
- Major is sport leadership

Tavion Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the family culture they are building
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he loves to sing
- After his football career, he wants to be a veterinarian
- The highlight of his life so far was giving his life back to Jesus
- Three words to describe him are loving, caring and fun

WALLACE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2025^	ILB	9-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2026	ILB	5-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	1
Totals		**14-0**	**8**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**1**	**0**	**1**

^ at Arkansas

WALLACE'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Bama	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at USC			DNP					
vs. LSU			DNP					
at OU			DNP					
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**6**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

WALLACE'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (ARKANSAS)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Alabama A&M	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas St.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas A&M	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	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 Texas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

WALLACE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Quarterback hurries: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Pass breakup: 1, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026



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BRENNEN
WARD

QUARTERBACK

6-4 • 227 • Sophomore
Gahanna, Ohio (Gahanna Lincoln)

2026

- Has played in only one game and only one play but it was vital ... On the first possession of the second half vs. Vanderbilt, he entered the game with the ball on the Vanderbilt 10-yard line ... Lined up alongside fellow QB Kenny Minchey, saw Minchey go in motion to the left, took a shotgun snap and scampered untouched off the right side for a 10-yard touchdown ... It marked his first collegiate score and came on his first career rushing attempt

2025

- Practiced with the team
- Saw his first collegiate action in the win over Tennessee Tech, completing 3-of-6 passes for 25 yards

High School

- A three-star recruit by all of the major recruiting services
- Ranked as the No. 3 quarterback and No. 13 player in Ohio and the nation's 24th-ranked quarterback according to On3
- A four-year letter winner and three-year starter who was coached by his dad, Bruce Ward
- Voted a team captain three straight seasons
- Earned All-State and All-Conference honors three straight seasons
- Completed 95-of-131 passes for 1,200 yards and 12 touchdowns in eight games as a senior ... Also had 21 carries for 120 yards
- Helped the Lions win their third straight Ohio Capital Conference championship (2022, 2023 and 2024)
- Completed 155-of-229 passes (67.7 percent completion) for 2,482 passing yards with 27 touchdowns and just eight interceptions as a junior
- Led Lincoln to a 12-1 record and the Ohio Division 1 Regional Championship
- A three-time All-District and All-OCC performer
- Excelled in the classroom, earning a 4.0 grade point average
- Chose Kentucky over offers Missouri, Virginia and Boston, among others

Personal

- Born in Columbus, Ohio
- Son of Meghan and Bruce Ward
- Comes from a family of athletes as dad, Bruce, played football at Farmont State; mother, Meghan, was a swimmer at Farmont State; sister, Bella, played basketball at Xavier
- Has one sister, Bella
- Major is pre-finance

Brennen Says

- His nickname is "B"
- After his football career, he wants to get into coaching
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is a good cook
- His favorite family recipe to make is banana bread
- Three words to describe him are smart, fun and kind
- Hobbies include golfing and playing with his dogs

WARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2025	1-0	0	0	0	3	6	0	50.0	25	0	13
2026	1-0	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2-0**	**1**	**10**	**1**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**50.0**	**25**	**0**	**13**

WARD'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Vandy	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	10	1	10
Totals	**0-0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**10**	**1**	**10**

WARD'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Tenn. Tech	3-6-0	25	0	13	0	0	0	0
Totals	**3-6-0**	**25**	**0**	**13**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

WARD'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 3, vs Tennessee Tech, Nov 15, 2025
Pass completions: 6, vs Tennessee Tech, Nov 15, 2025
Pass yards: 25, vs Tennessee Tech, Nov 15, 2025
Pass completion: 50.0, vs Tennessee Tech, Nov 15, 2025
Passing touchdowns: n/a
Long pass: 13, vs Tennessee Tech, Nov 15, 2025
Rushing attempts: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Rushing yards: 10, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Rushing TDs: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026



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LINCOLN
WATKINS

TIGHT END

6-4 • 234 • Freshman
Fort Gratiot, Mich. (Northern HS)

High School

- Showcased his versatility at several positions, seeing action at tight end, quarterback, wide receiver, outside linebacker and safety

- A unanimous three-star recruit and top 40 tight end by all the major recruiting services
- A four-year starter for head coach Brett VanDrew at Northern High School
- Was an all-around star as a senior, catching 47 passes for 897 yards, rushing for 185 and passing for 218 yards for 1,212 all-purpose yards and 17 scores
- Set the school records for receptions in a game (11), in a season (47), receiving yards in a season (895) and receiving yards in a career (1,400)
- Also made 55 tackles with two INT and two forced fumbles
- Helped the Huskies finish the 2025 season with a 7-3 record
- Named First-Team All-State for Division 1-2 as a junior and senior by the Michigan Sports Writers
- Selected to play in the U.S. Army Bowl
- As a junior, finished with 39 receptions for 668 yards, rushed for 245 yards and scored 17 total touchdowns ... Added 42 tackles
- Also competed in track and field, finishing as a state finalist in both the shot put and discus throw in 2025
- Excelled in the classroom, finishing with a 4.4 cumulative grade point average
- Part of a program at his high school where he was chosen as one of three students by the principal to teach art to his peers with special needs ... He even incorporated those students on his signing day announcement
- Picked UK over Tennessee, Florida and Nebraska

Personal

- Born in Charlotte, North Carolina
- Son of T.J. and Jeanne Watkins
- Has one sister, Lila
- His great uncle, Mickey Stanley, was a center fielder for the Detroit Tigers from 1968-74
- Major is civil engineering

Lincoln Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his to become a Navy Seal
- Three words to describe him are influential, hardworking and thoughtful
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is really good at drawing and painting
- The highlight of his life so far has been helping save his grandfather's life using CPR
- The one thing he will never do again is go white-water rafting



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ANDREW
WEBER

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 179 • Junior
Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier)

2026

- Has seen action in five of eight games this season, mostly on special teams
- Has two kick returns for 35 yards (long of 19 yards vs. Youngstown State) and a punt return for four yards vs. Youngstown State

2025

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2025)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2024

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Spring 2025)
- Named to SEC First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 caption 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
- Has a dual major in marketing and management ... Also working on an undergraduate certificate in sales

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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JACK
WHEELER

LONG SNAPPER

6-4 • 248 • Freshman
Charlotte, N.C. (Cannon School)

High School

- Three-year letter winner as a long snapper and offensive lineman at Cannon School
- Played for head coach Jamal Birch
- Also lettered one season on the golf and track teams

Personal

- Born in Charlotte, North Carolina
- Son of Nicolle Anderson and Michael Wheeler
- Siblings are Sara, Emily Carroll, Hannah, Matthew and David
- Major is psychology

Jack Says

- Nickname is "Wheels"
- After football, his dream job is to be a psychologist
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he has five older siblings
- Three words to describe him are funny, empathetic and kind
- Besides playing football and other sports, he's also really good at reciting song lyrics



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DYLLON
WILLIAMS

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 191 • Sophomore
Demopolis, Ala. (Demopolis)

2026

- Has seen action in all eight games
- Notched his first two career tackles vs. Alabama

2025
- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games vs. Eastern Michigan, Florida and at Vanderbilt

High School
- A three-star prospect by all of the major recruiting services
- On3.com listed him as the No. 57 player at his position and one of Alabama's top 50 players
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter as a two-way player at cornerback/safety and wide receiver for head coaches Brian Seymore and Lance Tucker
- Helped the Tigers compile a 34-15 record during his prep career
- Totaled 41 tackles, five pass breakups, two interceptions and a forced fumble on defense and had four catches for 91 yards and a score offensively in 2024
- Also a four-year letter winner in track in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles, the 100-meter and 200-meter dash, and the triple jump
- Won the 5A state championship in the 110-meter hurdles in 2024
- Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Cincinnati

Personal
- Born in Dallas, Texas
- Son of Eugena and Keith Williams
- Siblings are Tatyenna Armstrong, Keith Williams Jr., Stephon Freeman and Sam Freemon
- Comes from a family of athletes as sister, Tatyenna Armstrong, played volleyball at Tougaloo college in Jackson, Miss.; brother, Sam Freemon, played basketball at Minnesota; an uncle, Cedric Samuel, was a cornerback at Alabama
- Major is kinesiology

Dyllon Says
- Nickname is "D-Will"
- Three words to describe him are passionate, competitive and motivated
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach or get into real estate
- If he could eat only one thing the rest of his life he would choose hamburgers
- His sports hero is Ed Reed

D. WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2026	DB	8-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals		**8-0**	**1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

D. WILLIAMS' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at OU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

D. WILLIAMS' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Eastern Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

D. WILLIAMS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026



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JADEN
WILLIAMS

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 290 • Fifth Year
Inglewood, Calif. (Wyoming/Campbell Hall)

2026
- Has started in four of eight games played this season
- Has 12 tackles, including a TFL, along with one forced fumble, one QBH and one PBU
- Got one tackle and his first career pass breakup vs. Youngstown in the opener
- Charted two tackles, including a tackle for loss vs. Alabama, his first start at Kentucky
- Got four tackles and a quarterback hurry in the win over Texas A&M
- Recorded his first forced fumble in the win over South Carolina

2025
- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Wyoming
- Has played in 29 career games (20 at Wyoming and 9 at UK) with one start (at Wyoming)
- Has totaled 34 career tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks and seven QB hurries
- Played in nine games in 2025 for UK and finished with 10 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, four QB hurries (tied for second on the team)
- Totaled a career-high six tackles and career-best two quarterback hurries in the Florida win

2024 - (Wyoming)
- Played in 12 games with his first career start coming vs. San Diego State
- Totaled 20 total tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a half sack along with three quarterback hurries

2023 - (Wyoming)
- Saw action in five games and made two tackles, including his first career sack

2022 - (Wyoming)
- Redshirt season
- Appeared in three games and had two tackles, one vs. Fresno State and one vs. Ohio

High School
- Starred at Campbell Hall High School in North Hollywood, Calif.
- Tallied 70 tackles in his career, including 15.0 tackles for loss, 11.0 sacks, 26 quarterback hurries and three turnovers
- Helped his Campbell Hall High team post a 10-1 record for the 2021 season ... Entered the California Southern Section Division 6 Playoffs with a 10-0 record before losing in the opening round to Santa Barbara
- Played for head coach Dennis Keyes

Personal
- Born in Inglewood, California
- Son of the late Cleo Branch
- Siblings are Devin Cox, Asanti Cox and the late Devaughn Cox
- Major is sociology

Jaden Says
- He chose Kentucky because of the love from the coaching staff
- Three words to describe him are funny, nice and outgoing
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a social worker with special education children
- One thing most people don't know is that his favorite food is sushi
- His biggest motivation to work hard is to make his late mother and brother proud

J. WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2022*	DT	3-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2023*	DT	5-0	2	1.0-6	1.0-6	0/0	0	0	0
2024*	DT	12-1	20	1.5-9	0.5-1	0/0	3	0	0
2025	DT	9-0	10	0.5-2	0.5-2	0/0	4	0	0
2026	DT	8-4	12	1.0-5	0-0	1/0	1	0	1
at UK		**17-4**	**22**	**1.5-7**	**0.5-2**	**1/0**	**5**	**0**	**1**
Totals		**37-5**	**46**	**4.0-22**	**2.0-9**	**1/0**	**8**	**0**	**1**

**at Wyoming*

J. WILLIAMS' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Bama*	2	1.0-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. So. Ala.*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
vs. LSU	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at OU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**12**	**1.0-5**	**0-0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**

J. WILLIAMS' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss			DNP					
vs. EMU	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0	0	0	1
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia			DNP					

J. WILLIAMS' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

vs. Texas			DNP					
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn			DNP					
vs. Florida	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Tenn. Tech	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**10**	**0.5-2**	**0.5-2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**

J. WILLIAMS' 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (WYOMING)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Arizona St.	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Idaho	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. BYU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at North Texas	2	1.0-8	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Air Force	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. San Diego St.*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at San Jose St.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Utah St.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at New Mexico	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Colorado St.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Boise St.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Washington St.	4	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**20**	**1.5-9**	**0.5-1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**

J. WILLIAMS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (WYOMING)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Texas Tech	1	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Portland St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Texas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Hawaii	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**1.0-6**	**1.0-6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

J. WILLIAMS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME (WYOMING)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Colorado St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Fresno St.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ohio	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

J. WILLIAMS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs Florida, Nov 8, 2025
Tackles for loss: 1.0, four times, last vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026
Interceptions: 1, vs Southern Miss, Nov 9, 2024
Quarterback hurry: 2, vs Florida, Nov 8, 2025
Forced fumble: 1, at South Carolina, Oct 3, 2026
Fumble recovery: 1, vs Coastal Carolina, Oct 28, 2023
Pass breakup: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026



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DOMINIC
WISEMAN

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-2 • 298 • Fifth Year
Davenport, Iowa (South Alabama/ Iowa Western CC/Davenport North HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at South Alabama and two seasons at Iowa Western Community College
- Appeared in 11 games at South Alabama and 24 games during two years at Iowa Western
- Made 51 total tackles, including 17.0 tackles for loss and 8.0 sacks at Iowa Western along with two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery
- Helped lead the Reivers to back-to-back national championship appearances in 2023 and 2024, including a title in 2023
- Rejoins South Alabama teammate Tyler Thomas
- Has seen action in all eight games for the Wildcats this season and has four tackles and a PBU
- Got two tackles and his first career PBU vs. South Alabama

2025 - (South Alabama)

- Played in 11 games, earning the starting defensive tackle spot in the last six games
- Totaled 23 tackles, including 3.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sacks and two quarterback hurries
- Listed on the 2024 Phil Steele preseason first-team All-MAC and 2024 Athlon Sports preseason second-team All-MAC teams

2024 - (Iowa Western)

- Started in 9 of 12 games played
- Was part of an Iowa Western program that reached three consecutive NJCAA National Championship games in 2022, 2023 and 2024, winning national titles in 2022 and 2023
- Finished the season 11-2, including 10-1 in the regular season
- Totaled 35 tackles, including 11.0 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks ... Also had a forced fumble and a pass breakup

2023 - (Iowa Western)

- Played in 12 games and totaled 16 tackles with 6.0 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks ... Added one fumble recovery and one forced fumble
- Helped Iowa Western win the NJCAA Division I National Championship with a dominant 61–14 victory over East Mississippi
- Finished the season 12-1 overall

High School

- A three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services out of Davenport North High School
- Listed the No. 93 defensive tackle in the class of 2022 nationally
- Totaled 30.5 tackles for a loss while also excelling on the offensive line as a senior
- Earned Class 4A Second Team All-State
- Named MAC 4A Defensive Player of the Year in 2020

Personal

- Born in Davenport, Iowa
- Son of Erica Wiseman
- Siblings are Kayla, Quincy and Jordyn
- Major is liberal studies

Dominic Says

- Nickname is "Dom"
- Three words to describe him are fun, kind and righteous
- His favorite family recipe that he can make is smothered chicken
- The highlight of his life so far has been taking his Shahada, the Islamic declaration of faith
- His hobbies include gaming and fishing

WISEMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2025^	DT	11-6	23	3.0-12	1.0-9	1/0	2	0	0
2026	DT	8-0	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at UK		**8-0**	**4**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Totals		**19-6**	**27**	**3.0-12**	**1.0-9**	**1/0**	**2**	**0**	**1**

^ at South Alabama

WISEMAN'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Bama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at OU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**4**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

WISEMAN'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (SOUTH ALABAMA)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Morgan St.			DNP					
vs. Tulane	2	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. C. Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at North Texas	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Troy	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas St.*	6	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia St.*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisiana*	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at ULM*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Southern Miss.*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Texas St*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**23**	**3.0-12**	**1.0-0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**

WISEMAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs Arkansas State, Oct 14, 2025
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Troy, Oct 4, 2025
Sacks: 1.0, vs Tulane, Sept 6, 2025
Forced fumble: 1, at Troy, Oct 4, 2025
Quarterback hurries: 1, twice, last vs Southern Miss, Nov 22, 2025
Pass breakup: 1, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026



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CALLUM
WITHER

QUARTERBACK

6-4 • 217 • Fifth Year
Toronto, Canada (Ohio/
Wilfrid Laurier/Clarkson HS)

2026
- Has seen action in two games
- Had one rush for three yards vs. Youngstown State
- Went 0 of 1 in the win over South Alabama

2025 - (Wilfrid Laurier)
- Completed 223 of 310 passes for 3,124 yards, with a 72.7 completion percentage and 29 TD passes in 10 games during his lone season at Wilfrid
- Also rushed for 135 yards on 18 carries (7.5 yards per carry) and had two scores
- Led the conference in passing touchdowns (29), completion percentage (72.7 percent), and pass efficiency (190.7) ... Also ranked second in the league in passing yards per game (312.4) and total passing yards (3,124)
- His 29 touchdown passes established a new Laurier single-season program record, surpassing a mark that had stood for 31 years
- Helped lead Laurier a 9-1 overall record, including an 8-0 mark in conference play
- Earned the team's Offensive Player of the Year honors, while also being named a first-team all-star in Ontario University Athletics and a national All-Canadian, as Laurier reached its third Yates Cup championship appearance in a row

2024 - (Ohio)
- Practiced with the team

2023 - (Ohio)
- Practiced with the team

2022 - (Ohio)
- Redshirt season

High School
- Captained Clarkson Football North's football team for two years, Canada's top ranked team with the hardest ranked schedule
- Recorded 2,140 passing yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior
- Played for head coach Larry Jusdanis

Personal
- Born in Windsor, Ontario
- Son of Gavin and Donna Wither
- Has two sisters, Peyton and Spencer
- Graduated with a bachelor of education in sport coaching with a minor in sport management from Ohio in the spring of 2025 ... Currently working on a second degree in criminal justice from UK

Callum Says
- His nickname is "Cal"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can speak French
- Three words to describe him are outgoing, dedicated and fun
- If he could go back in time and change one thing, he would eliminate social media
- His go-to karaoke song is "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue" by Toby Keith

WITHER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2026	2-0	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2-0**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

WITHER'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. YSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3
vs. So. Ala.	0-1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0-1-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**3**

WITHER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempt: 1, vs South Alabama, Sept 26, 2026
Rush attempts: 1, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Rushing yards: 3, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026
Long rush: 3, vs Youngstown State, Sept 5, 2026



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MALACHI
WOOD

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-8 • 329 • Senior
Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central)

2026
- Has played in 29 career games with 12 starts
- Has started in seven games played this season ... Missed the season opener with injury
- Returned to the starting lineup vs. Alabama and charted 67 snaps with one knock down block and three pressures

2025
- Saw action in 10 games
- Missed the final two games vs. Vanderbilt and Louisville with injury
- Totaled 43 snaps and graded at 100 percent on assignments

2024
- 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 UofL
- Totaled 25 blocks at the point of attack and seven knockdown blocks
- Had only one missed assignment in 11 games

2023
- 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 Ky.
- 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
- Supported an offense that had 452 carries for 3,026 yards, 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
- Made 29 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss on defense
- Played varsity basketball
- Chose Kentucky over Kansas, Louisville, Purdue

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 ... Also working on an undergraduate certificate in business

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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CEDRIC "CJ"
WORKS

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 247 • Sophomore
Dayton, Ohio (Frederick Douglass)

2026
- Has started in five of eight games played and has 11 tackles, with 2.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks, three PBUs, one QBH and one fumble recovery

- Had one tackle, his first career fumble recovery and a career-high three pass breakups vs. Alabama
- Got a career-high tying three tackles, including his first career sacks (1.5) in the win at Oklahoma

2025

- Saw action in all 12 games and earned his first collegiate start vs. Tennessee Tech
- Totaled 16 tackles, including 2.0 tackles for loss
- Totaled a career-high three tackles and a TFL at Georgia
- Also got a TFL and two tackles in the win over UF

High School

- A four-star prospect by all of the major recruiting services
- Ranked as the nation's No. 11 edge by 247sports
- Totaled 54 tackles, with 4.0 sacks and 4.0 tackles for loss in 14 games as a senior for head coach Nathan McPeek at Frederick Douglass
- His 50 tackles are the third-most on the state
- Helped the Broncos go 9-5 overall and advance to the Class 6A state semifinals
- Named First Team All-City by the *Lexington Herald-Leader*
- Transferred to Frederick Douglass after playing his junior season at Clayton Northmont in Ohio
- Totaled 82 tackles, 6.5 sacks and 10 tackles for loss in 2023 at Northmont
- Also an excellent basketball player
- Chose Kentucky over LSU, Penn State and Florida

Personal

- Born in Dayton, Ohio
- Son of Dora Lee Bradley
- Has seven siblings - Kurtis Afzal, Nakhi Works, A'dora Works, Cedree Works, Cora Works, Harmony Works and Dorian Works
- Major is pre-media arts and studies

CJ Says

- His nickname is "CJ"
- He chose Kentucky because it puts him in the best position to get to the next level
- Three words to describe him are dedicated, relentless and focused
- His mother motivates him to work hard everyday because she always works hard in everything she does
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports producer

WORKS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2025	DL	12-1	16	2.0-4	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2026	DL	8-5	11	2.0-9	2.0-9	0/1	1	0	3
Totals		**19-6**	**27**	**4.0-13**	**2.0-9**	**0/1**	**1**	**0**	**3**

WORKS' 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. YSU*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Bama*	1	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	0	0
at TAMU*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. So. Ala.*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at OU	3	1.5-6	1.5-6	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	1	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**11**	**2.0-9**	**2.0-9**	**3**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

WORKS' 2025 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at UGA	3	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Texas	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tenn. Tech*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**16**	**2.0-4**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

WORK'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, twice, last at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Tackles for loss: 1.5, at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Sacks: 1.5, at Oklahoma, Oct 17, 2026
Pass breakups: 3, vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026
Fumble recovery: 1, vs Alabama, Sept 12, 2026



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TYLER
WRIGHT

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-11 • 178 • Freshman
Bixby, Okla. (Bixby)

High School

- Three-year letter winner at both wide receiver and defensive back for head coach Loren Montgomery at Bixby High School
- Helped the Spartans go 13-0 as a senior and capture their eighth straight state title
- Totaled 59 tackles, including 3.0 tackles for loss, along with eight interceptions, three for touchdowns
- Offensively, had 18 receptions for 258 yards and two scores
- An all-around athlete who also lettered four seasons on the basketball team and three seasons as a high jumper on the track team
- Was the 2026 Class 6A state runner-up in the high jump with a personal best jump of 6'6"
- Set three school records at Bixby, scoring a school-record 51 points in a basketball game, jumping 6'6" in the high jump, and his eight interceptions were the most in a single season for the Spartans

Personal

- Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Son of Kelly and Jen Wright
- Father, Kelly, was a safety at Bacone College from 2001-04
- Siblings are Kourtney, Kallaway and Talon
- Major is pre-finance

Tyler Says

- His nickname is "Ty"
- After his football career, he hopes to be a firefighter or get into real estate
- Three words to describe him are winner, dawg and grinder
- Besides playing football and other sports, he's also really good at playing the guitar
- The best advice he's ever received came from his dad "always believe you're the best player on the field, no matter what"



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ADAM
ZOUAGUI

KICKER

5-11 • 191 • Senior
Reston, Va. (USF/Davidson College/ Herndon HS)

2026

- Transferred to Kentucky after one season at USF and two seasons at Davidson College
- Has made 10-of-13 field goal attempts and 31-of-31 PATs this season
- Has two 50+ yard field goals in his career
- Leads the team in scoring with 61 points
- Was 1-for-2 on field goals and 4-for-4 on PATs in the win over No. 9/8 Texas A&M ... Banged a career-long 52-yard field goal off the left upright and through to give UK a 31-14 fourth quarter lead
- Had a perfect day in the win over South Alabama, making a 34-yard field goal, all six extra points and launching touchbacks on all eight kickoffs
- Made both of his field goal attempts and all three of his PATs in the win at South Carolina ... Connected on a 42-yard field goal in the final minute of the first half and added a 29-yarder with 4:13 to play in the game that ended up sending the game to overtime
- Made 2-of-4 field goals, including the clutch 33-yarder that sent the game to overtime in the win over No. 10 LSU
- Made 2-of-2 field goals and all four extra points in the win over Vanderbilt

2025 - (USF)

- Saw action in all 13 games
- Handled kickoffs for the Bulls
- Had 78 kicks for 4,991 yards, averaging 64.0 yards per kickoff ... 61 of his kicks were touchbacks
- Hit 3-of-3 PATs (2 of 2 vs. South Carolina State and 1-of-1 vs. Rice)
- Named 2025 CSC Academic All-District

2024 - (Davidson)

- Played in 11 games
- Served as the team's kicker and punter
- Punted 33 times for 1,428 yards, averaging 43.27 yards per kick
- Had four kicks over 50 yards, including a long of 72 at Dayton
- Nailed 42-of-44 PAT attempts
- Hit 4-of-16 on field goals for 54 points (third on the team)
- Totaled a season-high eight points vs. Butler
- Totaled two tackles at Georgetown and at Dayton
- Named First Team PFL All-Academic

2023 - (Davidson)

- Played in 11 games
- Named Honorable mention All-Pioneer Football League after leading the league in PATs made and finishing second in the PFL among kickers in scoring (75 points)
- Finished 54-of-55 on PATs and 7-of-9 (77.8 percent) on field goals
- Tied the school record with 46 consecutive made PATs
- Averaged 57.7 yards on kickoffs
- Named PFL Special Teams Player of the Week following six PATs and a career-long 50 yard field goal against Presbyterian (10/28)
- Finished with a league-best 13 points twice (vs. San Diego on 9/30/23 and vs. Stetson on 11/4/23)
- Longest field goal made was a 50-yarder vs. Presbyterian Blue Hose (10/28/23)
- Totaled one tackle vs. Valparaiso

High School

- Handled all kicking duties for head coach William Bauchman at Herndon High School
- Also played soccer and ran track
- Excelled in the classroom, graduating with a 4.2 GPA

Personal

- Last name is pronounced Zouagui (zoo-AH-ghee)
- Born in Fairfax, Virginia
- Son of Erin Styles and Aziz Zouagui
- Has one sister, Nora
- Major is economics

Adam Says

- His nickname is "Zou"
- After his football career, he hopes to be an investment banker or writer
- Three words to describe him are genuine, resilient and persistent
- He can play the guitar, the trumpet and some piano
- The best advice he's ever received came from his mom "make decisions that open doors, not close them"

ZOUAGUI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	FG	Long FG	PAT	Points
2023!	11	7-9	50	54-55	75
2024^	11	4-16	48	42-44	54
2025^	13	0-0	0	3-3	3
2026	8	10-13	52	31-31	61
at UK	**8**	**10-13**	**52**	**31-31**	**61**
Totals	**43**	**21-38**	**52**	**123-133**	**193**

ZOUAGUI'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2023!	0-0	4-4	1-3	1-1	1-1	7-9	50
2024^	0-0	1-1	1-4	2-9	0-2	4-16	48
2025^	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2026	0-0	3-4	4-5	2-3	1-1	10-13	52
Totals	**0-0**	**8-9**	**6-12**	**5-13**	**2-4**	**21-38**	**52**

ZOUAGUI'S CAREER PUNTING STATISTICS

Year	G	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	TBs	FC	Inside 20	Long	50+
2024^	11	33	1428	43.27	2	11	7	72	4
Totals	**11**	**33**	**1428**	**43.27**	**2**	**11**	**7**	**72**	**4**

! at Davidson
^ at USF

ZOUAGUI'S 2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	FGs	Long	PATs
vs. YSU	1-1	28	6-6
vs. Bama	1-1	39	2-2
at TAMU	1-2	52	4-4
vs. So. Ala.	1-1	34	6-6
at USC	2-2	42	3-3
vs. LSU	2-4	33	3-3
at OU	-	-	3-3
vs. Vandy	2-2	47	4-4
Totals	**10-13**	**52**	**31-31**

ZOUAGUI'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME (USF)

Opponent	FGs	Long	PATs
vs. Boise St.	0-0	0	0-0
at Florida	0-0	0	0-0
at Miami (FL)	0-0	0	0-0
vs. So. Carolina St.	0-0	0	2-2
vs. Charlotte	0-0	0	0-0
at North Texas	0-0	0	0-0
vs. Fla. Atlantic	0-0	0	0-0
at Memphis	0-0	0	0-0
vs. UTSA	0-0	0	0-0
at Navy	0-0	0	0-0
at UAB	0-0	0	0-0
vs. Rice	0-0	0	1-1
vs. Old Dominion	0-0	0	0-0
Totals	**0-0**	**0**	**3-3**

ZOUAGUI'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME (DAVIDSON COLLEGE)

Opponent	FGs	Long	PATs
at Georgetown	1-2	48	3-3
vs. Catawba	0-1	0	7-7
vs. Point U.	0-1	0	6-6
vs. Presbyterian	0-1	0	6-7
vs. Marist	0-2	0	6-6
at Dayton	0-4	0	2-2
vs. Stetson	0-0	0	0-0
vs. Butler	1-1	26	5-5
at San Diego	0-1	0	1-2
vs. Morehead St.	1-1	43	4-4
at Valparaiso	1-2	39	2-2
Totals	**4-16**	**48**	**42-44**

ZOUAGUI'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
at Georgetown	2	86	43.0	45	0
vs. Catawba	2	103	51.5	56	1
vs. Point U.	1	45	45.0	45	0
vs. Presbyterian	2	87	43.5	45	0
vs. Marist	3	130	43.3	46	0
at Dayton	7	337	48.1	72	2
vs. Stetson	2	91	45.5	47	0
vs. Butler	3	141	47.0	48	0
at San Diego	5	215	43.0	54	1
vs. Morehead St.	3	90	30.0	49	0
at Valparaiso	3	103	34.3	45	0
Totals	**33**	**1428**	**43.3**	**72**	**4**

ZOUAGUI'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME (DAVIDSON COLLEGE)

Opponent	FGs	Long	PATs
at VMI	0-0	0	1-1
vs. Barton	1-2	35	4-4
at Marist	0-0	0	7-7
vs. St. Andrews	0-1	0	7-7
vs. San Diego	2-2	25	7-7
at Butler	0-0	0	5-5
vs. Valparaiso	0-0	0	6-6
vs. Presbyterian	1-1	50	6-6
at Stetson	2-2	25	7-8
at Morehead St.	1-1	41	2-2
vs. Dayton	0-0	0	2-2
Totals	**7-9**	**50**	**54-55**

ZOUAGUI'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 13, twice, last at Stetson, Nov 4, 2023
Points by kicking: 13, twice, last at Stetson, Nov 4, 2023
Field goals made: 2, 5x, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 24, 2026
Field goal attempts: 4, twice, last vs LSU, Oct 10, 2026
Longest field goal: 52, at Texas A&M, Sept 19, 2026
PATs made: 7, 5x, last vs Catawba, Sept 7, 2024
PATS attempted: 8, at Stetson, Nov 4, 2023
Consecutive field goals made: 7, Sept 30, 2023 - Aug 31, 2024
Punts: 7, at Dayton, Oct 12, 2024
Punt Yards: 337, at Dayton, Oct 12, 2024
Single-game Avg: 51.5, vs Catawba, Sept 7, 2024 (2 for 103)
Long Punt: 72, at Dayton, Oct 12, 2024
Tackles: 1, 3x, last at Dayton, Oct 12, 2024