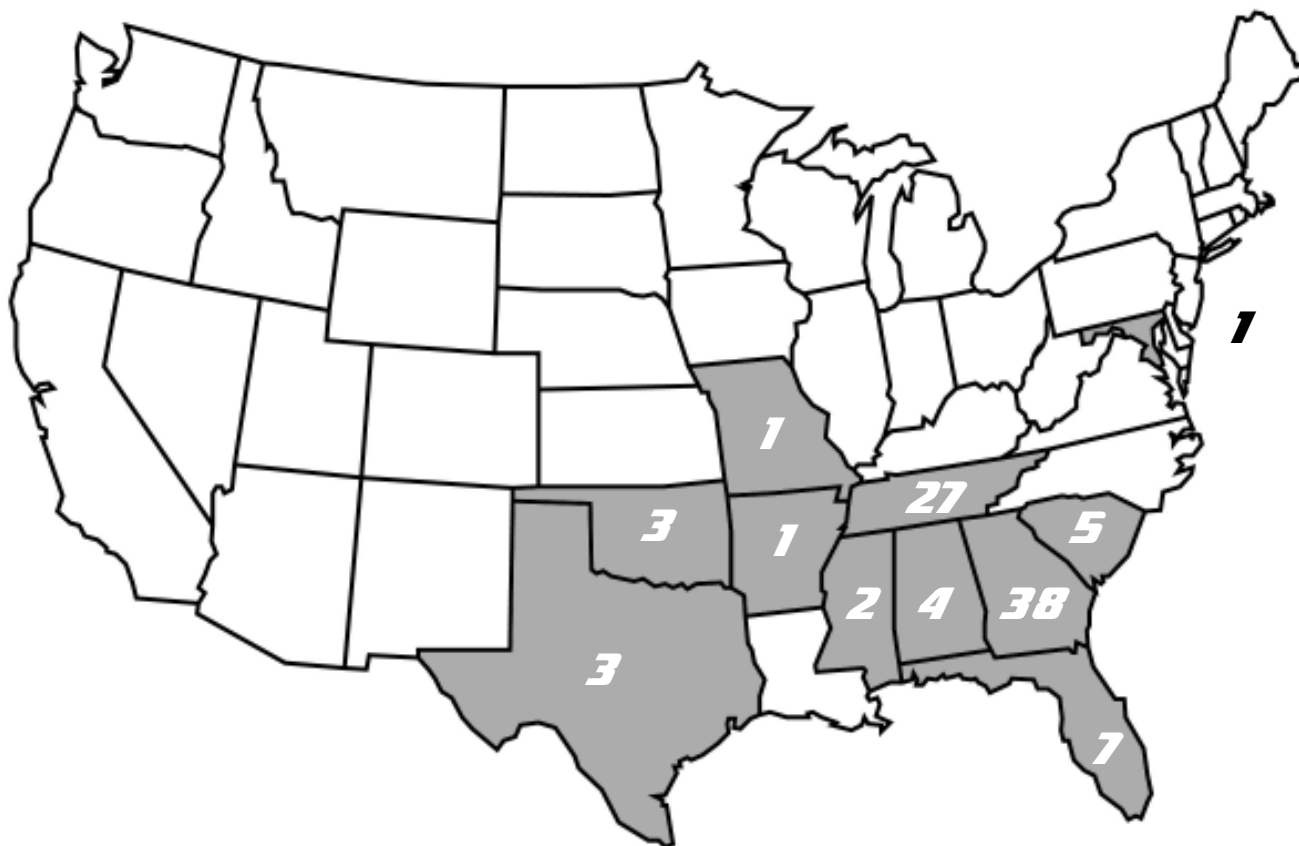




PLAYERS

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2003 BLUE RAIDER FOOTBALL BLUE RAIDERS BY STATES



BY STATE

Tennessee 27

Antioch (2)
Brentwood (1)
Clarksville (1)
Collierville (1)
Collinwood (1)
Dickson (1)
Fayetteville (1)
Franklin (2)
Kingsport (1)
Knoxville (1)
Memphis (2)
Murfreesboro (5)
Nashville (6)
Tullahoma (1)
Union City (1)

Alabama 4

Birmingham (1)
Gaylesville (1)
Huntsville (1)
Montgomery (1)

Arkansas 1

Morrilton (1)

Florida 7

Fort Myers (1)
Fort Walton (1)
Freeport (1)
Madison (1)
Miami (1)
Okeechobee (1)
Port St. Joe (1)

Georgia 38

Albany (2)
Atlanta (1)
Augusta (1)
Canton (1)
Cedartown (1)
College Park (2)
Colquitt (1)
Cumming (1)
Dublin (1)
East Point (1)
Fairburn (1)
Forsyth (1)
Hephzibah (3)
LaGrange (3)
Lovejoy (1)
Macon (1)
Marietta (3)
Pine Mountain (1)
Riverdale (1)
Rome (1)
Statesboro (1)
Stockbridge (1)
Stone Mountain (1)
Sylvania (1)
Thomson (1)
Tyrone (1)
Valdosta (1)
Warm Springs (1)
Waycross (1)
Woodstock (1)

Maryland 1

Riverdale (1)

Mississippi 2

Coffeeville (1)
Silver Creek (1)

Missouri 1

Kansas City (1)

Oklahoma 3

Broken Arrow (1)
Catoosa (1)
Jones (1)

South Carolina 5

Duncan (1)
Gaffney (1)
Greenwood (1)
Rock Hill (1)
Union (1)

Texas 3

Dallas (1)
Grand Prairie (1)
Troup (1)

BY CLASS

True Freshmen 19
Redshirt Freshmen 19
Sophomores 15
Juniors 15
Seniors 24

SAME NAMES

HENRY: John, Taron
JACKSON: Patrick, Terry
JOHNSON: Chris, Thomas

NOTE: All figures based on numerical roster on pages 42-43 and incoming signees on page 44.

2003 BLUE RAIDER FOOTBALL MEET THE PLAYERS



**SHAWN
ALLEN**

DB • 6-0 • 195 • r-So.
LaGrange, GA (Troup Co.)

18

Noteworthy: Rebounding from a knee injury that limited him during the spring ... Was a force to be reckoned with coming out of high school.

2002: In his second practice of the fall, Allen tore his right ACL and was lost for the season ... Took a redshirt year.

2001: Sat out the season due to NCAA academic requirements ... Was able to practice with the team ... Moved into a starter's role at left corner during spring drills but was injured toward the end of camp and moved down the depth chart.

High School: Led Troup County to a 7-3 mark in 2000 after registering 70 solo tackles and three interceptions ... Vote area Player of the Week on three occasions ... Team captain as a senior ... Rated the No. 2 safety in Georgia by scouting services in 1999 ... As a sophomore, Allen tallied 120 tackles ... Has been clocked in the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds ... Anchored Troup County's 4x100 state championship relay team ... Chose MT over Georgia, Auburn, Memphis and Kentucky.

Personal: Parent: Ella Allen ... Born: 3/2/81 ... Major: Physical Education.



**WARDSELL
ALSOP**

WR • 5-9 • 152 • Sr.
Murfreesboro, TN (Oakland)

12

Noteworthy: Has emerged as a leader among the receivers ... Has improved in catching and route running while making defenders miss ... Continuing to develop ability to get yards after the catch.

2002: Had a career-best 10 receptions for 157 yards on the season ... Played in 11 games and started the last six in a row ... Missed the SEMO game due to an ankle injury ... Reeled in two catches each in back-to-back games against Vanderbilt and Louisiana-Lafayette ... Collected a career-long 39-yard reception against Kentucky ... Hauled in his first career reception in the season opener at Alabama on a 37-yard strike from tailback ReShard Lee ... Had a total of four rushes for 15 yards and a touchdown ... His rushing touchdown came on an eight-yard run against North Texas.

2001: Started the first five games of the season at right corner and played in a total of six contests ... Did not compete in the final five games of the year ... Finished the year with 13 total tackles (10 solos), including one for loss of yards and an interception ... His lone pick came against Louisiana-Lafayette and he returned it six yards ... Had a personal best four tackles in back-to-back weeks against Louisiana-Monroe and Louisiana-Lafayette (TFL came against ULL) ... Registered pass break-ups against ULL and Idaho.



2000: Was moved to receiver after about a week working with the defensive backs ...

Played in all 11 games (mainly on special teams), including

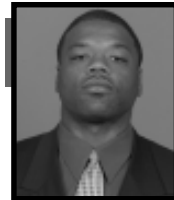
one as a starter against UConn ... Was also the team's kickoff return man where he led the team with 15 returns for 292 yards ... Had three returns for 70 yards in a win over Louisiana Tech

High School: The two-time all-state selection led the Oakland Patriots to a 28-11 record over three years, including a 5A State Championship in 1998 and a semifinal appearance in 1999 ... As a senior he rushed for 484 yards and threw for 713 yards and nine touchdowns, while collecting eight interceptions and returning three for scores ... As a junior, Alsop hauled in 44 receptions for 952 yards and eight touchdowns, and recorded 23 catches for 295 yards as a sophomore ... Named the TSWA All-State athlete in 1999, while being tabbed Associated Press All-State as a receiver and a defensive back in 1998 ... Was also a three-time *Daily News Journal* All-County selection and two-time All-Region 4-5A pick ... Voted to the 5A All-Midstate first team as an athlete by *The Tennessean* in 1999 ... Was named to *The Tennessean's* 1999 Defensive Dream Team.

Personal: Parents: Wardell and Linda Alsop ... Born: 1/17/82 ... Major: Information Systems.

STATISTICS

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		
2002	10	157	15.7	39	0		
Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		
2002	4	15	3.8	8	1		
KO Ret.	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		
2000	15	292	19.5	32	0		
Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2001	10	3	13	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-6



**RANDY
ARNOLD**

LB • 5-11 • 231 • r-Sr.
Nashville, TN (Glenciff)

54

Noteworthy: Has gotten better each year at Middle Tennessee and is coming off his career-best season ... A hard-nosed player who has developed into a solid linebacker ... Is a leader for the linebackers and the entire defense ... Needs to improve his balance ... Grew up in Detroit, MI before moving to Nashville ... Has played in 34 career games and started 20 times.

2002: Made the "Best Conditioned" athlete list from the summer conditioning program by scoring a perfect 34 points ... Started 11 games and played in all 12 ... Was the team's second-leading tackler with a personal-best 88 stops to go along with four tackles for loss ... Registered three double-digit tackle games ... Had 10 tackles against No. 4 ranked Tennessee ... Led the Blue Raiders with nine stops (all solos) at Alabama to garner team Defensive MVP honors ... Recorded a career-best 11 tackles against SEMO ... Collected his second career sack in a win over Louisiana-Monroe ... Forced fumbles against Alabama and Idaho ... Had eight tackles each against Kentucky and Idaho.

2001: After spending the first two games in a reserve role, Arnold earned starts in the last nine games of the year ... Picked up four starts at right linebacker and five at the 'mike' position ... Was fifth on the team in tackles with a career best 50 stops ... Also tallied two tackles for loss (NMSU and UConn), a sack (NMSU), and an interception (ASU) ... Notched a personal best nine tackles against LSU, while recording seven each versus Ole Miss and New Mexico State ... Shared team defensive MVP honors with Michael Woods following the NMSU win ... Had a single-game high of four solo stops in games against North Texas and New Mexico State ... Arnold's interception against ASU was returned 20 yards.

2000: Played in two games and came up with seven total tackles ... Had three tackles at No. 21 Illinois and two against No. 8 Florida.

1999: Played in seven games, but mostly on special teams ... Had two total tackles on defense (vs Troy State and Arkansas) ... Suffered a knee injury against Louisiana Tech and missed the rest of the season.

High School: Played for coach Jim Wilson ... Led team to a 10-1 record as a senior with a team-high

84 tackles to go along with two blocked punts ... Was part of a defense that gave up only seven touchdowns all year ... Led the team as a junior with 100 tackles ... Picked to play in the 1999 Tennessee-Kentucky all-star game ... Was voted 5A all-state by the Tennessee Sports Writers ... A member of the *Nashville Sports* Elite 11 team ... Chosen to the *Tennessean* all-midstate team in 1997 and 1998 ... Selected to the Metro Coaches All-City team in 1997 and 1998 ... Was the region's defensive MVP in 1998 ... Was also a pulling guard for coach Wilson's Wing-T offense ... Lettered four years in football and three years in baseball.

Personal: Parents: William and Candis Arnold ... Born: 3/21/81 ... Major: Construction Management.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
1999	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2000	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2001	22	28	50	1-11	2-13	0-0	1-20
2002	54	34	88	1-4	4-12	0-0	0-0
Total	81	66	147	2-15	6-25	0-0	1-20



**LARUE
BECK**

WS • 6-2 • 210 • So.
Marietta, GA (Marietta)

24

2002: Sat out the season due to NCAA academic guidelines.

2001: Originally signed with Middle Tennessee in 2001, but did not enroll until 2002.

High School: Rated the No. 30 safety in the south and the No. 30 prospect nationally by Rivals100.com ... Honorable mention Class 5A all-State by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* ... He missed three games his senior year due to injury, but still managed 68 tackles and an interception ... Recorded 112 tackles as a junior to go along with three interceptions and two blocked kicks ... Selected a three-time all-County and all-Region player ... Voted Marietta's best defensive back three years in a row ... Ran a 4.4 40 ... Also played basketball and ran track ... Chose MT over Mississippi and Tulane.

Personal: Parents: Quincy and Crystal Young ... Born: 8/4/82 ... Major: Concrete Industry Mgmt.



**ROBERT
BILLINGS**

P • 6-0 • 211 • r-Sr.
Collierville, TN (Collierville)

20

In the Record Book: Enters the 2003 campaign ranked second in career average, eighth in career punting yards, and ninth in punting attempts ... Owns the single-game punting average of 56.5

yards, which he set in 2002 at New Mexico State ... His 42.6 yard average in 2002 was the second best in school history.

Noteworthy: Is trying to become only the fifth punter in school history to lead the Blue Raiders in punting four straight seasons ... A walk-on who was put on scholarship by Andy McCollum in the fall of 2001 ... Clocked at 1.68 in the 10-yard dash, which is exceptional for a punter ... Has booted 25 punts for 50 or more yards during his career.

2002: Earned first team all-Sun Belt honors after leading the league in punting ... Voted preseason first team all-Sun Belt by the leagues coaches ... The *Football Writers Association of America* placed Billings on their 2002 All-America Watch List ... Was also on the Ray Guy Watch List ... Averaged 42.6 yards a punt, which was the second-best total in school history ... Averaged 43.0 yards or more a punt in seven games ... Eighteen of his 61 punts were downed inside the opponents 20-yard line, while 12 went 50 yards or longer ... Placed a personal-best four punts inside the opponents 20-yard line against SEMO and later matched that total at Idaho ... Set a school record at New Mexico State by averaging 56.5 yards a punt, which included a career-long 68-yarder (seventh longest in school history).

2001: Earned second team all-Sun Belt Conference honors ... Voted Sun Belt Conference Special Teams Player of the Week on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 ... Was voted the Blue Raiders Special Teams MVP following the Vanderbilt, Louisiana-Lafayette, and New Mexico State games ... Played and started in all 11 games ... His 42.3-yard punting average was the fourth best in a single-season at Middle Tennessee and led the Sun Belt Conference ... Placed nine of his 35 punts inside the opponents 20-yard line ... Had a total of 10 punts travel 50 yards or more, including a personal best three against New Mexico State ... Enjoyed a career best single-game punting average of 50.7 yards in a win over Idaho on three attempts (was also second best in school history) ... Boomed a season-long punt of 58 yards in the opener at Vanderbilt.

2000: Started and played in every game as a freshman ... Averaged 37.5 yards a punt on 52 attempts ... Had 18 punts downed inside the 20-yard line, including a personal best five against Louisiana-Monroe ... Boomed three punts over 50 yards (62 vs UAB, 56 vs Louisiana-Monroe, 52 vs South Florida) ... Best single-game average was 42.0 against UAB ... Had a career-high nine punts at No. 8 Florida ... 10 of his 18 punts downed inside the 20-yard line came against Louisiana schools ... Named Special Teams Co-MVP following the Louisiana-Monroe game.

1999: Redshirted, but did travel to every game.

High School: Was an all-region running back for Collierville his senior year ... Rushed for 937 yards ... Averaged 38.7 yards a punt, while also leading

the team in tackles with 109 ... Lettered in football three years, baseball two years and track two years ... Played football for coach Paul Cox.

Personal: Parents: Buddy and Linda Billings ... Born: 9/23/80 ... Major: Aerospace.

STATISTICS

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg	TB	FC	I20	Blk
2000	52	1951	37.5	62	6	7	18	0
2001	35	1481	42.3	58	6	5	9	0
2002	61	2599	42.6	68	3	9	18	0
Total	148	6031	40.8	68	15	21	45	0



**JONATHAN
BONNER**

LB • 6-0 • 210 • So.
Birmingham, AL (Huffman)

33

Noteworthy: Turned the coaches heads during spring practice with his improvement ... Spring ball helped him get more comfortable in the defensive scheme ... One of only a few true freshmen who saw playing time last year ... Has settled into a line-backer spot ... Chose Middle Tennessee over UAB, Auburn, Louisville, Southern Miss, Memphis, and Troy State ... Runs a 4.52 40.

2002: Played in all 12 games as a true freshman, but most of his time came on special teams ... Finished the year with four total tackles ... Had two stops at Kentucky and one each against Louisiana-Lafayette and Louisiana-Monroe.

High School: A two-time All-State selection for Huffman High School and coach Curtis Cullman ... Earned recognition on the *Birmingham News* Super all-state team and the *Birmingham News* Class 6A all-state team in 2001 after collecting a school-record 178 tackles ... He also had three fumble recoveries and an interception return for a touchdown ... Led Huffman to a 13-1 mark in 2001 and a record of 12-1 in 2000 ... Lettered in football and track.

Personal: Parents: Samuel and Carolyn Bonner ... Born: 2/24/84 ... Major: Undecided.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0



**BILL
BRASCH**

OL • 6-3 • 305 • Sr.
Jones, OK (NE OK A&M)

73

Noteworthy: Was the backup center in 2002, but was moved to guard in the spring of 2003 ... Hard work over the last year has aided his improvement ... Needs to step up into a starting role ... Signed with the Blue Raiders in December of 2000 ... Enrolled in school for spring semester (2001).

2002: Saw action in just two games (Kentucky, Utah State) ... Had 10 total snaps on the season, but graded out a perfect 100 percent in those plays ... Played behind all-conference performer Glen Elarbee.

2001: Played in 10 of 11 games ... Was mainly used on short yardage plays and near the goal line ... Also a member of the field goal and extra point team ... Saw action in a total of 70 snaps for the year and had four total knockdowns ... Was in on a season best 27 snaps against Troy State to go along with three knockdowns ... Played 26 snaps in win over Arkansas State ... Graded out a personal-high 80 percent against Connecticut.

NE Oklahoma A&M: Helped lead NE Oklahoma to a 9-3 mark in 2000 and earned all-Conference honorable mention honors ... Was redshirted as a freshman ... Played for coach Dale Patterson ... Chose MT over North Texas, Tulsa and Oklahoma State.

High School: Helped lead Luther HS to a 10-2 mark his senior year and a four-year record of 55-6 ... Named District Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2000 ... Also earned all-City and honorable mention all-State honors ... Was a four-year letterman in baseball and also was a member of the band where he played the trombone.

Personal: Parents: Jerry and Elaine Brasch ... Born: 1/21/81 ... Major: Wellness.



**SHAVASKEY
BROWN**

OL • 6-1 • 335 • r-So.
LaGrange, GA (LaGrange)

76

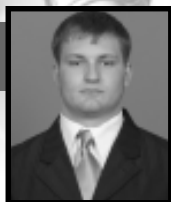
Noteworthy: Can play either center or guard ... Continued learning the offense during spring practice ... Commitment in the weight room has improved his game.

2002: Was moved back to center in fall camp ... His only appearance in a game came in the season finale against Utah State.

2001: Was redshirted by the coaching staff.

High School: A highly-regarded two-way lineman, who was instrumental in LaGrange going 10-0 during the regular season his senior year ... Earned first team all-area and honorable mention all-state honors by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* ... Named team's top offensive lineman ... Runs a 5.3 40 ... Chose MT over Clemson, Auburn, UAB, and Marshall.

Personal: Parent: Shelia Brown ... Born: 12/7/82 ... Major: Undecided.



**DENNIS
BURKE**

LB • 6-1 • 227 • So.
Marietta, GA (Sprayberry)

40

Noteworthy: Turned in a good spring ... Has the tools to become an outstanding player ... Increasing upper body strength will help his game tremendously ... Chose MT over UAB, Marshall, and Georgia Southern ... Was the first high school player to commit to the Blue Raiders in 2002.

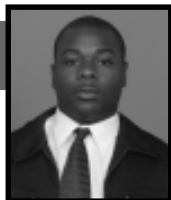
2002: Competed in all 12 games as a true freshman, but saw most of his action on special teams ... Collected nine total tackles, including a season-high four against Louisiana-Monroe ... Added single tackles versus Tennessee, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Louisiana-Lafayette and Utah State ... Returned a fumble 61 yards for a touchdown against Utah State ... Was voted co-Special Teams Player of the Game against Vanderbilt.

High School: Selected first team all-county at Sprayberry High School after registering 110 tackles and four interceptions as a senior ... Reached "Full Metal Jacket" status (one of only two players on team) in the weight room, which represents the program's highest level of weight training ... Played for coach Johnny Caldwell at Sprayberry High School.

Personal: Parents: Denny and Carolyn Burke ... Born: 12/24/83 ... Major: Undecided.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	1-61	0



**JONATHAN
CALLAHAN**

DL • 6-3 • 257 • r-So.
Tyrone, GA (Sandy Creek)

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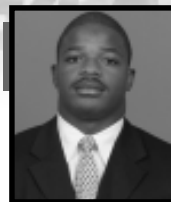
Noteworthy: Could be a starter in certain defensive sets ... Has helped his game by working hard in the weight room.

2002: Played in just two games (Kentucky, North Texas) ... Did not register a tackle.

2001: Took a redshirt year ... Gained experience by working with the defensive scout team in practice ... Was slowed with a shoulder injury during the spring, but will be full-go in the fall.

High School: Rated one of the top linemen prospects in the state of Georgia ... Was instrumental in Sandy Creek recording a school record nine wins his senior year ... Played with Andre Green (a 2001 MT signee) ... Chose MT over UAB and Louisville.

Personal: Parents: Charles and Beverly Callahan ... Born: 5/10/83 ... Major: Criminal Justice.



**DON
CALLOWAY**

RB • 5-6 • 186 • Sr.
Colquitt, GA (Miller Co.)

28

Noteworthy: Penciled in as the starter coming out of spring practice ... Has always been a solid competitor, but this becomes his year to step up and take over ... Coming off of first spring practice in which he hasn't been injured. ... A quick and light-footed runner who is especially dangerous in the passing game ... Bench presses nearly 400 pounds and squats more than four times his weight ... Has 16 brothers and sisters ... His brother Selma Calloway is a former running back for Georgia.

2002: Played in 11 games and finished with 227 yards rushing and two touchdowns ... Rushed for a season-high 86 yards on nine carries and a touchdown against Utah State ... His scoring play against USU covered 63 yards, which was a career-long run ... Collected 45 rushing yards on only four attempts at New Mexico State ... Scored on a 4-yard run at Alabama and finished with five carries for 18 yards ... Registered 22 yards on two carries in the win over Louisiana-Monroe ... Over the team's final four games, Calloway averaged 9.1 yards a carry (20-181).

2001: Competed in the team's first six games of the season before seeing his year end with a broken ankle against North Texas (third quarter) ... Was third on the team in rushing with 35 carries for 172 yards and two touchdowns ... In a win over Troy State, Calloway came off the bench to rush 20 times for a season best 95 yards and two scores ... Had 24 yards on seven carries at Louisiana-Monroe and rang up 24 yards on only three carries before getting hurt against the Mean Green ... Hauled in a total of five catches on the season with two each against Idaho and North Texas.

2000: Played in nine games as a true freshman and finished as the team's second leading rusher ... Totaled 420 yards on 83 carries (5.1) and seven touchdowns ... Also tallied nine receptions for 169 yards and a touchdown ... Calloway saved his best for last when he stepped in for the injured Dwone Hicks in the season finale to rush for a career best 108 yards (career best 25 carries) and three touchdowns, while also adding five catches for a personal best 136 yards and a 59-yard touchdown in a two overtime win against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Rushed for 92 yards on 17 carries against Murray State to go along with two touchdowns ... In a win at Connecticut, Calloway had 80 rushing yards on 12 carries while also collecting two touchdowns ... Had a career long run of 42 yards at Connecticut ... Rang up 68 yards on 11 attempts against Mississippi State, including a 25-yard run.

High School: Rang up 6,385 yards rushing and an incredible 69 touchdowns during his four-year career at Miller Co. ... Tabbed the Georgia Player of the Year (for all divisions) by the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association ... Earned the Georgia Class A State Player of the Year award in 1999 after guiding Miller Co. to the semifinals of the state playoffs ... Also named to the Class A All-State team ... Was able to churn up his career yardage total despite playing behind University of Georgia player Charles Grant for two seasons ... In the 1999 season opener, Calloway established new state records for yards and touchdowns in a single-game by registering 476 yards and eight touchdowns on 15 carries - he did all of that in just one half of action ... Also averaged 41.6 yards a punt in 1999, while blocking four himself (had 15 punt blocks during his career) ... Won four first place awards for his age division at a national weight lifting event during the summer of 1999.

Personal: Parents: Eddie and Author Calloway ... Born: 11/14/80 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2000	83	420	5.1	42	7
2001	35	172	4.9	20	2
2002	39	227	5.8	63	2
Total	157	819	5.2	63	11

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2000	9	169	18.8	59	1
2001	5	19	3.8	7	0
2002	1	12	12.0	12	0
Total	15	200	13.3	59	1



**PAUL
CANTRELL**

OL • 6-4 • 322 • r-Fr.
Canton, GA (Sequoyah)

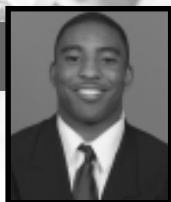
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Noteworthy: Chose MT over Toledo, Delaware, and Georgia Southern ... A pro-style lineman who runs well and has excellent quickness ... Was slowed with an injury during spring drills ... Coaches expect him to compete for a starting job.

2002: Took a redshirt year.

High School: Honorable Mention all-state for Sequoyah High School his senior season ... Was two-time all-county and all-area ... A three-year starter on offense and a two-year starter on defense ... Played tackle and defensive end on defense ... Helped lead a Sequoyah defense that posted six shutouts in 2001 ... Team was 8-4 in 2001 and 8-4 in 2000 ... Lettered in football and baseball ... Played for coach Sid Maxwell.

Personal: Parent: Tille Shoemaker ... Born: 10/11/83 ... Major: Undecided.



**KEVIN
COPELAND**

WS • 5-9 • 188 • r-Fr.
Warm Springs, GA (Manchester)

34

Noteworthy: Continued his improvement over the spring ... Moved to outside linebacker from free safety during spring ball ... Began to make waves as spring drills progressed ... A very physical player ... Chose MT over East Carolina and Memphis.

2002: Played in six games as a true freshman ... Most of his action came on special teams ... Garnered a total of two tackles (Louisiana-Monroe and Utah State) ... Also forced a fumble against Utah State.

High School: A first team all-state pick as a defensive back ... Was also voted all-Chattahoochee Valley two years in a row ... Earned team's Golden Helmet Award (defensive MVP) as a senior ... Helped lead Manchester High School to a 9-4 mark his senior year and a final AA state ranking of No. 5 ... Led team in tackles as a safety with 96 to go along with six interceptions in 2001 ... Also played quarterback and rushed for 610 yards while passing for 432 more for coach Zeke Geer ... Tallied 1,097 yards rushing his junior year ... Team was 7-4 his junior season ... Was top five in the state of Georgia in the 40-yard dash at the state combines with a time of 4.31.

Personal: Parents: Venera Kelly and Zannie Copeland ... Born: 11/27/83 ... Major: Undecided.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0



**JOHN
CRAWFORD**

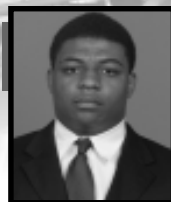
DS • 6-0 • 257 • So.
Knoxville, TN (Karns)

36

2002: Started and played every game as a true freshman ... Did not have a bad snap all year (106-for-106).

High School: Lettered three years in football and two years in track for Karns High School ... Was captain of the football team his senior year ... Earned honorable mention all-Big East honors in 2001 while playing for coach Ken Kesselring.

Personal: Parents: John G. Crawford, Jr. and Linda Crawford ... Born: 1/23/84 ... Major: Undecided.



**KEVIN
DAVIS**

RB • 5-9 • 216 • r-Fr.
Pine Mtn., GA (Manchester)

32

Noteworthy: Looks to have a bright future at tailback for the Blue Raiders ... Runs hard and with power ... Coaches believe he has the same style game as Dwone Hicks ... Chose MT over Memphis, Troy State, and Georgia Southern.

2002: Sat out the season while taking a redshirt year.

High School: Named all-state and was the Chattahoochee Offensive Player of the Year ... Helped lead Manchester High School to a 9-4 mark his senior year and a final AA state ranking of No. 5 ... Rushed for 2,070 yards and 22 touchdowns as a senior and collected 1,750 yards and 21 scores his junior campaign ... Registered a school-record 374 yards and five touchdowns against Grady High School in 2001 ... Played strong safety on third down plays and led the team in sacks his senior year with nine.

Personal: Parent: Ruby Davis ... Born: 9/4/83 ... Major: Undecided.



**RYAN
EDMISTON**

WR • 6-0 • 200 • r-Sr.
Fayetteville, TN (Lincoln Co.)

87

Noteworthy: A walk-on to the program who joined the team in the fall of 2000 ... Has improved catching the football ... Understands the game and his role ... Will be a contributor in the receiving corp.

2002: Played in a season-best seven games at wide receiver ... Did not catch a pass ... Traveled to every game.

2001: Did not compete in any games.

High School: Lettered three years in basketball and two years in football for Lincoln County High School ... Voted all-District in basketball as a senior and was all-Region, all-Midstate and all-State honorable mention in football ... As a junior he registered 12 catches for 212 yards and one touchdown ... Hauled in 33 receptions for 535 yards and eight touchdowns his senior year.

Personal: Parent: Shirley Jamison ... Born: 4/28/81 ... Major: Psychology.

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Pedro Holiday qualified for the NCAA track regionals in two different events. Holiday competed in the 100 meters and the 4X100 relay.



KENNY EDWARDS

LB • 6-0 • 229 • Sr.
Madison, FL (GA Military JC)

56

Noteworthy: Has done a solid job understanding the tempo required in practice and games ... Improved on his pass drops during spring drills ... Needs continued work to understand the defense ... Chose MT over Cincinnati, Arkansas State, Florida State, and Murray State.

2002: Played in 11 of 12 games and earned five starts at right linebacker ... Finished the year with 21 tackles, three tackles for loss, and one sack ... Collected a season-high five tackles (all solos) against Vanderbilt ... Had three stops each versus Tennessee, Kentucky and Louisiana-Lafayette ... Also notched two tackles for loss, a sack, and a pass breakup against the Ragin' Cajuns ... Voted the team's Defensive Player of the Game following the ULL contest.

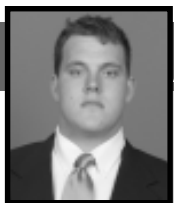
GMC: Helped lead GMC to the 2001 junior college national championship with a perfect 11-0 record and a 31-19 win over Butler CC in the Golden Isles Bowl ... Was second on the team in tackles with 55 to go along with a team-high 14 stops for loss of yards, 14 quarterback hurries, and a pass breakup in 2001 for a defense that only allowed 68 points in 11 games ... Led the team in tackles as a freshman with 74 stops, 10 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks and a blocked punt.

High School: Played for coach Randy McPherson at Madison County High School ... An all-state selection his senior year ... Started at linebacker for Florida in the Georgia/Florida All-Star game ... Team's leading tackler in 1998 and 1999 ... Voted All-Big Bend first team and team defensive MVP as a senior ... Was third place in the state weightlifting 219-pound class.

Personal: Parent: Rosa Akins ... Born: 2/3/81 ... Major: Wellness

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	16	5	21	1-11	3-15	0-0	0



JOE EVILSIZER

OL • 6-1 • 282 • Jr.
Broken Arrow, OK (NE OK JC)

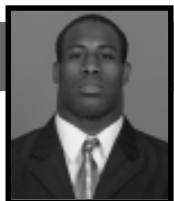
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Noteworthy: Did a good job learning the offense during spring practice ... Works hard and has a great attitude toward the game ... Needs continued improvement over the summer ... Has great strength and toughness ... Chose Middle Tennessee over Houston, Tulsa, Louisiana Tech, and Arkansas State.

NE Oklahoma JC: Named to the SWJCFC All-Conference Team after helping lead NEO to an 11-1 record and a league championship ... Was a candidate for All-America honors ... NEO finished second in the final national rankings ... Played offensive guard for the Golden Norsemen and coach Dale Patters on as a sophomore and was the center his freshman season.

High School: Played at Broken Arrow High School ... Voted All-District as a senior in leading Broken Arrow to a 9-3 record and a spot in the state playoffs.

Personal: Parents: Rick and Louann Evilsizer ... Born: 1/2/82 ... Major: Liberal Arts.



ALVIN FITE

LB • 6-0 • 219 • Jr.
Nashville, TN (Hillsboro)

23

Noteworthy: Moved to inside linebacker during the spring ... Could push for a starting spot ... Possesses great athleticism ... Turned in an excellent spring as he continued to learn his new position ... Showed a lot of improvement in 2002 and is expected to make an impact in 2003 ... Has unlimited potential and the ability to be a standout player for the Blue Raiders ... A local product who possesses a strong work ethic and tremendous attitude ... A key contributor on special teams.

2002: Competed in all 12 games, including one as a starter ... Collected a total of eight tackles on the season ... Had two stops each against Tennessee, SEMO, and Louisiana-Monroe ... Was moved to an inside linebacker spot at the start of fall camp ... Made his first career start at Tennessee.

2001: Played in the team's first eight games, but missed the final three contests of the year with a knee injury ... Registered just one tackle on the season and that came against Troy State ... Played mainly on special teams.

High School: Class 4A Mr. Football Defensive Player of the Year in 2000 ... First team All-Mid-State ... Listed among the state of Tennessee's top 15 prospects by the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* ... Helped lead Hillsboro to a 13-1 record, a No. 1 ranking, and a spot in the state semifinals in 2000 ... Registered 180 total tackles as a senior, including four 20-tackle games ... Also had five fumble recoveries and forced seven more ... Offensively, Fite rushed for 1,250 yards, had a 7.2 average per carry, and scored 12 touchdowns ... During his career, Fite was a two-time All-State selection, two-time Region 5-4A Most Valuable Player, the Tommy Owen Award winner (given annually to the best public school player in Metro Nashville), a two-time captain, and was twice named prep Player of the Week by Murphy Fair ... Runs a 4.5 40 ... Played for coach Ron Aydelott at Hillsboro ... Selected to

play in the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star Game ... Chose MT over Alabama, Arkansas, Louisville, and Kentucky.

Personal: Parents: Thomas and Nadolyn Johnson ... Born: 6/18/83 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2001	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2002	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Total	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0



GERMALYLE FRANKLIN

OL • 6-4 • 320 • r-Fr.
Waycross, GA (Ware Co.)

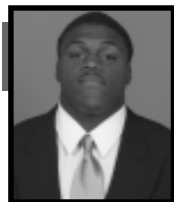
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Noteworthy: Moved to guard during spring practice and picked up new position quickly ... Will be a key member of the offensive line ... Listed as the starter coming out of spring drills ... Chose MT over Georgia and Mississippi State.

2002: Took a redshirt year ... Worked on the scout team.

High School: A three-time all-state selection for coach Dan Ragle at Ware Co. High School ... Was all-area and all-region as a junior and senior ... Registered 14 pancake blocks and graded out at 89 percent his senior year ... Collected eight knockdowns and did not allow a sack against rival Coffee County in 2001 ... Lettered in football and basketball.

Personal: Parent: Jacqueline Franklin ... Born: 3/20/84 ... Major: Undecided.



JULIUS GANT

OL • 6-4 • 306 • r-Jr.
Atlanta, GA (Southside)

67

Noteworthy: Stepped up into a leadership role during spring practice ... Should develop into a starter at tackle ... Coaching staff looking for him to play a big role on the offensive line ... Is an excellent run blocker and a strong pass blocker ... Possesses quick feet and strong hands ... A tenacious and aggressive player.

2002: Competed in 11 of 12 games, including six as a starter at right tackle ... Played a total of 366 snaps and added 31 knockdowns ... Had limited snaps the first two games due to a pinched nerve in his back ... Graded out a personal-best 87 percent against Arkansas State to earn the team's Most Valuable Lineman award ... Had a 74 percent grade in games against Idaho and Louisiana-Monroe.

2001: Played in all 11 games, including eight as a

starter at right tackle ... Was in on a total of 596 snaps (54.2 per game) and had 43 knockdowns ... Voted the team's 'Lineman of the Week' following the LSU game ... Set personal highs in snaps (86) and knockdowns (11) against Louisiana-Monroe ... Graded out 70 percent or better four times, including a career best 84 percent against North Texas ... Registered five knockdowns each against Louisiana-Lafayette and Connecticut ... Played 85 snaps and had four knockdowns in his first college game against Vanderbilt.

2000: Was enrolled in school at MT, but did not compete in football due to academic requirements.

High School: Southside's Lineman of the Year in 1999 ... Made the All-City team in Atlanta ... Registered seven sacks on defense, along with 68 tackles ... Graded out 88 percent on the offensive line for the year ... Also competed on the basketball team.

Personal: Parent: Jacqueline Gant ... Born: 1/14/82 ... Major: Physical Education.



**MARCUS
GATES**

DL • 6-2 • 260 • r-Fr.
LaGrange, GA (LaGrange)

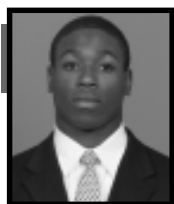
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Noteworthy: Provided the coaching staff with a very pleasant surprise during spring drills ... Really came on strong as spring practice wound to a close ... Chose MT over UAB, Troy State, Central Florida, and Eastern Kentucky.

2002: Took a redshirt year.

High School: Registered 109 tackles and three sacks in leading LaGrange High School to a perfect 14-0 record and a state championship in 2001 ... A teammate in high school of current Blue Raider Shavaskey Brown ... Gates helped LaGrange to a 11-1 mark in 2000 ... Broke the bench press school record (previously owned by Shavaskey Brown) with a lift of 370 pounds ... Played for coach Steve Pardue, a former teammate of Andy McCollum's at Austin Peay.

Personal: Parents: Jerome and Mary Gates ... Born: 11/5/83 ... Major: Undecided.



**KELVIN
GERMAN**

RB • 5-11 • 194 • So.
Fairburn, GA (Sandy Creek)

27

Noteworthy: First spring practice helped move his development along more quickly ... Saw limited action as a true freshman, mainly on special teams ... Expected to be a contributor at the running back spot as a sophomore ... Chose MT over Ole Miss,

UCF, Marshall, and Louisville ... Runs a 4.41 40.

2002: Played in nine total games as a true freshman ... Rushed two times for 14 yards, which all came against Kentucky ... Had a long run of nine yards versus the Wildcats ... Was also one of the team's kickoff return men ... Had 12 returns for 190 yards (15.8), including a long of 25 yards in the win over Vanderbilt.

High School: Named to *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* all-state team ... Was all-county (junior and senior) and Preseason Top 11 in the county as voted on by AJC ... Voted the Fayette County Offensive Player of the Year ... Rated the No. 24 tailback in the country by Rivals100.com ... Was the team's top offensive player as a junior and senior and was also the team captain both years ... Set single-season school records for rushing yards (1,274), carries (213), and touchdowns (11) his senior year ... Set a school single-game record with 38 carries in a contest as a senior ... Rushed for a school-record 274 yards in a game his senior season ... Had a total of three games where he topped the 200-yard rushing total ... Lettered in football and track ... Ran the 100, 200, and 4x100 relay for the track team.

Personal: Parents: William and Carolyn German ... Born: 5/20/84 ... Major: Undecided.

STATISTICS

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2002	2	14	7.0	9	0
KO Ret	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2002	12	190	15.8	25	0



**SETH
GRABO**

TE • 6-4 • 267 • r-Jr.
Ft. Walton, FL (Choctawhatchee)

70

Noteworthy: Moved to tight end during spring practice ... Has potential to be a great blocker ... Can be a solid receiver with continued development.

2002: Did not play in any games ... Was a member of the travel squad.

2001: Did not play in any games.

2000: Was redshirted ... Worked with the scout team and gained valuable experience.

High School: Named All-Northwest Florida and All-District in 1999 ... Was voted the team's Most Valuable Lineman ... Also wrestled and was a member of the Power Lifting team.

Personal: Parents: Jim and Kathy Grabo ... Born: 11/19/81 ... Major: Psychology.



**EUGENE
GROSS**

RB • 5-9 • 213 • r-Fr.
Statesboro, GA (Statesboro)

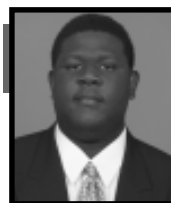
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Noteworthy: Sat out last season ... Expected to compete for a spot on the depth chart ... Continued improvement could find him in the mix in the backfield as fall camp progresses ... Has done a solid job in the weight room ... Chose MT over Georgia Southern ... Runs a 4.5 40.

2002: Sat out the year due to NCAA academic requirements.

High School: Helped lead Statesboro to a perfect 15-0 mark and a AAAA State Championship in 2001 for coach Buzz Buzby ... Voted to all-region team ... Was the team's starting quarterback in a wish-bone scheme ... Completed 25-of-56 passes for 502 yards and five touchdowns ... His long pass completion was a 68-yard touchdown ... Rushed for 620 yards and enjoyed a long run of 46 yards (TD) ... Rushed 11 times for 83 yards and a touchdown in the championship game ... Played safety on defense and came away with two interceptions.

Personal: Parents: Eugene, Sr. and Debrah Gross ... Born: 2/26/83 ... Major: Undecided.



**WILLIE
HALL**

OL • 6-6 • 318 • r-Fr.
Albany, GA (Dougherty)

60

Noteworthy: Has a 7'3" wingspan ... Was a teammate of Chris Sapp at Dougherty High School ... Did a solid job learning the offense during spring practice ... Has worked extremely hard on conditioning and lost 35 pounds over the course of the year ... He can be a factor on the line ... Needs reps to continue his improvement.

2002: Took a redshirt year.

High School: Lettered three years in football, three years in track, and two years in basketball ... Was an All-SW Georgia, All-Region and All-Metro selection as a senior ... Voted the team's No. 1 lineman his senior season ... Was an offensive lineman and a defensive tackle his senior season and never came off the field ... Played football for Cleetus Hopkins.

Personal: Parent: Geneud Odom ... Born: 9/20/82 ... Major: Undecided.



JOSH HARRIS

QB • 6-3 • 174 • So.
Union, SC (Union)

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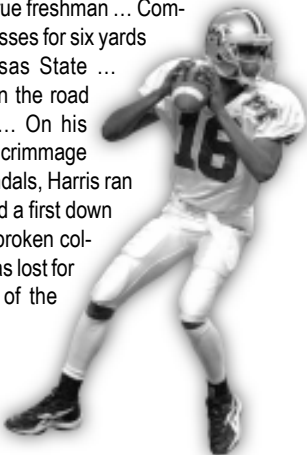
Noteworthy: Needs to get more and more reps ... Will compete for the second team QB job ... Has recovered from breaking his collarbone against Idaho in first career start ... Has outstanding arm strength ... Chose MT over Louisville and Vanderbilt ... Runs a 4.6 40.

2002: Played in two games and earned one start as a true freshman ... Completed 1 of 3 passes for six yards against Arkansas State ... Got the start on the road versus Idaho ... On his fifth play from scrimmage against the Vandals, Harris ran for 10 yards and a first down but suffered a broken collar bone and was lost for the remainder of the season.

High School:

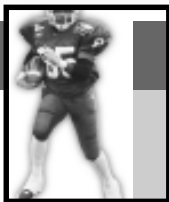
Rated the No. 32 dual-threat quarterback in the country by Rivals100.com ... Was named *Associated Press* all-state, South Carolina Varsity all-state, *The Spartanburg Herald* Offensive Player of the Year, and the Region 3-3A Player of the Year after throwing for 3,013 yards on 207-for-369 passing and 32 touchdowns as a senior ... Also rushed 73 times for 272 yards and three scores ... Named to Max Emfinger's 2001 National High School All-American Team as the nation's Super Sleeper quarterback ... One of three finalists for the Bob Bacot Trophy, which is awarded to top player in state by SC Varsity ... Named to *Orlando Sentinel* honorable mention All-Southern Football team ... Listed as one of nation's top 50 quarterbacks by Street & Smith's Magazine and one of the top 36 signal-callers by *Prepstar* Magazine ... Also named to the North/South All-Star team and earned Offensive Player of the Game honors after throwing for 303 yards and two touchdowns ... Against Gaffney in 2001, Harris completed 27-of-40 passes for 365 yards and two touchdowns ... In his junior and senior years combined, Harris threw for 5,515 yards, had 67 passing touchdowns and three rushing scores, and only tossed 11 interceptions in nearly 600 attempts ... Harris helped lead Union to three straight state championship games, including back-to-back 14-1 seasons in 1999 and 2000 ... Team went 12-3 in 2001 ... Started at wide receiver as a sophomore and caught the game-winning touchdown in the state title game ... Also a three-year starter on the basketball team.

Personal: Parent: Murial Harris ... Born: 7/3/84 ... Major: Undecided.



STATISTICS

Passing	G	A-C	Pct.	Yds.	TD	INT	LG
2002	2	4-1	.250	6	0	0	6
Total Off.	G	Plays	Run	Pass	Tot.	Avg/G	
2002	2	6	10	6	16	8.0	



CHRIS HENRY

WR • 5-8 • 163 • r-So.
Kingsport, TN (Dobyns-Bennett)

85

Noteworthy: Missed a big part of spring practice with an injury ... Had shown improvement in making plays and catching the football ... Needs to step up his leadership ... Chose MT over UAB, Louisville, Marshall, and Appalachian State.

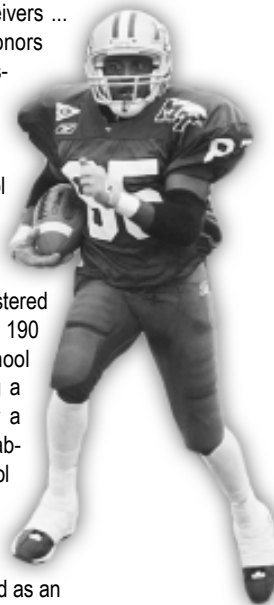
2002: Played in all 12 games and received four starts ... Ended the year with 14 receptions for 180 yards and a touchdown ... Registered a career-best three catches in the season finale against Utah State ... Also had his first collegiate touchdown reception against the Aggies when he brought in a 44-yard pass from Andrico Hines ... The 44-yard reception matched his career long (Louisiana-Lafayette) ... Made his first career reception in the season opener at Alabama ... Hauled in two receptions at Arkansas State ... Had his only rushing attempts against North Texas (2-14) ... Returned five kickoffs for 98 yards, including a long return of 31 yards against Louisiana-Monroe.

2001: Was redshirted ... Worked with the offense daily and was on the travel squad, which helped him gain valuable experience.

High School: Rated one of the state's top receivers ... Earned all-state honors

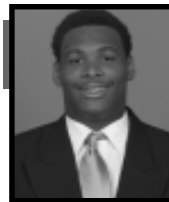
after leading Dobyns-Bennett to a 12-2 record and a spot in the state semifinals ... Hauled in a school record 48 receptions for 800 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2000 ... Also registered 14 punt returns for 190 yards ... Set a school record by returning a punt 94 yards for a touchdown and established another school mark when he brought back a 93-yard kickoff return for a score ... Picked as an alternate for the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star Game ... Clocked at 4.4 in the 40 coming out of high school.

Personal: Parents: James Henry and Ramona McClintock ... Born: 8/25/82 ... Major: Concrete Industry Mgmt.



STATISTICS

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2002	14	180	12.9	44	1
Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2002	2	14	7.0	10	0
KO Ret	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2002	5	98	19.6	31	0



JOHN HENRY

DL • 6-4 • 306 • r-Fr.
Nashville, TN (Hillsboro)

77

Noteworthy: Could play on either side of the ball ... Was given a look on the defensive line during the spring ... Chose Middle Tennessee over Tennessee, Miami, FL, Florida, and Notre Dame.

2002: Sat out due to NCAA academic requirements.

High School: Rated the No. 64 offensive lineman in the nation by Rivals100.com ... Selected to four first team all-state teams in 2001 ... Voted all-region and all-city as a senior ... Paved the way for Hillsboro's 14-1 record and state championship game appearance in 2001 ... Team Captain in 2001 ... Won the Class 4A Mr. Football Lineman award and was a first team All-Midstate selection ... Defensively, Henry totaled 60 tackles, 43 hurries, five sacks, four blocked passes, two blocked kicks, two fumble recoveries, and two caused fumbles ... A two-way starter for coach Ron Aydelott.

Personal: Parent: Phyllis Henry ... Born: 10/27/83 ... Major: Undecided.



TYRONE HICKS

DB • 5-10 • 194 • Fr.
Huntsville, AL (Lee)

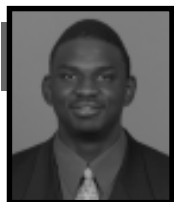
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Noteworthy: Went through spring drills after enrolling in January ... Will begin his career as a true freshman ... Showed signs of improvement during spring practice ... Chose Middle Tennessee over Ole Miss, Louisville, Southern Miss, and Memphis ... Runs a 4.39 40 ... Is the brother of former Blue Raider star Dwone Hicks.

High School: A two-time Class 5A All-State selection for coach Don Thomas at Lee High School ... Led Lee to a 9-3 mark his senior year and a second round showing in the playoffs ... Set an Alabama state record with 12 interceptions his senior year and totaled 24 for his high school career ... Also recorded 1,000 yards rushing, 450 yards receiving, and had 83 tackles on defense ... In a game against Huntsville High School, Hicks had an 85-yard touchdown run, a kickoff return for a score, a punt return for a score, and two interceptions (all totaling 250 all-purpose yards) ... Named to *Huntsville Times* Super All-Metro team in 2000 and 2001 ... Named

to Birmingham News Super Senior team ... Was all-city his junior and senior seasons ... Also lettered in basketball and track.

Personal: Parents: Tommy and Gloria Hicks ... Born: 6/27/83.



**ANDRICO
HINES**

QB • 6-2 • 214 • r-Sr.
Riverdale, GA (SW Miss JC)

9

Noteworthy: His ability to move the offense down the field has improved ... Has matured into a team leader ... Has gained weight and arm strength ... More comfortable with the offense after a year in the system ... Is an extremely hard and dedicated worker who possesses all the tools to be a great one ... Brings a toughness to the position ... Has a great attitude ... Is very dangerous running the football, which gives the Blue Raiders an additional threat.

Record Book: His 1,753 passing yards in 2002 ranked as the eighth most in school history ... Is fifth all-time in total offense for a season with 2,239 in 2002 ... Is tied for sixth in pass completions for a single-season with 142.

2002: Played in 11 total games and started 10 times ... Did not play at New Mexico State due to a pulled groin ... Started at wide receiver in his very first Division I game against Alabama ... Completed 16 of 24 passes for 165 yards against the Tide, while rushing for 49 yards to capture the team Offensive MVP honors ... Had 63 yards rushing at No. 4 Tennessee then followed that up with a career-best 76 yards rushing against Arkansas State ... Threw his first touchdown pass at Kentucky to Tyrone Calico and finished the game 10-for-19 for 202 yards ... Completed 17 of 24 passes for a career-high 347 yards and one touchdown in the win over Louisiana-Lafayette ... Also rushed for 75 yards against the Ragin' Cajuns ... Completed 20 of 27 passes for 133 yards against SEMO ... Registered 239 yards passing and a personal-best three touchdowns in a win over Louisiana-Monroe ... In the season finale against Utah State, Hines registered his career-long touchdown pass with a 63-yard strike to Don Calloway then notched his career-long pass with a 69-yarder to Dwone Hicks ... His 486 yards rushing went down as the most by a Blue Raider quarterback since Marvin Collier notched 594 yards on the ground in 1985 ... Had a pass efficiency rating of 121.42.

2001: Took a redshirt year, but gained a great amount of experience by traveling to each game and signaling in plays.

SW Miss. CC: Named to Mississippi JUCO All-Star team in 2000 ... Was 101 for 158 (64 percent) in the passing department for 1,319 yards ... Also tossed 15 touchdowns and only four interceptions ... Played

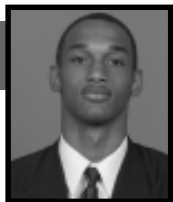
for former Middle Tennessee assistant coach Dom Green at Southwest Mississippi CC ... Wore jersey number 9.

High School: Played for coach George Spencer at Riverdale High School ... Led team to 13-1 record as a senior and a berth in the semifinals of the state playoffs ... Was a four-year starter ... Named all-State, all-County, and all-Region as a senior ... Set a state record with five touchdowns in a state playoff game.

Personal: Parents: Robert and Dorothy Hines ... Born: 12/10/80 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Passing	G	A-C	Pct.	Yds.	TD	INT	LG
2002	11	243-142	.584	1753	6	7	69
Total Off.	G	Plays	Run	Pass	Tot.	Avg/G	
2002	11	393	486	1753	2239	203.5	
Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		
2002	150	486	3.2	35	10		



**PEDRO
HOLIDAY**

WR • 6-1 • 175 • Jr.
Rome, GA (SW Miss JC)

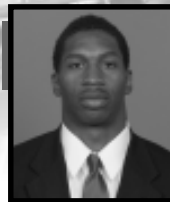
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Noteworthy: Caught the ball extremely well in spring practice ... Needs a great summer to continue his development within the offense ... Chose Middle Tennessee over Louisville, Troy State, East Carolina and West Virginia ... Originally visited the Blue Raiders coming out of high school, but signed with Auburn ... With only two days of practice prior to the Murray State Outdoor Invitational, Holiday ran a 10.51 100-meter dash and missed qualifying for the NCAA regionals by only one-hundredth of a second ... Later at the 2003 Outdoor SBC Championships, Holiday ran a 10.48 in the 100 meters to qualify for the NCAAs ... The next week at the Last Chance meet, Holiday and three teammates ran 39.81 in the 4x100 to qualify for that event as well.

SW Mississippi JC: Played for coach Dom Green at SMCC ... Voted first team All-State in 2002 after collecting 15 catches for 235 yards and four touchdowns ... Team went 3-6 his freshman and sophomore seasons.

High School: Attended Pepperell High School ... First team All-State as a senior and competed in the Georgia-Florida All-Star game ... Registered over 4,000 career all-purpose yards during his high school career ... Received the Herman J. Stegeman Trophy for being a state finalist in track and field ... Earned the Buddy Fowlkes Stanley Floyd Trophy for winning the 100-meter dash in 2001 (10.39) and also won the 200 meters at the state event ... Lettered in football, basketball and track.

Personal: Parents: Jackie and Debra Ware ... Born: 3/1/82 ... Major: Physical Education.



**CHRIS
HOUGH**

SS • 6-1 • 205 • r-Jr.
Lovejoy, GA (Lovejoy)

21

Noteworthy: Changed his jersey number from 46 to 21 prior to the 2002 campaign ... Has played in 23 career games and started once.

2002: Played in all 12 games, but the bulk of his action came on special teams ... Was credited with one tackle on the season.

2001: Competed in all 11 games, including one as a starter (rightside linebacker) vs Arkansas State ... Had a total of 27 tackles on the year to go along with two stops for loss of yards, a sack, a forced fumble, and a pass breakup ... Registered career best six tackles in back-to-back games against Louisiana-Monroe and Louisiana-Lafayette (personal best five solos) ... His lone sack came against Troy State for minus nine yards ... Forced a fumble against Idaho ... Recorded four tackles in a win over Arkansas State.

2000: Did not play in any games ... Was redshirted.

High School: Led Lovejoy to the Georgia state playoffs in 1999 ... Registered 13 sacks as a senior.

Personal: Parents: Lawrence and Hester Hough ... Born: 1/27/82 ... Major: Criminal Justice.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2001	13	14	27	1-9	2-12	0	0
2002	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Total	14	14	28	1-9	2-12	0	0



**PIERRE
INGRAM**

WR • 6-4 • 200 • r-Fr.
Stockbridge, GA (Stockbridge)

83

Noteworthy: Possesses outstanding speed, but needs to learn how to use it to his advantage ... Showed improvement in spring practice ... Continued development will make him a solid player during his career ... Competes on the Blue Raider indoor and outdoor track team ... Chose Middle Tennessee over Georgia Tech and Troy State ... Runs a 4.55 40 and possesses a 36-inch vertical leap.

2002: Took a redshirt year ... Did travel to some of the away games ... Worked on the scout team.

High School: Lettered in football, basketball, and track at Stockbridge High School ... Registered 32 catches for 678 yards as a senior ... Had four touchdowns on kickoff returns, including a 98-yarder

against Starrs Mills ... Also registered 86 receiving yards and a game-saving interception in the win over Starrs Mills ... Won the state high jump as a senior (6-10) ... Was third in the state in the high jump (6-8) and earned team MVP honors in track as a junior ... Earned All-Region AAAA honors and all-county accolades.

Personal: Parents: Sebastian and Shelia Ingram ... Born: 5/15/84 ... Major: Undecided.



CHRIS JOHNSON

DB • 5-10 • 188 • r-Sr.
Freeport, FL (Niceville)

10

Noteworthy: Missed last season with an injury... Can play several positions ... A team leader ... Earned a medical redshirt in 2002 and will be back for his fifth season this year ... Played mainly the pony position in 2001, but was moved back to corner in 2002 ... A very smart player ... Has played in 34 career games and started 10 times.

2002: Broke his arm in the fourth quarter at Alabama and missed the remainder of the season ... Had six solo tackles against the Tide prior to his injury.

2001: Saw action in all 11 games, including one as a starter at outside linebacker (pony) against Ole Miss ... Finished with 12 tackles, one tackle for loss of yards, a pass deflection, and a blocked kick ... Had a season-high two tackles in games against North Texas, Ole Miss, Arkansas State, and Connecticut ... Recorded a tackle for a loss of six yards against Arkansas State ... Was voted the team's special teams player of the game after blocking a punt against Arkansas State.

2000: Played in all 11 games, starting four times (all in nickel situations) ... Registered 24 total tackles, including a career best two for loss of yards ... Equaled his career-high with six tackles against Louisiana Tech and Connecticut ... Had his only sack of the season against Louisiana Tech ... Collected four stops in a win over South Florida ... Had a total of two pass breakups on the year.

1999: Played in all 11 games while starting in five ... Started his first two collegiate games against Mississippi State and Arizona ... Was 12th on the team in tackles with 36 ... Also had one TFL, one sack and one pass breakup ... Had a season-high six tackles at Louisiana Tech, while registering four each versus MSU, UL Lafayette, and UT Martin.

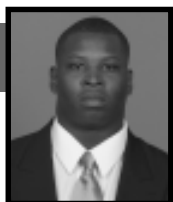
High School: As a senior he earned honorable mention all-state honors for the 6A classification ... Was also named to the all-area team while being chosen the team's MVP two years in a row ... Played offense, defense, and special teams at Niceville ... Had 43 carries for 341 yards and three touchdowns his senior year to go along with nine receptions for

185 yards and two touchdowns ... Defensively as a senior, Johnson totaled 66 tackles, three interceptions, three fumble recoveries, and three blocked PATs ... As a junior, he had 53 tackles, one sack, one interception, and two blocked PATs ... On offense he carried the ball 40 times for 327 yards and six touchdowns ... Also lettered in weightlifting and track ... Played for coach Frank Sorrels.

Personal: Parents: Tommy, Sr. and Ann Johnson ... Born: 11/3/80 ... Major: Physical Education ... Other: Chris' brother, Tommy, was a two-year starter at Alabama (1991-95). Tommy also played one year with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
1999	25	11	36	1-6	1-6	0	0
2000	12	12	24	1-7	2-8	0	0
2001	10	2	12	0-0	1-6	0	0
2002	6	0	6	0-0	0-0	0	0
Total	53	25	78	2-13	4-20	0	0



THOMAS JOHNSON

DL • 6-2 • 286 • r-Jr.
Memphis, TN (Hamilton)

93

Noteworthy: One of the most improved members of the defensive interior ... Had an outstanding spring ... Will compete for starting duties at defensive tackle ... A very versatile athlete because of his ability to play multiple positions ... Has the potential to be an all-conference type player if he stays focused and committed ... Runs a 4.8 40 ... Chose MT over Mississippi St., Mississippi, and Memphis.

2002: Played in 10 games and earned four starts ... Collected a total of 14 tackles on the season to go along with a sack and one blocked punt ... Played his best game against North Texas when he tallied a season-high five tackles and blocked a punt ... Made the "Best Conditioned" athlete list from the summer conditioning program by scoring a perfect 34 points.

2001: Played in 10 games, including four as a starter ... Averaged 35.4 snaps a game ... Was in on a personal best 49 plays against Louisiana-Monroe and had 42 snaps against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Ended the year with 19 total tackles, two tackles for loss, and one sack ... Had a season-high four tackles at Louisiana-Monroe ... Recorded his only sack in win over Troy State and also had a pass breakup ... Recovered a fumble against Connecticut.

2000: Was enrolled in school at MT, but did not compete in football due to academic requirements.

High School: Played TE, DL, and LB for Hamilton HS ... Led Hamilton for two straight years in tackles and sacks ... Was voted all-state, all-Metro, and all-City ... Was a class officer.

Personal: Parent: Alma Johnson ... Born: 6/24/81 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2001	11	8	19	1-8	2-13	1-0	0-0
2002	6	8	14	1-5	2-5-8	0-0	0-0
Total	17	16	33	2-13	4.5-21	1-0	0-0



DOMINIC JONES

DL • 6-3 • 299 • Sr.
Coffeeville, MS (NW Miss JC)

99

Noteworthy: Has increased his strength ... Increased his physicality in the spring ... Will add depth on the defensive front ... Chose Middle Tennessee over Oklahoma State, Kentucky, Memphis, Troy State, and Marshall ... Runs a 4.9 40 ... Inked with the Blue Raiders as a midterm signee in December of 2001.

2002: Played in a total of nine games ... Collected a total of two tackles on the season with one each against Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

NW Mississippi: Named the Most Valuable Defensive Player for the North team in the 2001 Mississippi JUCO All-Star Game ... Team finished 7-3 in 2001 and 10-0 in 2000 ... Was voted the team's most improved defensive lineman in 2001 ... As a freshman he saw most of his action on special teams while serving in a backup role at defensive end.

High School: Three-sport letterman in football, basketball, and weightlifting for Coffeeville High School ... Played linebacker, defensive end, and fullback ... Team captain and team MVP on defense as a senior ... Registered 14 tackles, two sacks, and two caused fumbles against Winona his senior year ... Coach was Perry Liles ... Won the individual state championship in the 242-pound class in weightlifting by setting state records in the squat and deadlift ... Led Coffeeville to a state runner-up spot in Class 2A in weightlifting as a senior.

Personal: Parents: Roland and Darlene Jones ... Born: 2/26/82 ... Major: Liberal Arts.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0



DELORIAN JORDAN

DS/TE • 6-0 • 237 • r-Fr.
Nashville, TN (Glenciff)

37

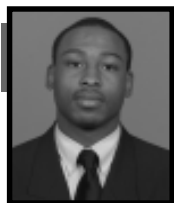
Noteworthy: Had a solid spring catching the football ... A first-time tight end ... Improved his block-

ing during the spring ... A walk-on to the Blue Raider program who was a backup deep snapper in 2002.

2002: Took a redshirt year, but did travel and dress for every game.

High School: Lettered in football and basketball at Glenciff ... Named All-City as a senior while also being selected a William Hume Award finalist ... A member of the National Honor Society ... Played football for coach Jim Wilson.

Personal: Parents: Charles and Vivian Jordan ... Born: 5/29/84 ... Major: Recording Industry.



**HASHEM
JOYNER**

WR • 5-9 • 160 • r-Jr.
College Park, GA (North Clayton)

8

Noteworthy: Is trying to get over the hump of just playing a position and becoming a go-to receiver ... Needs to continue to mature ... Continued improvement could make him an impact player ... An outstanding athlete who played defensive back and wide receiver in high school ... Has big play potential ... Chose MT over Clemson and Marshall.

2002: Played in just two games (Kentucky and North Texas) ... Missed four of the team's first five games with a knee sprain ... Did not catch a pass.

2001: Played in 10 of 11 games ... Finished the year with three receptions for 88 yards and a 29.3-yard per catch average ... Hauled in two passes for 80 yards in a win over Troy State, including a career long 69-yard catch ... Also registered one reception for eight yards against New Mexico State ... Also played on special teams.

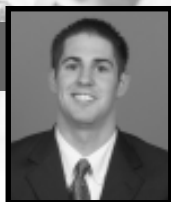
2000: Was enrolled in school and practiced with the team but did not compete in any games due to academic requirements ... Went through 2001 spring drills.

High School: Registered 60 tackles, 12 pass break-ups, and one interception as a senior ... In fact, only two balls were caught on Joyner's side of the field in 1999 ... Also tallied eight receptions for 237 yards and four touchdowns in a limited role as a receiver ... Was also a standout track athlete for North Clayton where he high jumped 6-6 (only four inches shy of being nationally recognized), triple jumped 45 feet, and was the team's top sprinter.

Personal: Parent: Marilyn Joyner ... Born: 9/16/80 ... Major: Information Systems.

STATISTICS

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2001	3	88	29.3	69	0
2002	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	88	29.3	69	0



**BRIAN
KELLY**

PK • 6-0 • 178 • Sr.
Woodstock, GA (Sequoyah)

22

Noteworthy: Preseason All-Sun Belt ... Is ranked fourth all-time in points scored by a kicker at MT (195) and is seventh overall in scoring (197) ... Did not sign with the Blue Raiders until late May of 2000 ... Longest made field goal on turf is 47 yards and on grass 45 yards ... Enters year having hit 29 consecutive extra points, which equals his career best streak ... Most points scored in a game is 14 (Murray State 2000; Louisiana-Monroe 2002) ... Longest streak of consecutive made field goals is seven in a row set during the 2002 campaign.

2002: Played and started in all 12 games ... Selected as a second team all-SBC performer after hitting 10 of 13 field goals and 31 of 32 extra points ... Voted preseason first team all-Sun Belt by the leagues coaches ... The Football Writers Association of America placed Kelly on their 2002 All-America Watch List ... Connected on a 45-yard field goal at Tennessee, which was his longest ever on grass ... Put together a stretch where he hit seven straight field goals before missing his final attempt in the season finale against Utah State ... Equalled his career-high with 14 points in the win over Louisiana-Monroe ... Registered 12 points in a win over Louisiana-Lafayette on two field goals and six extra points.

2001: Was the starting placekicker all 11 games ... An official Lou Groza Award (nation's top kicker) candidate entering the season ... Made 6 of 9 field goals on the season and was 44-for-46 on extra points ... Finished second on the team in scoring with 62 points ... Hit a career-long 47 yarder against Arkansas State ... Was 3-for-4 from 40-49 yards ... Connected on a school record 10 extra points on 10 attempts against Idaho ... Hit a 44 yarder in the win over New Mexico State and had a 42 yarder at Louisiana-Monroe.

2000: Played in 10 of 11 games and was the Blue Raiders' No. 1 placekicker ... Made 11 of 13 field goals and 39 of 44 extra points (three of his misses came from 35 yards and beyond due to penalties) ... Was second on the team in scoring with 72 points, which was the most in school history by a freshman kicker ... Tallied a personal best 14 points against Murray State while adding 11 versus Louisiana-Lafayette and 10 at Connecticut ... Began his collegiate career by connecting on his first five field goal attempts ... Did not miss until the team traveled to Maryland the fourth week of the season ... Went on to hit his next five in a row before missing a 38-yard attempt in the season finale against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Crowning moment came when he hit a 21 yarder with no time remaining in the second overtime against the Ragin' Cajuns to give the Blue Raiders the win and a winning sea-

son ... Career long kick came against Murray State at home from 46 yards out.

High School: Lettered for three years in football, four years in soccer and one year in basketball for Sequoyah High School ... Named first team AAAA all-state by the Associated Press and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as a senior ... Was also tabbed first team all-region 6-AAAA and first team sub-region 6-AAAA-A while garnering all-county honors and the team's Special Team Player of the Year award ... Led the team in scoring as a senior with 47 points, while also finishing third in tackles (one interception, one sack, one fumble recovery) ... For his career, Kelly was third on the all-time scoring list after making 56 of 59 extra points and 23 of 39 field goals ... Was 19 of 26 from 45 yards or less and 3 of 6 from 50 yards or more ... Holds the county record for longest field goal (55 yards), most field goals over 50 yards (3), most career field goals (23), most career points by a kicker (125), and most consecutive extra points (52) ... A standout in soccer, Kelly was voted the county's Offensive Player of the Year three years in a row and was the team MVP in 2000 ... The high school retired his jersey at the conclusion of his senior year ... Led the entire region in scoring his senior year with 35 points ... Holds county records for most career goals (61), most career assists (29), most goals in a season (25), and most total points in a season (35) ... Voted the Sequoyah High School Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2000 ... A member of Student Government and the 21st Century Leaders Business Forum ... Nominated for Governor's Honors, Hugh O'Brien Award, and Boy's State ... Played football for coach Sid Maxwell.

Personal: Parents: Tim and Terri Kelly ... Born: 2/15/82 ... Major: Business.

STATISTICS

FG	FGM-A	Pct.	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
2000	11-13	.846	4-4	4-5	3-4	0-0	46	0
2001	6-9	.667	3-4	0-1	3-4	0-0	47	2
2002	10-13	.769	3-3	3-5	4-5	0-0	45	0
Total	27-35	.771	10-11	7-11	10-13	0-0	47	2

Scoring	FGs	PATs	Points
2000	11-13	39-44	72
2001	6-9	44-46	62
2002	10-13	31-32	63*
Total	27-35	114-122	197

*scored on a two-point rush vs Kentucky



**JEFF
LITTLEJOHN**

DL • 6-2 • 323 • r-So.
Gaffney, SC (Gaffney)

92

Noteworthy: Has worked hard to decrease his weight and it resulted in increasing his vertical leap and decreasing his time in the 40-yard dash ... Originally chose Miami, FL, over Clemson, Tennessee, South Carolina, Michigan State, and West Vir-

ginia ... After failing to meet NCAA academic guidelines Littlejohn opted not to go to junior college and instead enrolled at Middle Tennessee in 2001 ... A year in the weight and conditioning program resulted in Littlejohn decreasing his time in the 40 by half a second and increasing his vertical jump by 1.5 inches.

2002: Played in all 12 games and earned a start against Utah State in the season finale ... Totaled 13 stops and 1.5 tackles for loss on the year ... Registered a season-high three tackles in games against Louisiana-Lafayette and New Mexico State ... Had two tackles against Kentucky and Arkansas State.

High School: Regarded as one of the top five defensive linemen in the nation coming out of Gaffney High School ... Rated the No. 6 defensive lineman prospect in the nation by ESPN and the No. 63 player overall in the country ... Also rated Prep Star's No. 16 prospect overall in the Atlantic region ... As a senior, he registered 89 tackles, 12 for losses, 18 quarterback hurries, 18 sacks (single-season record), 22 pass breakups, and two interceptions ... Led team to a state championship and a 14-1 record as a junior ... In his high school career, Littlejohn tallied 250 tackles, 40 sacks, 35 pass breakups, 29 hurries, three interceptions, and three blocked field goals.

Personal: Parents: James and Dorothy Littlejohn ... Born: 2/14/83 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	4	9	13	0-0	1.5-1	0-0	0-0



BRANDON LYNCH

WS • 6-0 • 187 • Sr.
Hephzibah, GA (Hephzibah)

42

Noteworthy: One of the teams most energetic and enthusiastic players ... Very athletic ... Turned in a great spring ... Moved from safety to outside linebacker in 2001 and will be a weakside safety in 2003 ... A two-year starter who has all-conference ability ... A tough kid who works extremely hard ... Chose MT over Pittsburgh, NC State, Georgia Tech, and Albany State.

2002: Played and started all 12 games at right pony ... Collected a career best 75 tackles to rank fourth on the team ... Led the Blue Raiders in tackles for loss with 7.5 ... Opened the year with eight tackles (6 solos) at Alabama ... Recorded a sack and recovered a fumble at Tennessee ... Played what coaches called his best game ever at Arkansas State, when he tallied eight tackles, including a TFL, and a quarterback hurry ... Set his personal mark in stops with nine each against New Mexico State and Utah State ... In the win over Vanderbilt, Lynch notched five tackles and had a game-clinching in-

terception with under a minute to play that he returned 37 yards ... Voted the team's defensive MVP in back-to-back games against Arkansas State and Vanderbilt ... Had seven or more tackles in a game seven times.

2001: Played and started in 10 games (missed the North Texas contest) ... Was third on the team in tackles with a career season-best 54 stops ... Also recorded four tackles for loss, his first career sack and a team best two fumble recoveries ... Registered a personal-best eight tackles in consecutive games against New Mexico State, Arkansas State and LSU ... Tallied seven stops against Louisiana-Monroe and six versus Vanderbilt ... Had his first-ever sack against Arkansas State, while recording two TFLs in wins over Idaho and ASU ... Returned a fumble 50 yards for a touchdown at Louisiana-Lafayette ... Voted the team's defensive MVP following the Louisiana-Lafayette game ... Also played on special teams.

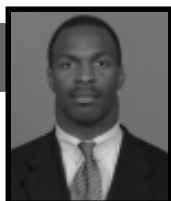
2000: Played in nine games, but mainly on special teams ... Saw his most action on defense during the Connecticut game ... Finished the year with 16 total tackles, including one for lost yardage ... Registered four tackles against Connecticut and three each versus Louisiana-Lafayette and Mississippi State ... His TFL came against Connecticut ... Was the Special Teams MVP on three occasions (Maryland, UAB, and Connecticut).

High School: As a senior, Lynch registered 80 tackles in 10 games for Hephzibah ... Also totaled an impressive 17 tackles for loss of yards from his safety position ... Against Northside, which was ranked No. 11 nationally at the time, Lynch returned a punt for a touchdown and had a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown ... Lynch was a two-time All-Area performer and was an All-State honorable mention selection in 1999 ... Lynch also ran the 100, 200, 400 relay, and 1600 relay ... Also competed in the high jump and long jump.

Personal: Parents: Larry and Geneda Lynch ... Born: 1/31/82 ... Major: Liberal Arts.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2000	6	10	16	0-0	1-2	0-0	0
2001	29	25	54	1-8	4-16	2-50	0
2002	45	30	75	1-10	7.5-24	1-0	1-37
Total	80	65	145	2-18	12.5-42	3-50	1-37



TOMMY MANUS

WR/TE • 6-4 • 214 • Jr.
Dallas, TX (Fort Scott CC)

80

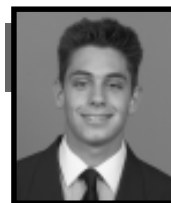
Noteworthy: Did a nice job learning the offense during the spring ... Has a big frame and good speed, but needs to learn how to utilize it ... Did a good job picking up the offense in spring practice ... Chose Middle Tennessee over Cal, TCU, and

Texas A&M ... Drew interest out of high school from UCLA, LSU, Georgia Tech, and TCU ... Runs a 4.41 40 ... A great athlete with sure hands and excellent speed.

Ft. Scott (KS) CC: Reeled in 30 receptions for 570 yards and five touchdowns in 2002 ... Recorded six catches for 123 yards and one touchdown against Dodge City ... Played for coach Kevin Verdugo at Ft. Scott ... Missed half of season due to a sternum injury.

High School: Named second team All-State as a senior for H. Grady Spruce High School (Dallas, TX) after hauling in 65 catches for 875 yards and seven touchdowns ... Finished third in the 400 meters at the Texas State track meet (45.7).

Personal: Parent: Brenda Lewis ... Born: 10/10/80 ... Major: Criminal Justice.



CLINT MARKS

QB • 6-2 • 181 • r-Fr.
Fort Myers, FL (Estero)

17

Noteworthy: Had a great spring ... Showed outstanding improvement ... Added 18 pounds in the weight room over the course of his first year ... Spring practice improved his confidence ... Chose MT over Army, Minnesota, Clemson, UNC, Akron, and Bowling Green.

2002: Took a redshirt year ... Worked extensively on the scout team.

High School: A two-time first team All-State pick for coach Billy Swats at Estero High School ... Owns every passing record at Estero ... Rivals100.com called him an accurate passer who possesses size and strength ... Was also All-Conference and All-District his senior year in leading Estero to a 10-2 mark ... Threw for 2,200 yards on 137 of 220 throwing, 23 touchdowns, and only five interceptions as a senior ... Also recorded a 171.4 quarterback rating ... Was the only signal-caller his senior year in the state of Florida to throw for over 2,000 yards with a 2,500-yard rusher in the backfield ... In the second round of the 2001 playoffs, Marks completed 13 of 17 passes for 334 yards and three touchdowns ... As a junior, Marks led Estero to a 10-2 record after throwing for 1,560 yards and 16 touchdowns ... Was voted all-state and earned the team's offensive player of the year award as a junior ... Lettered in football and track ... Owns a black belt in Tae Kwan Do.

Personal: Parents: Carlos and MaryAnne Marks ... Born: 12/23/83 ... Major: Undecided.

NEW RECORD

DL Dominic Jones set a new team safety squat record by squatting 870 pounds. Jones broke the previous mark of 835 pounds (Jason Spray).



WILL MARTIN

FS • 5-11 • 205 • Sr.
Clarksville, TN (Coffeyville CC)

6

Noteworthy: Is the leader of the secondary ... Sets the team coverage ... A tremendous athlete ... Used the spring to become more familiar with the defensive scheme ... A quarterback for the defense ... A tough, hard-nosed player who brings a great personality to the game ... Never lets up on a play ... Inked with the Blue Raiders as a midterm signee in December of 2001 ... Chose MT over Maryland, Ohio, Ole Miss and West Virginia.

2002: Moved to pony (outside linebacker) at the start of fall camp, then was switched to free safety for the season opener ... Played and started all 12 games at free safety ... Was third on the team in tackles with 78 while collecting two interceptions ... Recorded a career-best 16 tackles (12 assisted) at New Mexico State ... Registered 11 tackles at No. 4 Tennessee ... Had eight stops each versus Alabama and Kentucky ... His interceptions came against SEMO (35-yard return) and Louisiana-Monroe while his two fumble recoveries came against Idaho and ULM ... Was the team's co-defensive MVP versus ULM.

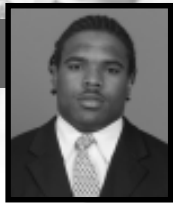
Coffeyville CC: A quarterback for Coffeyville, Martin led the Ravens to a 7-4 record and threw two touchdowns to lead them to a 49-14 win over Navarro Junior College in the 2001 Heart of Texas Bowl ... Against Navarro, Martin was 9-for-16 for 198 yards, including an 80-yard strike in the first half ... Completed 12 of 23 passes for 179 yards and two touchdowns in a win over Butler CC ... Earned second team all-conference honors after throwing for 1,052 yards, rushing for 500 more and tossing 10 touchdown passes in 2001 ... Wore jersey No. 2 at Coffeyville ... Played for coach Jeff Lieker.

High School: Played quarterback and safety during a stellar four-year high school career at Kenwood in Clarksville, TN for coach Terry Arrington ... As a senior, he was a Super Prep All-American, Region 6-4A Player of the Year, and was named to two All-State teams (Associated Press and Tennessee Sports Writers) ... Was also the *Leaf Chronicle* Player of the Year and a Mr. Football finalist ... Registered 250 yards rushing and four touchdowns by halftime against Clarksville High School his junior year ... Signed with Kansas State out of high school.

Personal: Parent: Eva Shelby ... Born: 4/13/82 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	53	25	78	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-35



NICK MCAFFEE

FB • 6-0 • 232 • Jr.
Marietta, GA (Marietta)

31

Noteworthy: A true fullback who should assume the No. 1 duties in 2003 ... Has worked hard to improve his overall game ... Needs continued improvement in blocking and catching passes out of the backfield ... Called the "Bull" by his high school coach because of his bruising type play ... Chose MT over Memphis and Marshall.

2002: Played in all 12 games ... Did not have a carry but did come up with his first collegiate reception in the season finale against Utah State ... His catch was good for four yards ... Also played on special teams.

2001: Sat out the season and later re-signed with the Blue Raiders as a member of the 2002 recruiting class.

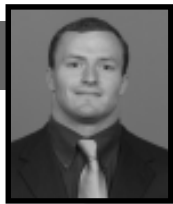
2000: Enrolled in school for the spring semester (January 2001).

High School: A three-year starter for Marietta at fullback ... Played for coach Friday Richards ... Also competed on the basketball team.

Personal: Parents: Alfred and Arlene McAfee ... Born: 1/2/81 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2002	1	4	4.0	4	0



JOEY MONTALBANO

LB • 5-9 • 200 • r-Sr.
Nashville, TN (Father Ryan)

53

Noteworthy: Has an excellent attitude and enthusiasm ... Always puts forth outstanding effort ... Will provide depth at the linebacker spot ... Will also be a major contributor on special teams ... Will be counted on for leadership in 2003 ... A walk-on to the Blue Raider program who was awarded a scholarship during the 2001 season ... Won the team's 2001 and 2002 Lifter of the Year award ... Despite weighing just 200 pounds, Montalbano power cleans an impressive 341 pounds and bench presses 390 ... A hard-nosed, tough player, who works extremely hard at improving his game ... Accepted membership into the Golden Key International Honor Society in April of 2002 ... Has played in 33 career games.

2002: Played in all 12 games with most of his snaps coming on special teams ... Recorded a career-best 23 tackles with 13 being solo stops ... Tallied

a personal-best seven tackles at New Mexico State, while adding four at Idaho ... Blocked a punt against Louisiana-Monroe which resulted in a touchdown by Chris Henry.

2001: Played in all 11 games and was a starter on the kickoff team ... Totaled 14 tackles and 10 stops were solos ... Tallied a career-best three tackles against Louisiana-Monroe and came up with two each versus Troy State, Louisiana-Lafayette, and New Mexico State.

2000: Played in 10 games as a member of the kickoff team ... Finished the year with eight tackles ... Had three stops at Mississippi State and two against Maryland.

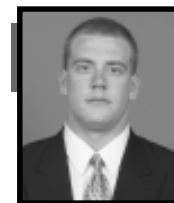
1999: Took a redshirt year while working on the defensive scout team.

High School: As a senior he earned all-state, all-midstate, and all-city at Father Ryan High School ... Was also all-state as a junior ... Was a three-year starter on offense and defense ... Lettered three years in football and two years in track ... Played football for coach Kurt Page.

Personal: Parents: Joe and Nan Montalbano ... Born: 12/26/80 ... Major: Finance.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2000	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0	0
2001	10	4	14	0-0	0-0	0	0
2002	13	10	23	0-0	0-0	0	0
Total	26	19	45	0-0	0-0	0	0



BRANDON PARKER

OL • 6-7 • 300 • Sr.
Catoosa, OK (NE OK A&M)

75

Noteworthy: Battled injuries all spring ... Should compete for a spot on the line if he's healthy ... Needs to continue in a leadership role on the line.

2002: Competed in seven games and earned three starts before suffering a season-ending knee injury against Louisiana-Lafayette in week seven ... Started the first two games of the season at Alabama and Tennessee at right tackle ... Earned the start at left tackle against the Ragin' Cajuns ... Played a total of 113 snaps and tallied 25 knockdowns on the year ... Had a career-high eight knockdowns against SEMO while adding seven versus Louisiana-Lafayette ... Graded out a season-best 75 percent vs ULL.

2001: Played in nine games and was used mainly in short yardage and goal line situations ... Saw action in 68 total snaps for the year and collected five knockdowns ... Played a season-high 30 snaps against Troy State and recorded two knockdowns

... Had 22 snaps against Arkansas State and graded out at 75 percent ... His top grade of the season was 80 percent against Connecticut.

NE OK A&M: Started on the same offensive line at NE OK A&M with fellow signee Bill Brasch, who was also his roommate ... Helped lead NE OK A&M to a 9-3 mark in 2000 ... Played for coach Dale Patterson ... Chose MT over Oklahoma State, Tulsa, and Colorado.

High School: Played at Catoosa High School, where his team went 5-5 his senior year ... Voted all-State as a senior and was tabbed the 5A Line-man of the Year ... Also earned all-Conference and all-District honors ... Played defensive end as well and led the team with 12 sacks his senior year ... Played football for coach Pat McGrew ... Lettered in wrestling and track ... Was the No. 1 ranked heavyweight his senior year ... Finished his career with a 135-6 record ... Was a two-time regular season champion in wrestling and a two-time state placer ... Was a four-time state qualifier as a discus thrower ... Broke the school record with a throw of 171.6 1/2 inches.

Personal: Parents: Mark and Libby Thompson ... Born: 10/27/80 ... Major: Physical Education.



LUKE PASCHALL

WR • 5-10 • 175 • r-Fr.
Dickson, TN (Dickson Co.)

81

Noteworthy: A walk-on to the Blue Raider program who opened a lot of eyes during spring drills ... Has a chance to contribute ... Good route runner with excellent hands.

2002: Was redshirted.

High School: Lettered in football, basketball, and track at Dickson County ... Reeled in 11 receptions and two touchdowns his senior year ... Was all-region in track ... Played football for coach Jerry Pearson.

Personal: Parents: Wayne and Teresa Paschall ... Born: 12/9/83 ... Major: Undecided.



BOBBY PAYNE

DL • 6-4 • 285 • r-Fr.
Morrliton, AR (Morrliton)

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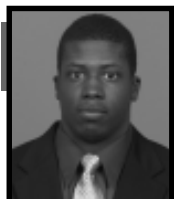
Noteworthy: Chose MT over Arkansas, Arkansas State, and Texas A&M ... Runs a 4.8 40.

2002: Sat out the year due to NCAA academic requirements.

High School: A Super Prep All-American ... An all-

state and all-conference performer for coach Doug Scheel at Morrliton High School ... Rated the No. 4 recruit in the state of Arkansas by Hootens Magazine ... Regarded as the No. 43 recruit in the nation by Rivals100.com and the 89th best recruit by Max Emfinger ... Registered 65 tackles as a senior to go along with six sacks, two fumble recoveries, two pass breakups, 11 tackles for loss, and two blocked kicks ... Collected 17 tackles and two sacks against Harrison High School ... Lettered in football, track, and basketball ... Was on the 2000 and 2001 state champion track teams and earned All-State honors in the shot put.

Personal: Parent: Lena Payne ... Born: 12/18/83 ... Major: Undecided.



AARON PITTS

DB • 5-11 • 188 • Sr.
Silver Creek, MS (Copiah-Lincoln)

19

Noteworthy: An extremely versatile player ... Can play nearly any position in the secondary ... Inked with the Blue Raiders as a midterm signee in December of 2001 ... Chose Middle Tennessee over New Mexico and TCU ... Runs a 4.5 40 ... His brother, Ernest Pitts, played one season of football at Marshall.

2002: Played in 11 games and received one start ... Collected 14 total tackles, one interception, and four pass breakups on the season ... Had a season-high two tackles in games against Tennessee, Arkansas State, ULL, North Texas, and Utah State ... His lone interception came against Kentucky and he returned it 29 yards ... Recorded two pass breakups in the win over Utah State ... Also competed on special teams.

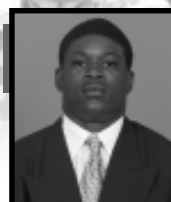
Copiah-Lincoln JC: Registered 12 interceptions in two years ... Led the Wolves to a 5-4 record as a sophomore by recording eight interceptions, six pass breakups, and 54 tackles ... As a freshman he had 84 tackles and four interceptions.

High School: Was All-State, All-Region, All-District, and All-Area for Lawrence County High School ... Collected seven interceptions and 72 total tackles as a senior ... Played in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game ... Team went 10-2 his junior year and 14-0 his senior season ... Had a school record 108-yard interception return for a touchdown in a game his senior year.

Personal: Parents: Ernest and Ardessie Pitts ... Born: 2/15/82 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	9	5	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-29



JUSTIN RAINEY

SS • 5-10 • 198 • r-Fr.
Rockhill, SC (Northwestern)

15

Noteworthy: Drew interest from South Carolina and Tennessee before choosing MT ... Runs a 4.4 40.

2002: Sat out the year due to NCAA academic guidelines.

High School: A three-time region 3-4A selection and three-time all-area pick for Northwestern High School ... Rushed for 1,253 yards and 24 touchdowns in helping Northwestern to a 12-4 record and a runner-up finish in Class 4A in 2001 ... Also recorded 24 tackles and an interception on defense from his corner position ... Registered 189 yards rushing on 21 carries and three touchdowns in a game against Burns and still holds the South Carolina state record for touchdowns in a game with five his junior year ... Lettered in football, basketball, and track.

Personal: Parents: Kenny Springs and Angela Rainey ... Born: 5/4/84 ... Major: Undecided.



MUHAMMAD RASHAD

DB • 5-11 • 174 • r-Sr.
Augusta, GA (Richmond Acad.)

5

Noteworthy: Continued his improvement again in the spring ... Has gotten better each year since joining the program ... Is coming off his best year as a Blue Raider ... Played with consistency in 2002 ... Sat out the 1999 season due to NCAA academic guidelines ... Is a very athletic player with good speed and quickness ... Was regarded as one of the fastest kids coming out of Augusta ... Runs a 4.4 40 ... Moves well and possesses good hands.

2002: Played and started all 12 games at right corner ... Had a career-best 55 total tackles (40 solos), along with three tackles for loss, three interceptions, and nine pass breakups ... Collected a personal-best eight stops against SEMO and New Mexico State ... Shared team Defensive MVP honors with Tony Sutton following the Tennessee game ... Collected his second career interception off Tennessee's Casey Clausen in the endzone to stop a Vols scoring drive ... Had a career-high four pass breakups in a win over Louisiana-Monroe to go along with five tackles ... Registered six tackles and a TFL in the upset over Vanderbilt.

2001: Competed in all 11 games and earned two starts (at Mississippi and at North Texas) ... Finished 12th on the team in tackles with a career best 28 stops (23 solos) ... Registered a career-high seven tackles in back-to-back games against Ole

Miss and North Texas ... Tallied six stops in a win over Idaho ... Had a total of three kickoff returns for 63 yards and a 21.0-yard average ... Put up a season-long return of 26 yards at Ole Miss.

2000: Played in all 11 games ... Collected 17 total tackles on the year, including a personal-best five at Connecticut ... Also had a 59-yard interception return against the Huskies ... Registered three tackles at Florida and two each against Maryland, UAB, and Louisiana-Lafayette ... Also had a tackle for loss and a pass deflection on the season ... Took over duties as one of the Blue Raiders' kickoff return men against Mississippi State and responded with five returns for 136 yards (equalled third most ever in a single game by a Blue Raider) ... Longest return of the year was 36 yards against Mississippi State and South Florida ... Averaged 23.8 yards a return to lead the Blue Raiders and would have been tied for 25th nationally if he had had enough attempts to qualify.

High School: Lettered four years in football, three years in basketball, and three years in baseball for Richmond Academy ... Named All-State, All-Area, and All-Metro in football while gaining All-Metro honors in basketball ... Tallied 42 receptions for 920 yards as a senior while also registering 10 interceptions to lead the area ... Played football for coach Jim Turner.

Personal: Parents: Joseph and Deborah Rashada ... Born: 10-4-80 ... Major: Liberal Arts.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2000	10	7	17	0-0	1-2	0	1-59
2001	23	5	28	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
2002	40	15	55	0-0	3-7	1	3-0
Total	73	27	100	0-0	4-9	1	4-59

Kickoff Ret.	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2000	12	286	23.8	36	0
2001	3	63	21.0	26	0
Total	15	349	23.3	36	0



CHRIS SAPP

TE • 6-5 • 262 • r-Fr.
Albany, GA (Dougherty)

84

Noteworthy: Made the move to tight end from defensive end during the spring ... Showed great tenacity in learning a new position ... Needs work on blocking and receiving skills ... Has an outstanding attitude ... Chose MT over Louisville, East Carolina, Southern Miss, and Alabama.

2002: Took a redshirt year.

High School: Was all-region, all-metro, Dynamite Dozen, and all-Southwest Georgia as a senior for Dougherty High School and coach Cleetus Hopkins ... A nominee for the Georgia-Tennessee All-Star

Game ... Team finished 7-4 in 2001 ... Offensively, he graded out at 81 percent and recorded a team best 32 pancakes ... Defensively, Sapp registered 73 tackles, 15 pass breakups, and seven forced fumbles ... Lettered in football, basketball, track, and golf.

Personal: Parent: Jacqueline Sapp ... Born: 9/8/83 ... Major: Undecided.



DEVARRICK SCANDRETT

DL • 6-4 • 249 • So.
Forsyth, GA (Mary Persons)

94

Noteworthy: Possesses strong pass rushing skills and range with his long arms ... Has unlimited potential ... Battled nagging injuries during spring drills ... Chose MT over Louisville, Kentucky, and Clemson.

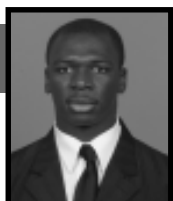
2002: Played in all 12 games as a true freshman ... Also saw time on special teams ... Finished with 11 total tackles and two quarterback sacks ... Enjoyed his best game against Kentucky when he recorded three tackles and two sacks ... Collected two quarterback hurries against Arkansas State.

High School: Led Mary Persons to back-to-back playoff appearances his junior and senior seasons ... Voted the Area Defensive Lineman of the Year by the *Macon Telegraph* ... Earned team Defensive Player of the Year honors for coach Steve Chafin ... Led the team in tackles as a senior with 52 stops ... Also registered three fumble recoveries and an interception ... Rivals100.com calls him one of the strongest players in the state while rating him a terrific bull rusher.

Personal: Parent: Janice Barkley ... Born: 1/23/84 ... Major: Undecided.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	8	3	11	2-13	2-13	0	0-0



KABOTE SIKYALA

DB • 5-11 • 200 • Sr.
Riverdale, MD (Parkdale)

29

2002: A walk-on who had a great spring ... Adds depth to the secondary ... A key component on special teams ... Will also see time in nickel coverage ... Played in nine total games but saw the bulk of his action on special teams ... Had three tackles on the season with one each against Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana-Monroe, and Utah State.

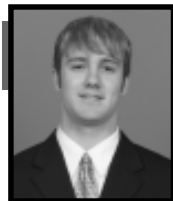
Montgomery College: Attended for two years but the school did not have football.

High School: Played for coach Bob Johnson at Parkdale.

Personal: Parents: Mukala Sikyala and Marie Sikyala ... Born: 1/26/80 ... Major: Computer Science ... Other: His brother is a running back for the San Diego Chargers.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0



COLBY SMITH

P • 5-9 • 180 • r-Fr.
Franklin, TN (Franklin)

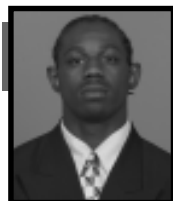
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Noteworthy: A walk-on to the Blue Raider program ... Is expected to be the heir apparent to Robert Billings ... Has a strong leg.

2002: Took a redshirt year.

High School: Lettered in football and soccer at Franklin High School ... Was all-Midstate second team and all-region as a senior ... Averaged 42.3 yards a punt on 50 attempts his senior season ... Earned all-midstate, all-region, and all-county honors as a junior ... Played for coach Alvin Palmer.

Personal: Parent: Lisa Paxton ... Born: 9/26/83 ... Major: Undecided.



TONY SUTTON

DB • 5-11 • 196 • Sr.
Troup, TX (Tyler JC)

3

Noteworthy: A physical specimen ... Needs to improve on certain techniques to become a complete corner ... Has the ability to become one of the league's top corners ... Rates as the team's fastest player ... Chose Middle Tennessee over Louisiana Tech, UL-Lafayette, Houston, and North Texas ... Runs a 4.4 40 ... Inked with the Blue Raiders as a midterm signee in December of 2001.

2002: Started and played all 12 games ... Was fifth on the team in tackles with 55 ... Shared the team lead in interceptions with three ... Made the "Best Conditioned" athlete list from the summer conditioning program by scoring a perfect 34 points ... Shared team Defensive MVP honors with Muhammad Rashada after collecting nine tackles at Tennessee ... Had eight stops against Louisiana-Lafayette and seven at New Mexico State ... Credited with six tackles at Arkansas State where coaches said he played a solid all-around game ... Interceptions came against SEMO, Vanderbilt, and North Texas ... Forced fumbles against Tennessee and Idaho.

Tyler JC: As a sophomore he registered 46 tackles and five pass breakups ... A two-year starter at strong safety for Tyler ... Team had a combined 17-6 record in his two years (8-4 in 2001) ... Tyler won the conference title in 2000 and played in the Red River Bowl ... Tallied four interceptions as a freshman.

High School: Three-sport letterman in football, basketball, and track for Troup High School ... First team All-District as a receiver and defensive back ... Team captain as a junior and senior ... Registered 145 tackles as a senior ... Qualified for the regionals in the 100-meter dash.

Personal: Parent: Doreen Freney ... Born: 2/11/81 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	44	11	55	0-0	1-3	0	3-14



ZACK SWANSON

WS • 6-0 • 194 • r-Fr.
Murfreesboro, TN (Riverdale)

51

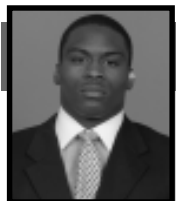
Noteworthy: Joined team in fall of 2001 as a walk-on ... Has really impressed coaches with his toughness and desire ... Could see time on special teams.

2002: Did not play in any games.

2001: Took a redshirt year.

High School: Attended Riverdale where he played football under Gary Rankin ... Was team captain his senior year while earning second team all-state honors ... Participated in the East-West Shrine Game ... A two-year starter.

Personal: Parents: Mike and Retha Swanson ... Born: 11/2/82 ... Major: Concrete Industry Mgmt.



DANNY TOLBERT

DB • 5-10 • 170 • Jr.
Okeechobee, FL (Coffeyville CC)

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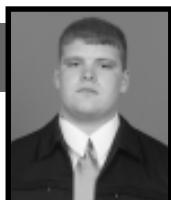
Noteworthy: Used the spring to learn the system after transferring from junior college in January ... Has great speed ... Chose Middle Tennessee over East Carolina, UCF, Utah, Arizona, and Louisiana-Lafayette ... Runs the 40 in 4.4 ... Wants to get into the recording and music industry ... Ran in the Murray State Outdoor Track Invitational and ran a 10.61 in the 100-meter dash.

Coffeyville CC: Voted a second team NJCAA all-American in 2002 and also earned all-conference honors ... Helped lead Coffeyville to a 9-3 record and a win in the inaugural Dalton Defenders Bowl

in 2002 ... Led Coffeyville and ranked tied for second in the KJCCC with four interceptions in 2002 while returning one for a touchdown ... Also ranked seventh in the KJCCC in punt returns with a 7.7 yard average and brought one back for a score ... Named second team all-conference as a freshman after registering three interceptions.

High School: Played at Okeechobee High School for coach Cary McKee ... Voted Athlete of the Month three times his senior year ... Named the team's Most Valuable Player in 2000 and 2001 ... Tallied six interceptions as a senior and had a total of 13 during his career ... Registered three touchdowns in a win over Cocoa Beach High School (2 INT and 1 punt return) ... Lettered in football and track.

Personal: Parents: Danny and Mary Tolbert ... Born: 1/3/83 ... Major: Recording Industry.



BRETT TROTT

OL • 6-4 • 290 • r-So.
Murfreesboro, TN (Oakland)

69

Noteworthy: Showed improvement during the spring ... Needs to continue maturing process ... Needs to learn to be ferocious on the interior ... Has increased his vertical jump by two inches.

2002: Played in three games for the Blue Raiders ... Saw action against Alabama, Vanderbilt, and Utah State.

2001: Was redshirted by the coaching staff.

High School: A 5A Mr. Football finalist ... Named 5A all-state by the Associated Press and the Tennessee Sports Writers Association as a junior and senior ... Also tabbed all-Midstate, all-Midstate Dream Team, all-Region 4-5A, Who's Who All-Star, best offensive lineman and the *Daily News Journal* Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2000 ... Selected to play in the annual Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star Game ... Had 35 pancake blocks and graded out at 90 percent for the year as a senior ... Helped lead Oakland to three straight playoff appearances, including a state championship in 1998 ... Originally committed to Michigan during the summer of 2000 but changed his mind for the hometown Blue Raiders ... Chose MT over Mississippi State.

Personal: Parents: Mark and Kim Trott ... Born: 12/31/82 ... Major: Physical Education.



JERRY VANDERPOOL

DL • 6-3 • 296 • r-Jr.
Nashville, TN (Brentwood Acad.)

97

Noteworthy: Battled injuries and returned to have a good spring ... Played inside at tackle in 2001, but made the move to end for the 2002 campaign ... Possesses exceptional quickness for a big man

... Rated one of the top recruits in the midstate coming out of high school ... Runs a 4.9 40 ... Chose Middle Tennessee over Mississippi and Marshall.

2002: Played in all 12 games, including 10 as a starter ... Ended the year with 40 total tackles, which ranked eighth on the team and first among defensive linemen ... Made the "Best Conditioned" athlete list from the summer conditioning program by scoring a perfect 34 points ... Earned the team's Special Teams Award with Brian Kelly following the Tennessee contest ... Blocked his first-ever kick when he rejected a field goal against Tennessee in the second half ... Registered a career-high six tackles against New Mexico State while tallying five stops versus North Texas ... Collected his only sack of the season against Utah State.

2001: Played in 10 games and earned one start (at North Texas) ... Finished the year with 12 tackles, including two for loss of yards ... Had a season best four tackles against Connecticut, including one for minus yards ... Tallied three tackles at North Texas ... Registered one TFL at Ole Miss.

2000: Took a redshirt year, but gained valuable experience by being a member of the scout team.

High School: Was a Mr. Football Lineman of the Year finalist in 1999 ... Named All-State, All-Midstate and earned NashvilleSports Elite 11 recognition as a senior.

Personal: Parent: the late Norma Vanderpool ... Born: 9/22/82 ... Major: Liberal Arts.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2001	9	3	12	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0
2002	28	12	40	1-8	3.5-12	0-0	0-0
Total	37	15	52	1-8	5.5-14	0-0	0-0



DEMETRIUS WALKER

DL • 6-3 • 254 • Sr.
Kansas City, MO (Fort Scott CC)

98

Noteworthy: Had a solid spring ... Possesses a good motor ... Chose MT over Tulsa, Arkansas State, Louisiana-Monroe, North Texas, and New Mexico State ... At age 14, Walker was hit by a car and broke his left leg in four places, which required extensive rehabilitation just to learn how to walk again. Being able to play football again has been an amazing feat for the Blue Raider senior.

2002: Played in all 12 games, while earning five starts (1 at right end, 4 at left end) ... Finished with 29 total tackles, six tackles for loss, and two sacks ... Grabbed a sack and registered three tackles, including two for loss, at Tennessee ... Enjoyed a career-best six tackles at Kentucky while also re-

cording a sack ... Added four stops in a win over Louisiana-Lafayette.

2001: Competed in all 11 games but saw most of his action on special teams ... Had a total of nine tackles for the year, including one sack ... Played a season-high 16 snaps against Idaho and recorded nine at Vanderbilt ... Collected a season best two tackles against Troy State and Idaho ... His one sack came at Louisiana-Lafayette.

Ft. Scott: A fierce pass rusher who led Ft. Scott with 10 sacks in 2000 ... Also had 42 total tackles ... Played just one season at Ft. Scott ... Played for coach Kevin Gundy.

High School: Was an all-State selection his senior year at Hickman Hills High School ... Also earned all-Conference, all-District and all-Metro honors ... Played just one year in high school ... Lettered in wrestling and track ... Was honorable mention all-Conference in wrestling.

Personal: Parent: Polly Harrington ... Born: 4/21/81 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2001	7	2	9	1-1	2-3	0-0	0-0
2002	19	10	29	2-12	6-17	0-0	0-0
Total	26	12	38	3-13	8-20	0-0	0-0



DOUG WALLER

OL • 6-4 • 312 • Sr.
DeFuniak Springs, FL (SW Miss JC)

68

Noteworthy: Chose MT over Mississippi State, Memphis, and Troy State ... Originally signed with Southern Miss out of high school over Alabama, Auburn, and UCF ... Started out as an offensive lineman but was moved to the defensive line just prior to the 2002 season opener ... Moved back to the offensive line during the spring of 2003.

2002: Played in six total games along the defensive line ... Registered just one tackle.

SW Mississippi: Played for former Blue Raider assistant Dom Green ... Voted all-state and all-region for Southwest in 2001.

Southern Miss: Took a redshirt year in 1999.

High School: Played for coach Bill Ragle at Walton High School ... Was a first team all-state selection on defense and a first team all-district selection on both offense and defense ... Recorded 12 sacks and four tackles for loss ... Had 45 total stops from his nose tackle position.

Personal: Parents: Jacqueline Wood and Douglas Waller, Sr. ... Born: 6/24/80 ... Major: Undecided.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2002	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0



MICHAEL WATKINS

WR • 6-1 • 170 • r-Fr.
College Park, GA (Banneker)

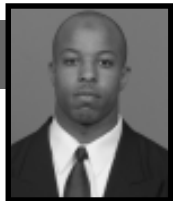
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Noteworthy: Continuing to learn the offense ... Needs to mature as a receiver ... Did good things during the spring, but needs to continue his development as fall camp opens ... Chose MT over Bowling Green, Marshall, South Carolina, and Louisville ... Runs a 4.5 40.

2002: Took a redshirt year.

High School: A Super Prep All-American and a preseason All-American at Banneker High School for coach Jim Fletcher ... Rated the No. 2 receiver in the state of Georgia and one of the top pass catchers in the south by recruiting analyst Max Emfinger ... Hauled in 30 passes for 745 yards and eight touchdowns his senior season to earn second team all-state honors ... Grabbed a school-record 13 receptions for 175 yards in a playoff game his sophomore year ... Helped lead Banneker to the state playoffs his junior and senior seasons ... Over his last two years, he had 63 receptions for 1,600 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Personal: Parents: Michael and Cheryl Watkins ... Born: 10/12/83 ... Major: Undecided.



ALEX WEAVER

RB • 5-10 • 186 • r-Sr.
Hephzibah, GA (Hephzibah)

30

Noteworthy: A senior who will be counted on for leadership in the backfield ... Joined program in fall of 2001 ... Transferred from Newberry College where he attended from 1999-2001 ... Moved from defensive back to running back in the spring of 2003 ... Improved his vertical leap 2.5 inches over the last year.

2002: Played in the team's first nine games as a member of special teams ... Registered one tackle ... Missed the team's final three games due to a torn thigh muscle.

2001: Did not compete in any games.

High School: Played at Hephzibah with current Blue Raider Brandon Lynch.

Personal: Parents: Walter and Christine Weaver ... Born: 1/22/81 ... Major: Liberal Arts.



BRANDON WESTBROOK

OL • 6-6 • 301 • r-Sr.
Cumming, GA (Forsyth Cent.)

59

Noteworthy: Needs to lead the offensive line by example ... Has been invaluable in helping develop the younger linemen ... Helps immensely in teaching the younger players calls and formations ... Has earned back-to-back first team all-conference honors ... Arguably the top offensive lineman in the Sun Belt Conference ... Could go down as the top offensive lineman in school history ... Possesses natural ability along with good range and size ... Retains assignments well ... His brother, Bryson, was a member of the 1998 undefeated Tulane Green Wave football team ... Has played in 32 games over his career and started 31 ... Owns 258.5 career knockdowns and has put together 11 double figure knockdown games.

2002: Played in 11 games and started 10 times ... Was in on a total of 676 snaps and registered a career-best 108 knockdowns while having a cumulative grade of 75.9 percent ... Selected to the All-Sun Belt Conference first team ... Voted preseason first team all-Sun Belt by the league coaches ... The Football Writers Association of America placed Westbrook on their 2002 All-America Watch List ... Also made the 63-man Outland Trophy Watch List, which honors the nation's top interior lineman ... Earned the team's most valuable lineman award following games against Louisiana-Lafayette, Idaho, and Utah State ... Also earned the team's knockdown award versus Tennessee, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Idaho, Louisiana-Monroe, and Utah State ... Collected a team-best 14 knockdowns against Tennessee ... Broke a string of 14 consecutive starts when he had to sit out the SEMO game due to a knee injury ... Had a personal-high 17 knockdowns against Idaho while grading out at 83 percent ... Graded out at 76 percent and had 13 knockdowns in the win over Vanderbilt ... Collected 12 knockdowns against Louisiana-Monroe.

2001: A first team All-Sun Belt Conference award winner ... Started all 11 games (8 at left tackle, 2 at right tackle, 1 at left guard) ... Played a career-best 684 (62.2 per game) snaps and collected 65.5 knockdowns ... Graded out at 80 percent or better four times and 70 percent or better nine times ... Voted the 'Lineman of the Week' five times, team's 'Best Finisher' twice, and earned the team's 'Most Physical' award four times ... In the opening win over Vanderbilt he played 73 snaps, graded out at 73 percent and tallied 14.5 knockdowns ... Graded out a season best 83 percent against LSU ... In 78 plays at Louisiana-Monroe, Westbrook had 11 knockdowns and graded out at 75 percent ... Registered grades of 81 percent against Connecticut and 80 percent versus North Texas and Mississippi.

2000: Played in 10 games and started all 10 ... Suffered a broken right leg in the first quarter against South Florida and missed the season finale against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Was in on 583 plays (58.3 per game) ... Totaled 85 knockdowns on the season, which was second on the team to Barry Hall's 91 ... Voted the team's Lineman of the Week twice, was the Blue Raiders' Most Physical three times and was the Best Finisher on two occasions ... Against Mississippi State, Westbrook played a personal best 75 snaps and recorded nine knockdowns and a grade of 75 percent ... Collected a season-high 15 knockdowns against Florida ... Graded out at 77 percent against Maryland ... Before he got hurt against the Bulls, Westbrook graded out at 84 percent and had four knockdowns in just 15 plays ... Had double-digit knockdowns three times to equal the team-high with Gil Matias ... Pre-season first team All-Sun Belt by CollegeFootballNews.com ... 2000 First Team Freshman All-American by CollegeFootballNews.com ... Missed the final game of 2000 with a broken leg.

1999: Took a redshirt year.

High School: Played for coach Bob Hearndon at Forsyth Central ... Was listed as a 9.25 out of 10 by recruiting analyst Jeff Whitaker ... Selected to play in the Florida-Georgia All-Star Game ... Second team all-state as a junior ... Selected all-area two years in a row ... Helped lead Forsyth Central to an 8-3 record in 1998 and a 10-2 mark in 1997 ... Team made state playoffs three years in a row ... Played both offensive and defensive line.

Personal: Parents: Candy Westbrook-Stout and Perry Westbrook ... Born: 12/17/80 ... Major: Management.



**PAUL
WHEELER**

K • 6-1 • 221 • r-So.
Tullahoma, TN (Tullahoma)

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Noteworthy: Was one of the team's best surprises of 2002 ... Kicked the ball consistently and always put the defense in good position ... Possesses a very strong leg and doubles as Middle Tennessee's long field goal kicker ... In the 2002 spring scrimmage, he connected on all seven of his field goal attempts, including a 53 yarder.

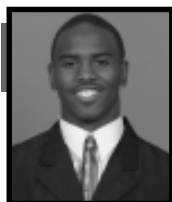
2002: Was the team's starting kickoff man for all 12

games ... Finished the year with the average depth of his kickoffs advancing to the 4.7-yard line, while the team's average drive start of his kickoffs was the 23-yard line ... Had 23 touchbacks on the season ... Did not kick any out of bounds ... In the opener at Alabama, the average depth on five of Wheeler's kickoffs was the 0.6-yard line.

2001: Took a redshirt year.

High School: Lettered three years for coach John Olive at Tullahoma High School ... Voted first team all-state, first team all-midstate, and the Region 5 4A specialty MVP as a senior ... Connected on 11 of 14 field goals and 28 of 29 PATs as a senior, including a 57-yard field goal ... As a junior, he earned first team all-midstate honors while also garnering honorable mention all-state recognition ... Made 8 of 10 field goals and hit 32 of 34 extra point attempts as a junior.

Personal: Parents: Brian and Debbie Wheeler ... Born: 5/21/83 ... Major: Management.



**SAM
WILLIAMS**

WR • 6-1 • 180 • r-Fr.
Greenwood, SC (Greenwood)

88

Noteworthy: A playmaker ... Definite impact player in 2003 ... Great hands and speed ... Needs to learn multiple positions so he can get on the field more often ... Chose MT over South Carolina, Missouri, and Auburn ... Runs a 4.6 40.

2002: Took a redshirt year but did travel with the team.

High School: Ranked the No. 10 dual-threat quarterback in the country by Rivals100.com ... Listed as a Top 55 recruit in South Carolina ... Was all-region and all-Lakeland his senior year ... Chosen for North-South All-Star Game ... Led Shell Dula's team to a 14-1 record and a state championship as a junior ... Selected the South Carolina Offensive Player of the Year and was all-state as a junior ... Threw for 1,729 yards and 24 touchdowns in 2001 to go along with 845 rushing yards ... In 2000, Williams had 1,834 yards passing, 29 touchdown passes and rushed for 640 yards ... Broke Mark Logan's school record for passing yardage and touchdown passes in a career ... Ranks second in Greenwood High School history in rushing yardage for a quarterback ... In a win over Dorman High School, Williams threw for 202 yards and three

touchdowns and had 132 yards on the ground ... Lettered in football, basketball, and track.

Personal: Parent: Gwen Williams ... Born: 7/19/84 ... Major: Undecided.



**JOSH
WILLOUGHBY**

OL • 6-4 • 335 • r-Sr.
Antioch, TN (Brentwood Acad.)

55

Noteworthy: Spent his entire career as a guard, but made the move to center in the spring ... Had a solid spring in a new spot ... Summer work should help improve his skills at center ... one of the toughest players on the team ... Has shown great maturity over the past two years, which is evident by his solid play ... A punishing and physical blocker who should win a starting role in 2003 ... Struggled with injuries early in his career, which slowed his progress ... Saved a man's life from choking on Jan. 29, 2002 at a local Murfreesboro restaurant when he successfully used the Heimlich maneuver (man asked how to repay him for saving his life and Willoughby replied "buy season tickets").

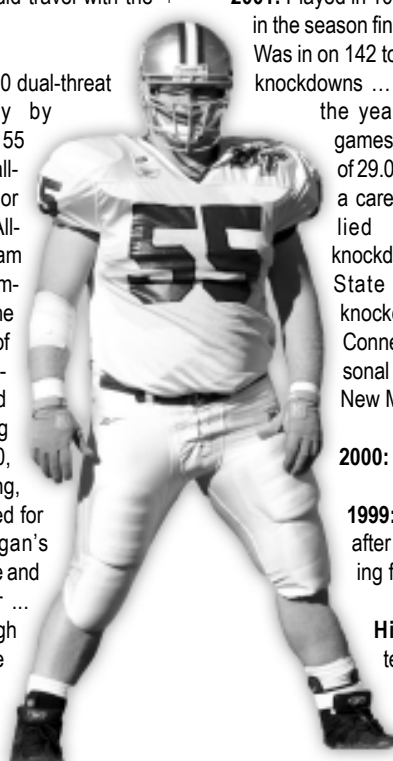
2002: Competed in all 12 games, including six as a starter at right guard ... Played a total of 443 snaps, collected 59 knockdowns, and had a cumulative grade of 78.7 percent ... Named the team's Offensive Lineman of the Week after grading out a career-best 89 percent against Tennessee ... Also won the award following the Louisiana-Monroe contest when he had a 81 percent grade ... Had a career-best nine knockdowns against SEMO, while adding eight against UL-Monroe.

2001: Played in 10 games and earned a start in the season finale against Connecticut ... Was in on 142 total snaps and had 10 total knockdowns ... 116 of his 142 snaps for the year came in the final four games of the year for an average of 29.0 snaps per game ... Played a career-best 45 snaps and tallied a personal-high 4.5 knockdowns in win over Arkansas State ... Collected 3.5 knockdowns in 40 snaps against Connecticut ... Graded out a personal best 77 percent in win over New Mexico State (30 snaps).

2000: Did not play in any games.

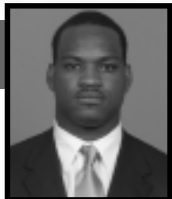
1999: Had to take a redshirt year after suffering a knee injury during fall camp.

High School: Voted first team all-state by the Associated Press ... Was selected first team all-state by the Tennessee Sports



Writers Association ... Played both offensive and defensive line.

Personal: Parents: Ed and Marie Willoughby ...
Born: 10/9/80 ... Major: Liberal Arts.



**MICHAEL
WOODS**

SS • 6-1 • 211 • Sr.
Valdosta, GA (Lowndes Co.)

2

Noteworthy: Had a good spring and continued to improve his understanding of the defense and his role in it ... Started his career at defensive back as a freshman then moved to linebacker in 2001 before ending the year as the team's free safety ... Went back to linebacker in 2002 ... Is one of the fastest players on the field ... Is the cousin of Tennessee Titans linebacker Randall Godfrey ... Chose MT over Clemson, Auburn, and Mississippi.

2002: Played in all 12 games ... Started the first six games of the year at left pony before being relegated to a backup role the final six contests of the year ... Finished with 48 tackles on the year ... Voted preseason first team all-Sun Belt by the leagues coaches ... One of 67 players in the country named to the preliminary list for the annual Butkus Award ... Collected a season-high six tackles against Utah State, while adding five stops against Alabama, Tennessee, and Idaho ... Forced a fumble and recovered it against Utah State.

2001: A second team All-Sun Belt Conference performer ... A strong candidate to earn first team All-SBC honors in 2002 ... Started all 11 games (five at outside linebacker, six at free safety) ... Led the team in tackles with a career-best 80 stops to go along with four tackles for loss, two interceptions, four pass breakups, and a fumble recovery ... Voted the team's Defensive MVP following games against Vanderbilt, Idaho, and New Mexico State (shared with Randy Arnold) ... Registered three double-figure tackle games, including a career-high 14 against New Mexico State ... Recorded 12 stops at Ole Miss and 10 in win over Idaho (career-best eight solos) ... Also collected an interception against the Vandals ... Had a 38-yard interception return on the road against North Texas, which was his first game playing free safety ... Also had nine tackles against SEC foes Vanderbilt and LSU ... Averaged 62.1 snaps per game and was in on a career-best 95 plays against Idaho.

2000: Played in all 11 games with most of his action coming on special teams ... Collected 13 total tackles and one blocked kick (punt vs Louisiana Tech) ... Had a personal-best four tackles at Mississippi State and three each versus Con-

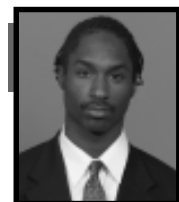
necticut, South Florida, and Louisiana-Lafayette ... Against Louisiana Tech, Woods blocked a Bulldog punt two minutes into the game and returned it five yards for a touchdown ... It was the first blocked punt of Andy McCollum's head coaching career.

High School: Led Lowndes Co. to the Georgia Class 4A State Championship in 1999 ... Was named Class 4A All-State, All-Region I-AAAA and All-Area at Lowndes in 1999 ... Played outside linebacker and defensive back ... Excelled on special teams where he returned kickoffs and punts but made a name for himself by blocking punts and field goals ... Blocked a total of five kicks in 1999 ... His biggest block came in the state semifinals against Northside Warner-Robbins when he knocked down a field goal try and returned it 80 yards for a touchdown ... Rated one of the fastest players in Georgia by a scouting combine ... Played for coach Milt Miller ... Also excelled in the 100 meters and anchored the 4x100 relay team for Lowndes' track program.

Personal: Parents: Edward and Loretha Woods ...
Born: 4/3/82 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Tackles	UA	A	Tot.	Sacks	TFL	FR	INT
2000	9	4	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2001	44	36	80	0-0	4-7	1-0	2-38
2002	31	17	48	0-0	2-4	1-9	0-0
Total	84	57	141	0-0	6-11	2-9	2-38



**KERRY
WRIGHT**

WR • 5-9 • 176 • r-Jr.
East Point, GA (Tri-Cities)

1

Noteworthy: Is a leader for the receivers ... Did a great job in spring ball on the deep ball and making plays as the deep threat ... Will be vying for a starting role in 2003 ... An offensive weapon who is dangerous in the open field ... Runs smooth routes and knows the offensive system ... Possesses excellent hands and speed ... Gives the Blue Raiders a deep threat ... In the 20-yard shuttle run, an event that showcases speed and agility, Wright recorded a 3.92, which would have rated third best at the 2001 NFL combines ... Has a vertical leap of 37 inches and has improved his 10-yard dash time from 1.7 to 1.66 ... Chose MT over Maryland, Clemson, and Marshall.

2002: Competed in all 12 games, including six as a starter ... Hauled in 11 catches for 117 yards and a touchdown ... Set his personal mark with three receptions for 19 yards against North Texas ... Added two catches for 15 yards at Arkansas State ... Had a 53-yard touchdown catch in the win over

Louisiana-Lafayette ... Also had four rushing attempts for 60 yards, including a 33-yard run at Kentucky.

2001: Played in all 11 games and earned three starts ... Had seven catches on the season for 144 yards and a touchdown ... His 20.6 yard average per catch was second best on the team ... Led the Blue Raiders in kickoff returns with 16 for 398 yards (24.9 yard average) ... Also had four punt returns for eight yards ... Hauled in a career-best two receptions for 68 yards, including a 58-yard touchdown strike against Idaho ... Registered single catches against Troy State, Ole Miss, New Mexico State, Arkansas State, and LSU ... Had three kickoff returns for 110 yards and a touchdown in the win over Connecticut ... His touchdown return covered 86 yards and marked the longest by a Blue Raider since 1998.

2000: Sat out the season due to NCAA academic requirements ... Practiced the first two weeks of fall camp and had moved all the way up to the top of the depth chart at the "Z" position before having his appeal revoked.

High School: Rated a four-star receiver (out of five) and the No. 21 ranked wideout in the nation by Rivals100.com ... Hauled in 58 catches for 1,341 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior at Tri-Cities ... Voted to Class AAAA All-State team and the All-South Fulton team ... Rated a Super Southern 100 receiver ... Was rated among the top five pass catchers in Georgia by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* ... Selected to play in the prestigious Georgia-Florida All-Star Game.

Personal: Guardian: Pam White ... Born: 7/30/81 ... Major: Physical Education.

STATISTICS

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2001	7	144	20.6	58	1
2002	11	117	10.6	53	1
Total	18	261	14.5	58	2
Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2001	10	87	8.7	23	0
2002	4	60	15.0	33	0
Total	14	147	10.5	33	0
Kickoff Ret.	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2001	16	398	24.9	86	1
2002	1	16	16.0	16	0
Total	17	414	24.4	86	1
Punt Ret.	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2001	4	8	2.0	8	0
2002	8	46	5.8	14	0
Total	12	54	4.5	14	0

2003 BLUE RAIDER FOOTBALL OTHER VARSITY PLAYERS



WALT BELL

(5-10, 180, r-Fr., Dickson, TN)
Noteworthy: Started out as a quarterback but was moved to secondary ... **High School:** Lettered in football and baseball at Dickson County ... Was all-region and all-district in football

and baseball ... A three-year starter in football and hit .431 his senior year on the diamond ... **Personal:** Parents: Walter Bell IV and Jane Harper Chelf ... Born: 6/7/84 ... Major: Undecided.



JACO BOOYENS

(6-2, 199, r-Fr., Johannesburg, South Africa)

Noteworthy: The lone foreign player on the Blue Raider squad. **High School:** Played rugby, tennis, golf, cricket, and squash along participating in

track and field at Hoogland High School in Johannesburg. **Transfer:** Began his collegiate studies at Rand Afrikaans University in Johannesburg. **Personal:** Born 4/13/76 ... son of Ben Booyens and Tharina De Beer ... Majoring in human/sport science.



MARCUS BRANDON

(5-11, 206, r-Fr., Clarksville, TN)
Noteworthy: An all-area and all-region performer at Kenwood High School ... **High School:** Played at Ft. Campbell (KY) High School and Kenwood High School ... Also lettered in bas-

ketball and track ... Named All-West Kentucky Conference in 1999 ... Two-time all-region performer at Kenwood ... Recorded eight sacks and 21 TFLs during the 2000 season at Ft. Campbell ... Tallied 130 tackles during senior campaign at Kenwood. **Personal:** Born 1/12/84 ... Son of Lorenzo Brandon and Brenda Brandon.



SHMANE COLLIER

(5-8, 184, r-Fr., Poughkeepsie, NY)

High School: Played four years of football at Henry Grady High School in Atlanta. **Personal:** Born 9/2/83 ... Son of Myrna Collier ... Majoring in concrete management.



ERIC COX

(5-11, 212, r-Fr., Atlanta, GA)

High School: Three-time letterwinner in football at Lakeside High School in Decatur, GA ... Named team's most improved in the weight room as a senior. **Personal:**

Born 7/3/84 ... Son of Tyrone and Essie Cox ... Majoring in pre-law.



MARIO DIXON

(5-10, 188, r-Jr., Atlanta, GA)

High School: Four-year football letterman at Robert L. Osborne High School in Marietta, GA.

Personal: Born 12/21/81 ... Son of Robert and Sherry Stevens ... Majoring in Psychol-

ogy.

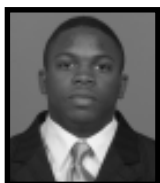


JASON ELAM

(6-1, 225, r-Jr., Memphis, TN)

High School: An All-State, All-Region, and All-Metro player at Germantown High School ... Tallied over 800 rushing yards as a senior. **Personal:** Born 10/8/81 ... Son of the late Jim Elam

and Carol Elam ... Majoring in marketing.



REGGIE GOOGLE

(5-8, 191, r-So., Nashville, TN)

Noteworthy: Joined the program in January of 2001 ... Is actually from Kalamazoo, MI, but moved to Nashville in the late '90s ... Nickname is "Googs" ... **2002:** Did not play

in any games ... **2001:** Was redshirted ... **High School:** Lettered in football, track, and swimming at McGavock ... **Personal:** Parents: Reggie and Gwen Google ... Born: 8/9/82 ... Major: Undecided.



JOSHUA HEBB

(5-8, 168, r-Fr., Nashville, TN)

High School: Played football at Hunters Lane High School in Nashville ... **Personal:** Parent: Cecilia Joyner ... Born: 12/31/83 ... Major: Undecided.

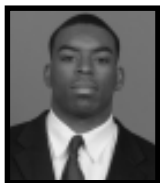


MATT LITTLE

(6-0, 225, r-Fr., Houston, TX)

High School: Three-year starter at Cypress Creek High School ... Named All-District as a senior after registering 117 tackles. **Personal:** Born 2/9/84 ... Son of Charlie and Paula

Little ... Majoring in business administration.



HUBERT PAYNE

(5-8, 192, r-So., Detroit MI)

Noteworthy: Cousin Hannibal Navies is a linebacker with the Carolina Panthers. **High School:** Was a member of back-to-back state title teams at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep

... Also qualified for state track championships in the 60m dash ... **Personal:** Born 1/19/83 ... Son of Hubert and Kathy Payne ... Majoring in recording industry ... Transferred from Saginaw Valley State.



CHAD PFALMER

(5-11, 204, r-So., Murfreesboro, TN)

High School: A four-year letterman at Oakland High School ... Named All-Region and All-Area during his prep career ... Also lettered in track and field. **Personal:** Born 3/29/80 ... Son of Paul and Sharon Garnett ... Majoring in chemistry.



KYLE RINGLEY

(6-2, 256, r-So., Oliver Springs, TN)

Noteworthy: Joined the program in fall of 2001 ... Working with the defensive ends ... **2002:** Did not compete in any games ... **2001:** Took a redshirt year ... **High School:** Was a

three-time all-district and two-time all-region pick for Oliver Springs under coach Frank Johnson ... Lettered in football and baseball ... Was president of the student council his senior year ... **Personal:** Parents: Kevin and Deborah Ringley ... Born: 11/23/82 ... Major: Undecided.



CHRIS SIMONS

(6-1, 182, r-Fr., Shelbyville, TN)

High School: Played football for Shelbyville High School ... **Personal:** Parent: Wayne Simons ... Born: 6/17/81 ... Major: Undecided.

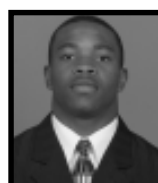


JOE SMITH

(6-3, 235, Fr., Chattanooga, TN)

High School: Attended Ooltewah High School ... **Personal:** Born 8/25/73 ... Son of Joe Smith and Helen Thomas ... Married to wife Kelley ... The couple has two daughters,

Monisha (12) and Moniqua (11).



GERELL WEBB

(5-10, 185, r-So., Tallahassee, FL)

High School: A three-time letterman at Rickards High School ... An honorable mention All-Big Bend selection ... **Personal:** Born 6/29/83 ... Son of Willie and Wanda Merrick ...

Majoring in criminal justice.



PHIL WILLIAMS

(6-1, 181, r-Fr., Franklin, TN)

Noteworthy: Caught seven passes for 173 yards in one half in state playoffs vs. Hendersonville ... **High School:** An All-State receiver at Franklin High School ... Hauled in 39

catches for 809 yards as a senior ... Also a standout basketball player. **Personal:** Born 5/31/84 ... Son of Marilyn Fleming.

2003 BLUE RAIDER FOOTBALL 2003 SIGNEES

KENYON BUFORD

6-6, 345, Fr., OL, Murfreesboro, TN/Riverdale HS

Noteworthy: Chose MT over Ohio State, Louisville, and Auburn ... Originally committed to the Buckeyes ... The big guy can actually dunk a basketball ... Since playing organized football in the fifth grade, Buford has lost only four football games his entire life and two of those came in high school state championship contests.

High School: Voted first team All-State and All-Midstate by the Associated Press ... Earned the *Daily News Journal* Lineman of the Year award ... Rated the No. 52 offensive lineman in the nation by Rivals.com ... Helped Riverdale and Coach Gary Rankin make three straight state championship games, including a perfect 15-0 mark and a title in 2001 ... Team was also 13-2 his sophomore and senior seasons ... As a senior, Buford graded out at 83 percent for 15 games and averaged six pancakes per contest ... Graded out at 85 percent for the season as a junior and made the Top 50 Juniors to Watch List ... Lettered in football and track.

Personal: Parents: Andre and Lisa Buford ... Born: 5/29/85 ... Other: His father, Andre, is a football letterman at Middle Tennessee.

LEON CESAR

6-1, 225, Jr., LB, Miami, FL/Dodge City CC

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over Temple and Troy State.

Dodge City: Earned honorable mention KJCCC All-Conference honors in 2002 ... Led the Conquistadors defense by finishing first on the team and 19th overall in the KJCCC with 72 total tackles and three quarterback sacks ... Was eighth in the league in tackles for loss with 12 ... Dodge City finished first in the Jayhawk Conference in pass defense and sixth in rushing defense.

High School: Played his prep football at Miami Central.

Personal: Parent: Eliana Hypolite ... Born: 9/7/82.

SENECA CHAMBERS

6-2, 180, Jr., WR, Port St. Joe, FL/Hinds CC

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over Temple and UCF.

Hinds CC: Ranked among the national leaders in receptions with 56 for 794 yards ... Earned pre-

season NJCAA All-American honors ... Reeled in 25 passes for 493 yards and two touchdowns as a freshman.

High School: Played at Port St. Joe High School for coach Chuck Gannon ... Was a first team All-State defensive back after collecting nine interceptions his senior year ... As a quarterback, Chambers threw for 1,150 yards and 12 touchdowns while rushing for 890 yards and 11 scores ... Earned first team All-Big Bend honors his senior year ... Lettered in football, basketball, and track.

Personal: Parent: Eunice Larry ... Born: 3/11/82.

CLINTON CORDER

6-3, 235, Fr., DL, Brentwood, TN/CPA

High School: Led CPA to a 12-3 record and a state championship in 2002 ... Team started year 0-3 before reeling off 12 straight wins ... Was second on the team with 75 tackles ... In the state title win over Boyd-Buchanan, Corder led CPA with 10 tackles, one TFL, and one fumble recovery ... CPA was 48-7 during his four years ... Played for David Pack.

Personal: Parents: Jim and Cathy Corder ... Born: 7/24/84.

JOE EVILSIZER (see page 53)

TY GOODRICH

6-5, 300, Fr., OL, Union City, TN/Union City HS

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over Mississippi State, Memphis, Vanderbilt, and Arkansas.

High School: A two-time All-State selection for Union City and a three-time All-Region pick ... Team went 14-1 in 2000, 9-3 in 2001, and 8-4 in 2002 ... As a senior, he graded out at 85 percent or better in 12 games, including 94 percent against Martin Westview ... *Rivals/PrepStar* rated Goodrich as one of the top three lineman in Tennessee ... Played center, guard, and tackle during his prep career ... Helped lead Union City to the 2000 Class AA state title game as a sophomore.

Personal: Parents: Steve Goodrich and Connie Frye ... Born: 9/9/84.

EUGENE GROSS (see page 54)

RALPH GUNTER

6-0, 265, Fr., FB, Hephzibah, GA/Hephzibah HS

Noteworthy: Chose MT over NC State, Georgia,

Georgia Southern, UNC, and Georgia Tech ... Attended same high school as current Blue Raider Brandon Lynch ... Runs a 4.7 40 ... Bench presses 400 pounds, squats 585, and power cleans 300.

High School: In his senior year at Hephzibah, Gunter rushed for 770 yards on 79 carries (9.7) while adding 53 tackles, five TFL's, and three sacks as a defensive end ... His yards-per-carry average of 9.7 set a new school record ... Voted first team Region 3 AAAA as a fullback and was honorable mention All-CSRA ... Was a team captain and the team's offensive MVP in 2002 ... Against Greenbrier High School his senior year, Gunter rushed for 153 yards on just seven carries and scored three touchdowns ... Was a three-year starter ... Also lettered in basketball and track ... Sported a 3.6 GPA and earned the National Honor Roll award ... Played football for coach Todd Booker.

Personal: Parents: Ralph and Victoria Gunter ... Born: 2/3/85.

JONATHAN HARRIS

5-10, 185, Fr., DB, Montgomery, AL/Jefferson Davis HS

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over Louisville and Southern Miss.

High School: Voted honorable mention All-State and first team All-Metro after helping Jefferson Davis to the 2002 state championship game ... Jefferson Davis finished with a 11-3 record as Harris notched 93 total tackles (59 solos), 10 tackles for loss, two sacks, and two interceptions.

Personal: Parents: Donald and Daria Harris ... Born: 2/25/85.

JOHN HENRY (see page 55)

TARON HENRY

6-2, 187, Fr., WR, Murfreesboro, TN/Riverdale HS

Noteworthy: Was recruited by the likes of Tennessee, Auburn, Alabama, Florida, and Florida State ... Runs a 4.4 40.

High School: An All-State, All-Midstate, All-Region, and All-Southeast region selection at Riverdale ... Earned a three-star rating by Rivals.com ... Played for Gary Rankin and helped lead the Warriors to three straight state finals appearances, including a title in 2001 ... Played wide receiver, defensive back, punt returner, and kickoff returner ... Broke his leg on the first play of the second quarter in game number four of his senior year and missed the remainder of the season (Riverdale finished 13-2 and was runner-up in the state title game) ... As a junior he

caught 40 passes for a single-season record 1,140 yards to go with 13 touchdowns in keying Riverdale's perfect 15-0 season ... Also had two punt returns for touchdowns to go along with seven interceptions ... In the 2001 state title game against Hendersonville, Henry hauled in five passes for 196 yards and two touchdowns ... In a game against Franklin County, Henry hauled in three passes for 172 yards ... Lettered in football, track, and basketball.

Personal: Parents: Terry Henry and Karen Nance ... Born: 4/18/84.

TYRONE HICKS (see page 55)

PEDRO HOLIDAY (see page 56)

JERRIN HOLT

6-3, 215, r-So., WR, Grand Prairie, TX/Ranger JC

Noteworthy: Signed with Vanderbilt in 2001.

Ranger JC: Had 47 catches for 808 yards and five touchdowns in 2002 ... Led team with six catches for 91 yards against Kilgore and five catches for 58 yards against New Mexico Military ... Reeled in nine receptions for 174 yards versus Cisco and seven catches for 124 yards against Hardin Simmons ... Also had 100-yard games against Blinn (106) and Air Force JV (103).

Vanderbilt: Took a redshirt year.

High School: Named to the Texas Top 100 list following his senior year when he tallied 43 receptions for 720 yards and eight touchdowns for Grand Prairie ... The All-Region, All-Area and All-District performer was invited to play in the Texas Outback Bowl All-Star Game ... Also played safety and cornerback ... Played running back as a junior and missed five games due to turf toe injuries to both feet ... Was a wide receiver as a sophomore ... Led district in kickoff return yards as a sophomore and was an All-District pick ... Also lettered in basketball and track.

Personal: Parents: Scott Caldwell and Sondra Holt Lewis ... Born: 5/9/83 ... His father, Scott, played for the Denver Broncos and Detroit Lions and his uncle, Robert Holt, played wide receiver for the Buffalo Bills.

MARCEL HORNE

6-1, 215, Fr., LB, Stone Mountain, GA/Clarkston HS

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over Memphis, Marshall, Bowling Green, and Troy State.

High School: Led Clarkston his senior year with 150 tackles to go along with eight tackles for loss, two sacks, and four interceptions ... Rushed 85 times for 425 yards and six touchdowns as a full-back ... Earned second team All-DeKalb County

honors ... Was also All-City and honorable mention All-State ... Won the team's Most Valuable Player award as a junior and senior ... Earned All-County honors for three straight years in basketball and baseball ... Won the team's academic award in 2002.

Personal: Parents: Curtis and Cheryl Horne, and mother Marie Horne ... Born: 2/28/85.

SAM HUNT

6-3, 210, Fr., QB, Cedartown, GA/Cedartown HS

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over UAB and Troy State ... Runs a 4.65 40.

High School: Named 2002 Co-Offensive Player of the Year by the *Rome News Tribune* after leading Cedartown to the third round of the state playoffs ... Picked first team All-State Class AAA all-purpose player by the Georgia Sportswriters Association and was a Wendy's High School Heisman nominee ... Was also voted first team All-State by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* ... Completed 98 of 182 passes for 2,030 yards and 20 touchdowns ... Rushed for 111 yards and nine touchdowns ... Also lettered in basketball and baseball ... A member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Parents: Allen and Joan Hunt ... Born: 12/8/84.

PATRICK JACKSON

6-3, 180, Fr., QB, Macon, GA/First Presby. Day School

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over UCF, Georgia Tech, and Troy State ... First player in the history of First Presbyterian Day School to sign a Division I-A scholarship.

High School: A two-time All-State and three-time All-Region pick for First Presbyterian ... Was the team's Offensive MVP all three years and picked team captain as a junior and senior ... Left First Presbyterian as the school's record holder in every statistical passing category (except longest completion) ... Helped lead the Vikings to the state semifinals in 2000 and 2002, while taking them to the state title game in 2001 ... Threw for 8,010 yards (ranks among top 50 all-time in high school ranks), 72 touchdowns and completed 55.2 percent of his passes (544-985) during his prep career ... Completed 213 of 356 passes (60.0 percent) for 2,935 yards and 26 touchdowns in 2002 ... Named Macon TD Club Player of the Week four times ... Also rushed for 465 yards on 78 attempts and two scores ... As a junior he threw for 2,884 yards and 28 touchdowns and threw for 2,112 yards as a sophomore.

Personal: Parents: Eddie and Marna Berryhill ... Born: 9/19/84.

TERRY JACKSON

5-10, 185, Fr., RB, Memphis, TN/Kingsbury HS

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over Mis-

issippi State, Memphis, Ole Miss, and Kentucky.

High School: A two-time All-State selection at Kingsbury High School where he ran for 3,366 career yards ... Rated the No. 57 running back in the nation by Rivals.com ... Missed the first five games of his senior year due to an ankle injury, but still rushed for 1,457 yards (ranked seventh in city) and 10 touchdowns in only six games ... Also averaged 13.6 yards per punt return and 21.8 yards per kick-off return ... Collected four interceptions on defense ... Voted first team All-Metro ... Against Hillcrest, Jackson ran 31 times for 306 yards and four touchdowns, then versus Obion County in the playoffs he rushed 25 times for 251 yards ... As a junior, he led Kingsbury to an 8-4 mark with 1,387 yards and 11 touchdowns ... Also played cornerback ... Lettered in football and track.

Personal: Parents: Julia Martin and William Singleton ... Born: 10/12/84.

TOMMY MANUS (see page 59)

LANCE MCCULLOUGH

6-4, 309, Fr., OL, Gaylesville, AL/Cedar Bluff HS

Noteworthy: Chose MT over UAB ... Also had interest from Tennessee, Alabama, and Ole Miss ... A big, thick player with excellent feet ... Ran a 5.4 40.

High School: A four-year starter for Cedar Bluff High School ... Voted All-State, All-Region and All-County his senior year after grading out at 80 percent or better in all 13 games and leading CBHS to an 11-2 mark ... In three playoff contests, McCullough graded out over 90 percent ... In his senior year, McCullough helped protect for a 2,000-yard passer and a 1,000-yard rusher ... Was a team captain as a senior ... Lettered in football, basketball, track, and baseball ... Was two-time All-State in baseball.

Personal: Parents: Larry and Gail McCollough ... Born: 1/29/85.

DEMARCO MCNAIR

6-0, 180, Fr., RB, Thomson, GA/Thomson HS

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over East Carolina, Clemson, South Carolina, and Georgia Southern.

High School: Selected the Georgia AAAA State Player of the Year ... Voted to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution's* Class AAAA All-State team in 2002 while also earning Offensive Player of the Year honors ... During his career, McNair rushed for 4,066 yards and 68 touchdowns, while leading Thomson to a 42-8 record in four years ... A three-year letterman and starter for Thomson ... Led team to 2002 AAAA state championship by rushing for 163 yards on 20 carries against Thomson County Central ... Was an honorable mention All-State selec-

tion as a junior after rushing for 1,370 yards and 19 touchdowns ... Team went 11-2 in 2001.

Personal: Parent: Jeannie McNair ... Born: 3/21/85.

SEAN MOSLEY

6-3, 245, Fr., LB, Sylvania, GA/Screven Co. HS

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over Indiana, Penn State, Georgia Tech, and Georgia.

High School: The *Savannah Morning News* Defensive Player of the Year led Screven County to a 15-0 record his senior year and a Class AAA state championship (first state title in 71 years) ... Selected first team All-State for Coach Mark Daniel's team ... Finished his senior year with 129 tackles, including 11 for loss of yards ... Team went 12-1 his junior year ... Had 333 tackles during his entire prep career ... Lettered in football and wrestling.

Personal: Parents: Tommy and Diane Mosley ... Born: 10/4/84.

DARREN MUSTIN

6-1, 220, Fr., LB, Franklin, TN/Brentwood Academy

Noteworthy: Chose MT over Memphis, Vanderbilt, Auburn, and Georgia Tech.

High School: A Division II All-State selection his junior and senior year at Brentwood Academy ... Collected over 100 tackles to go along with five interceptions and four touchdowns in leading Brentwood Academy to a 10-3 mark and an appearance in the Clinic Bowl ... Had 17 tackles and three sacks in the Clinic Bowl against MBA to earn the games Defensive MVP award ... Lettered in football, basketball, and track.

Personal: Parents: William and Diann Mustin ... Born: 9/24/84.

ANTOINE OWENS

6-2, 215, Fr., LB, Antioch, TN/Ezell-Harding HS

Noteworthy: Chose MT over Virginia, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

High School: A four-year starter at Ezell-Harding who was selected by the Tennessee High School Coaches Association to compete in the 2003 Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star game ... A finalist for the Mr. Football Lineman Award in 2002 after collecting 110 tackles and guiding EH to a 12-1 mark ... Also rushed for 500 yards and eight touchdowns while catching 30 passes for 400 yards and four scores ... Registered over 440 tackles and 12 interceptions during his prep career ... Team was 39-9 in his four years ... Earned All-State honors twice, was the Region 5-1A Defensive MVP, and was a three-time All-Region pick ... Helped lead Ezell-Harding to a perfect 15-0 record and a state championship in 2001.

Personal: Guardian: Vanetta Lively (grandmother) ... Born: 2/13/84.

BOBBY PAYNE (see page 61)

JUSTIN RAINEY (see page 61)

BRADLEY ROBINSON

5-9, 165, Fr., WR, Duncan, SC/James F. Byrnes HS

Noteworthy: Bench presses over 300 pounds and squats more than 400 pounds ... Runs a 4.4 40 ... Is the second straight *Spartanburg Herald-Journal* Offensive Player of the Year that has signed with MT (Josh Harris, 2001) ... His brother, Durell, won the Offensive Player of the Year award in 1998 and went on to play at Georgia.

High School: Selected *Spartanburg Herald-Journal's* Offensive Player of the Year in 2002 after recording 73 receptions for 1,414 yards and 20 touchdowns for James F. Byrnes ... In the 4A Division II Championship game, Robinson had seven catches for 170 yards and three touchdowns (33, 63, 41 yards) to lead James F. Byrnes to its fourth state title win in school history ... Also rushed 25 times for 148 yards and returned 16 punts for 251 yards and a touchdown ... On defense, Robinson collected three interceptions, including one for a score.

Personal: Parents: Dale Robinson and Lucille Thompson ... Born: 1/24/85.

DANNY TOLBERT (see page 63)

ERIK WALDEN

6-3, 225, Fr., DE, Dublin, GA/Dublin HS

Noteworthy: Chose Middle Tennessee over Indiana and Clemson.

High School: Earned first team Associated Press All-State honors after guiding Dublin to a 14-1 record and a spot in the state title game in 2002 (lost to Screven Co. and future Blue Raider teammate Sean Mosley) ... Was a *Macon Telegraph* first team All-Middle Georgia selection while also being tabbed the *Courier-Herald* Heart of Georgia Defensive Player of the Year ... Ended his senior year with 97 total tackles and a school record 19 quarterback sacks ... Also tallied 11 tackles for loss, recovered two fumbles, and had one interception ... As a running back, Walden averaged 6.6 yards a carry and scored eight touchdowns while registering 16 receptions for four more scores ... He finished with 837 yards of total offense ... Lettered in football, basketball, and track ... Played football for Coach Roger Holmes.

Personal: Parents: Johnny and Shirley Walden ... Born: 8/21/85.

JONATHAN WARD

6-1, 222, Fr., ATH, Collinwood, TN/Collinwood HS

Noteworthy: Chose MT over Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, and Arkansas State.

High School: Won the Class A Mr. Football Award after leading Collinwood to an 11-1 mark in 2002 ... Was a four-year starter at quarterback and linebacker for coach Michael Statom ... A three-time All-State selection and a two-time Class A Mr. Football finalist ... Posted a perfect 35-0 regular season mark during his career and was 40-4 overall as the program's starting signal-caller ... Accounted for 106 offensive touchdowns, 150 total scores, and 9,336 yards of total offense during his prep career ... Owns the school's career all-time record in rushing, passing, touchdowns scored, completion percentage, and yards per carry ... As a senior, he completed 98 of 158 passes for 1,782 yards and 16 touchdowns while rushing for an additional 1,000 yards and 17 scores ... He also tallied 124 tackles as a linebacker ... Earned Associated Press All-State honorable mention honors ... During his sophomore season, Ward rushed for 300 yards and five touchdowns while passing for 250 yards and two scores in a win over Davidson Academy ... Lettered in football, basketball, and baseball.

Personal: Parents: Jackie and Tonya Ward ... Born: 1/19/85.

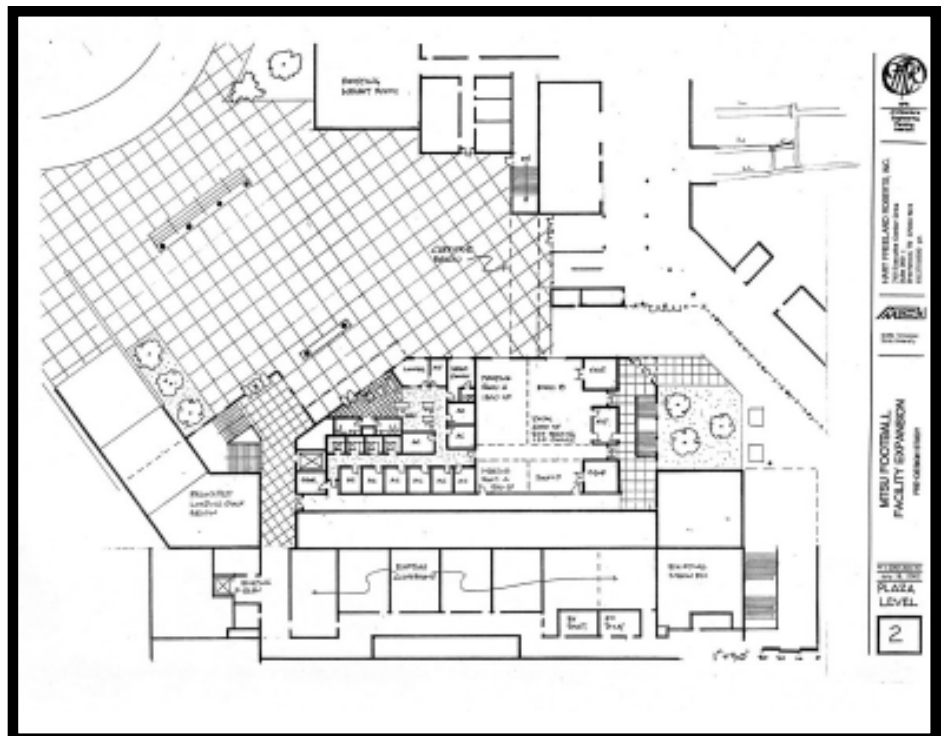
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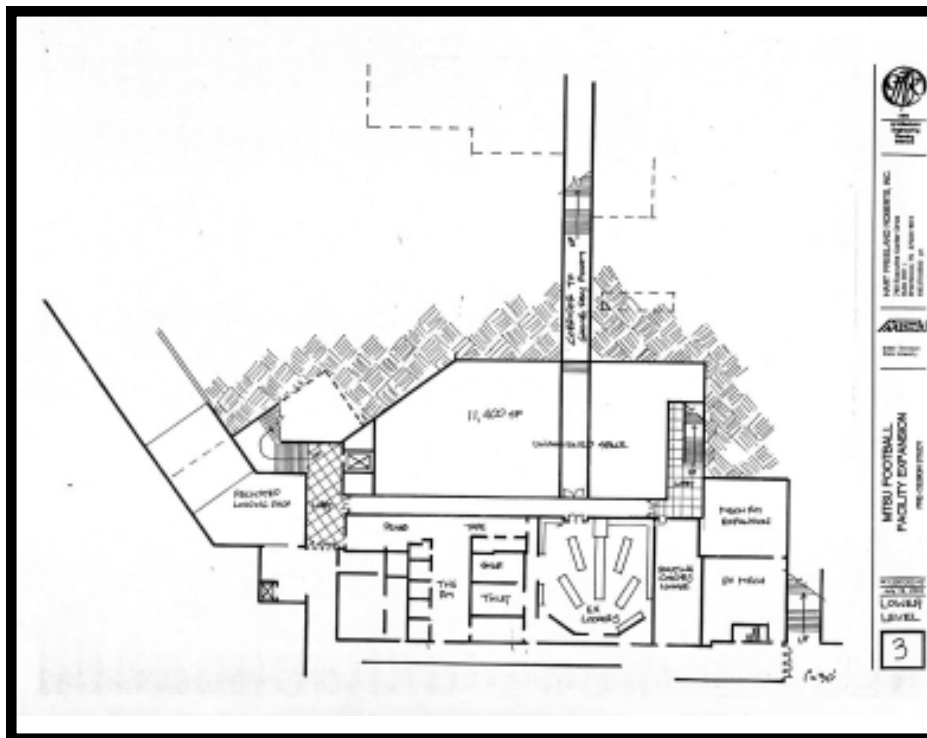
Blue Raider football has seen a number of changes over the past few years and more are on the way. The program will move into a new complex in the very near future. Illustrations of the proposed building are shown on page 71 and 72.

The front of the complex will face the existing weight room and new meeting rooms on the west side of the Murphy Center.

The plaza level will house new coaches offices, a lounge area, meeting rooms, and a dining hall.



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The lower level of the new facility will have an 11,400 square foot multipurpose room along with a players lounge and an underground corridor to the existing gameday room.

The upper level will have a 6,500 square foot meeting room that will be able to accommodate 350 people for dining.

