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POSITION BREAKDOWN

Defensive Linemen (2)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Jacob Souers#	DE	6-2	250	Ocean Springs, Miss./Ocean Springs HS
Blake Miller	DE	6-3	235	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove HS

Linebackers (4)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Sal Belfonte	LB	5-10	205	Kansas City, Mo./Rockhurst HS
Taylon Hunter	LB	6-0	209	Roanoke, Ala./Handley HS
Cory Lee	OLB	5-11	210	Prattville, Ala./Prattville HS
Jordan Poole	LB	6-0	220	Mt. Juliet, Tenn./Wilson Central HS

Secondary (4)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Tay Griffin	CB	6-0	165	Auburn, Ala./Auburn HS
Courtney Richmond	CB	5-11	168	Memphis, Tenn./Kirby HS
Boo Rodgers	S	6-1	172	Webb City, Mo./Webb City HS
Terrell Wilson	CB	6-1	180	Dallas, Texas/Newman Smith HS

Quarterback (1)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Kerry Gibson	QB	6-2	185	Florissant, Mo./Hazelwood Central HS

Wide Receiver (2)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Mike Cornely	WR	6-2	181	Wheeling, Ill./Buffalo Grove HS
Mack Tracey	WR	6-2	195	Lisle, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville S. HS

Running Back (1)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Kendell Edwards*	RB	5-8	185	Carbondale, Ill./Carbondale HS
LaSteven McKinney	RB	5-9	166	Broadview, Ill./Nazareth Academy

Tight End (2)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
MyCole Pruitt	TE	6-3	230	St. Louis, Mo./Kirkwood HS
John Weiss	TE	6-3	240	Wayne, N.J./DePaul Catholic HS

Offensive Linemen (5)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Corey Boemer	OT	6-4	292	St. Louis, Mo./Lindbergh HS
Brad Fisher	OT	6-5	285	Hartland, Wisc./Arrowhead HS
Jessy McMullin	OL	6-6	289	Mount Pleasant, Iowa/Iowa Western CC
Clayton Melville II	OT	6-6	295	Camdenton, Mo./Camdenton HS
Riley Siniard	OL	6-4	275	Huntsville, Ala./Huntsville HS

Special Teams (1)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Austin Pucylowski	P	6-4	225	New Berlin, Wisc./Catholic Memorial HS

* - Walk-on

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GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

Alabama (3)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Tay Griffin	CB	6-0	165	Auburn, Ala./Auburn HS
Taylon Hunter	LB	6-0	209	Roanoke, Ala./Handley HS
Cory Lee	OLB	5-11	210	Prattville, Ala./Lions HS
Riley Siniard	OL	6-4	275	Huntsville, Ala./Huntsville HS

Illinois (4)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Mike Cornely	WR	6-2	181	Wheeling, Ill./Buffalo Grove HS
Kendell Edwards*	RB	5-8	185	Carbondale, Ill./Carbondale HS
LaSteven McKinney	RB	5-9	166	Broadview, Ill./Nazareth Academy
Mack Tracey	WR	6-2	195	Lisle, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville S. HS

Indiana (1)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Blake Miller	DE	6-3	235	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove HS

Iowa (1)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Jessy McMullin	OL	6-6	289	Mount Pleasant, Iowa/Iowa Western CC

Mississippi (1)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Jacob Souers#	DE	6-2	250	Ocean Springs, Miss./Ocean Springs HS

Missouri (6)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Sal Belfonte	LB	5-10	205	Kansas City, Mo./Rockhurst HS
Corey Boemer	OT	6-4	292	St. Louis, Mo./Lindbergh HS
Kerry Gibson	QB	6-2	185	Florissant, Mo./Hazelwood Central HS
Clayton Melville II	OT	6-6	295	Camdenton, Mo./Camdenton HS
MyCole Pruitt	TE	6-3	230	St. Louis, Mo./Kirkwood HS
Marc 'Boo' Rodgers	S	6-1	172	Webb City, Mo./Webb City HS

New Jersey (1)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
John Weiss	TE	6-3	240	Wayne, N.J./DePaul Catholic HS

Tennessee (2)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Jordan Poole	LB	6-0	220	Mt. Juliet, Tenn./Wilson Central HS
Courtney Richmond	CB	5-11	168	Memphis, Tenn./Kirby HS

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STUDENT-ATHLETE BIOGRAPHIES

(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Sal Belfonte • LB • 5-10 • 205 • Kansas City, Mo./Rockhurst HS

Career Notes: 2008 and 2009 first team all-state linebacker and '07 second team all-state safety...First team all-state kick returner in 2007 and 2009 and second team honoree in 2008...Buchanan Award finalist as junior and senior...Played four years of varsity football...Led team to a 41-8 record during prep career...**2009:** Recorded 79 tackles... Scored 20 touchdowns...**2008:** Named second team all-American linebacker...Registered 118 tackles with one interception...Scored eight total TDs...Returned one punt and one kickoff for a touchdown...**2007:** Posted 124 tackles and three interceptions...Returned two punts and one kickoff for a touchdown...**2006:** Had 26 tackles...**Other:** Four-year starter on baseball team...Hit .458 as a junior.

Coaches Comments: *“Sal is an outstanding athlete having started for three seasons at powerhouse Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, Mo. His ability to make big plays will be a good addition to the Saluki defense.”*

Corey Boemer • OT • 6-4 • 292 • St. Louis, Mo./Lindbergh HS

Career Notes: Named to 2009 St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro team...Two-time first team all-state defensive lineman and 2009 first team all-state honoree on offense...Two-time first team all-conference on defense, and two-time all-conference honoree on offense...Selected to play in Missouri All-Star game as an offensive tackle...Team offensive lineman MVP...**2009:** Did not allow a sack...Led team to a 10-1 record and the first round of the playoffs...Had 36 tackles and two sacks...Team captain...**Other:** Member of the National Honor Society and high school student council...Played on basketball team that made the Final Four in 2007...First cousin of Saluki center Bryan Boemer, who was an all-conference selection in 2009.

Coaches Comments: *“Corey will provide the Dawgs with a physical presence on the offensive line. His combination of size and athletic ability make him an ideal fit in our offensive package.”*

Mike Cornely • WR • 6-2 • 181 • Wheeling, Ill./Buffalo Grove HS

Career Notes: Two-time all-conference selection...**2009:** Had 24 catches for 432 yards and six touchdowns...Posted one interception and 34 tackles on defense...**2008:** Caught 39 passes for 789 yards and eight touchdowns...**Other:** Honor roll student all four years in high school...Also played basketball and competed in track throughout entire prep career.

Coaches Comments: *“Mike is an athletic and versatile wide receiver. He has big-play capabilities and is a deep threat with his speed. His size and height will bode well for him at the college level.”*

Kendell Edwards • RB • 5-8 • 185 • Carbondale, Ill./Carbondale HS

Career Notes: Garnered The Southern Illinoian Player of the Year accolades in 2009...Was an honorable mention all-state running back... Won the “Gene Watson Award” in 2009...Rushed for 1,769 yards (6.9 yards per carry) with 22 touchdowns as a senior.

Coaches Comments: *“After a very impressive career at Carbondale High School, Kendall shows a lot of promise at the college level.”*

Brad Fisher • OT • 6-5 • 285 • Hartland, Wisc./Arrowhead HS

Career Notes: Started every game of junior and senior season at tackle...Honorable mention all-conference as lineman...Led high school to a 38-3 record...**2009:** Led team to a 11-2 record and the semifinals of the state playoffs...**2008:** Played guard and guided team to a 13-1 record...Team was state runner-up...**2007:** Helped high school team win state championship with a 14-0 record...**Other:** Was a sectional qualifier in the shot put and discus throw...Also was a sectional qualifier in wrestling...Has five siblings...Older sister, Stephanie, is a swimmer at Michigan State and older brother, Eric, is a golfer at Minnesota-Crookston.

Coaches Comments: *“Brad’s team went 38-3 over the last three years with one state championship and one state runner-up finish. With his 6-5 frame, he has the potential to be a prominent force on our offensive line.”*

Kerry Gibson • QB • 6-2 • 185 • Florissant, Mo./Hazelwood Central HS

Career Notes: 2009 Missouri Class 6A Offensive Player of the Year...Two-time all-state quarterback...Lead team to back-to-back state championships...2008 and '09 all-conference quarterback and punter...2008 and '09 St. Louis All-Metro area selection...**2009:** Threw for 2080 yards and 17 touchdowns...Rushed 121 times for 868 yards (7.2 yards per carry) and 12 touchdowns...Averaged 45.6 yards per punt...**2008:** Passed for 1,780 yards and 20 touchdowns...Ran for 682 yards and scored 12 TDs on the ground...Averaged 39.2 yards per punt...**Other:** Was the 13th-ranked player in the state of Missouri by Rivals.com.

Coaches Comments: *“Kerry is a gifted athlete who makes plays with his arm as well as his feet. His leadership ability led Hazelwood Central to back-to-back state championships.”*

Tay Griffin • DB • 6-0 • 165 • Auburn, Ala./Auburn HS

Career Notes: Helped lead Auburn High School to a 33-6 record during prep career...Was named to the All-Opelika-Auburn News team as a senior...**2009:** Started in all 14 games and recorded 14 tackles and three interceptions...**2008:** Posted 42 tackles and two interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown. He started in all 13 games to help lead Auburn High School to a 12-1 record...**Other:** Also com-

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peted with the track and field team in high school.

Coaches Comments: "Tay is an athletic cornerback and has shown the ability to defend the pass and play physical against the run. He was also a strong special teams performer."

Taylon Hunter • LB • 6-0 • 209 • Roanoke, Ala./Handley HS

Career Notes: All-state selection as a senior...Three-time all-county selection and two time all-conference honoree...Led team in tackles as a sophomore and junior...**2009:** Had 90 tackles and two interceptions...Led team to the fourth round of the state 4A playoffs with a 13-1 record...**2008:** Posted 122 tackles with one interception...Guided team to a 12-3 record and the fourth round of the playoffs...**2007:** Recorded 120 tackles with two interceptions...Team went 11-2 and reached the third round of the playoffs...**2006:** Had 40 tackles.

Coaches Comments: "Taylon possesses the power and strength to play inside and the speed to play in open space, which matches the characteristics needed to succeed in the Missouri Valley Football Conference."

Cory Lee • OLB • 5-11 • 210 • Prattville, Ala./Prattville HS

Career Notes: Named to the all-county, all-metro and all-state teams as a senior...Received the Prattville Progress 2009 Defensive Player of the Year award in...Also named to all-county and all-metro teams as a junior...Received the US Marine Corps Honor, Courage and Commitment award in 2009...High school team went 27-3 in Class 6A in his three seasons on varsity...Won back-to-back AHSAA State Championships and had another runner-up finish...**2009:** Posted 149 tackles with eight sacks and three forced fumbles...Scored nine touchdowns on 13 carries as a short-yardage back...**2008:** Had 84 tackles with six sacks and one forced fumble...Scored three touchdowns...**2007:** Recorded 36 tackles with one sack...**Other:** Three-year honor roll student...Also played baseball and was an all-county and all-metro team selection in 2008 and '09...New Orleans Saints safety Roman Harper attended the same high school as Lee.

Coaches Comments: "Cory is an athletic linebacker that plays well from sideline to sideline. He was an impact player for a nationally-ranked high school program."

LaSteven McKinney • RB • 5-9 • 166 • Broadview, Ill./Nazareth Academy

Career Notes: Ranked as the 41st top prospect in the state of Illinois and is a three-star prospect by Rivals.com...Was an all-state running back in Class 5A...**2009:** Scored 17 touchdowns and rushed for 950 yards...**2008:** Was a U.S. Army All-American nominee...Ran for 1,126 yards and 19 touchdowns...Caught 15 passes for 300 yards and four touchdowns...Led team to a 8-3 record and the second round of the Class 5A playoffs...**2007:** Rushed for more than 1,400 yards and scored 22 touchdowns...

Coaches Comments: "LaSteven is a fast running back that had a

knack for the end zone in high school. He is an electrifying player and can catch passes out of the backfield."

Jessy McMullin • OT • 6-6 • 290 • Mount Pleasant, Iowa/Iowa Western CC (Mount Pleasant HS)

Career Notes: Was an all-conference offensive lineman at Iowa Western Community College...Selected to academic all-region team at the junior college ranks in 2009...He helped Iowa Western average 227.8 yards rushing in 2009 and 417.3 yards of total offense...During his prep career he earned three all-conference accolades and was twice named to the all-state team...**Other:** Competed in track and wrestling in high school...He compiled a 121-19 record on the mat and placed fifth at state as a junior...He was an all-conference and all-discus thrower who finished third at state as a senior...He owns the school record in the discus.

Coaches Comment: "Jessy was a heavily-recruited two-year starter from Iowa Western Community College who has great size and mobility. We expect him to compete for a starting spot on the right side of the offensive line this fall, either at guard or tackle."

Clayton Melville II • OT • 6-6 • 295 • Camdenton, Mo./Camdenton HS

Career Notes: Second team all-state offensive tackle as a senior...Was a two-time first team all-district defensive end...Also received two all-conference honors on defense and one on offense...**2009:** Was first team all-conference as a tackle...Did not surrender a sack all season long...Posted 45 tackles with six and a half sacks...Deflected 10 passes...**2008:** Had 39 tackles with six sacks and eight pass deflections...**Other:** Was a two-time all-district and state qualifier in golf as a freshman and a sophomore...Finished 37th in state in 2007...Also played varsity basketball...Was the president of the school's Future Business Leaders of America...**Coaches Comments:** "Clayton is a very athletic offensive lineman that garnered many awards in his career at Camdenton High School. He is a standout athlete in basketball and golf."

Blake Miller • DE • 6-3 • 245 • Greenwood, Ind. (Center Grove HS)

Career Notes: Played varsity football for three seasons and led high school to the Class 5A state championship in 2008...Named honorable mention all-state and first team all-conference as a senior...**2009:** Recorded 62 solo tackles with 15 tackles for a loss and four sacks...Team went 10-3 while winning the regional championship to advance to the Final Four in the playoffs...**Other:** Honor roll student...Lettered twice in track.

Coaches Comments: "Blake is an athletic and explosive athlete. His consistent effort and ability to make big plays blends well with our defensive philosophy."

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Jordan Poole • LB • 6-0 • 220 • Mt. Juliet, Tenn./Wilson Central HS

Career Notes: Region IX-AAA Defensive Lineman of the Year as a senior...Broke school record for most sacks in a career with 38... Three-year starter on both offensive and defense...Guided team to the playoffs as a sophomore and a junior...Led team to a victory over No. 1-ranked Riverdale High School in 2007, where he scored the first touchdown of the game rushing the ball...**2009:** Posted 52 tackles with 18 tackles for a loss and 12 sacks...**2008:** Recorded 55 tackles... Rushed 93 times for 450 yards and six touchdowns.

Coaches Comments: "Jordan has a great blend of the size and speed that we look for in our linebackers. His athleticism gives him the versatility to play inside or outside linebacker in our scheme."

MyCole Pruitt • TE • 6-3 • 230 • St. Louis, Mo./Kirkwood HS

Career Notes: Three time all-conference defensive end and first team all-conference tight end in 2009...**2009:** Caught 30 passes for 397 yards and six touchdowns...Posted 50 tackles, 14 tackles for a loss and six sacks...**2008:** Team advanced to the second round of the playoffs...**2007:** Team finished with a 10-1 record and made the state playoffs...**2006:** Caught seven passes for 148 yards and three touchdowns...Recorded 39 tackles and four sacks...**Other:** Four-year honor roll student...Also played basketball and volleyball...Led hoops team to the 2008-09 district championship...Didn't start playing football until his freshman season...Attended the same high school as Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Jeremy Maclin.

Coaches Comments: "MyCole brings size and athleticism to the tight end position. He catches the ball extremely well and provides a big target in the passing game."

Austin Pucylowski • P • 6-4 • 225 • New Berlin, Wisc./Catholic Memorial HS

Career Notes: Ranked as the 15th-best punter in the nation by Kohl's Kicking and Punting service...Ranked as the second-best punter by wissports.net...Was a two-time all-conference and all-county punter... Named second team all-state as a senior...**2009:** Averaged 43.1 yards per punt and the team netted 38.4 yards off his punts...**2008:** Averaged 39.5 yards per punt...**2007:** Averaged 36.5 yards per punt...**Other:** Played baseball for two seasons in high school...Four-year basketball team member and squad advanced to the regional semifinals in 2008-09...Four-year honor roll student.

Coaches Comments: "Austin was rated as the 15th-best punter in the nation by Kohl's kicking service. He has good technique and has great size at 6-4. He is expected to come in and compete for the starting punting role left by the departure of Scott Ravanesei."

Courtney Richmond • CB • 5-11 • 168 • Memphis, Tenn./Kirby HS

Career Notes: Played in AutoZone Liberty Bowl All-State game in 2009...Preseason member of the Class 6A all-state team...Was first team all-region as a cornerback, kick returner and punt returner as

a senior...First team defensive back as a junior and received second team all-region honors as a kick returner as a junior...**2009:** Had 45 tackles with seven interceptions and five passes broken up...Forced two fumbles and returned one fumble for a touchdown...**2008:** Posted 59 tackles with two interceptions and nine pass break-ups...**2007:** Intercepted two passes and had 22 tackles and three pass break-ups...**Other:** Honor roll student...Competed in the decathlon in track.
Coaches Comments: "Courtney possesses all the skills needed to excel as a defensive back. He runs well, makes plays on the ball and is a solid tackler."

Boo Rodgers • S • 6-1 • 172 • Webb City, Mo./Webb City HS

Career Notes: Garnered all-state, all-area and all-conference accolades...Team went 38-2 during his high school career and won a state championship...Had 78 tackles as a junior...**Other:** Is the younger brother of Marty Rodgers, who was a two-time all conference safety for the Salukis the past two years...Was the high point earner for high school track team as a freshman...Attended same high school as Grant Wistrom, a former NFL defensive lineman.

Coaches Comments: "Boo was instrumental in leading Webb City to the 2008 state championship. He is an explosive safety that makes plays all over the field."

Riley Siniard • OL • 6-4 • 275 • Huntsville, Ala./Huntsville HS

Career Notes: Two-time all-city and all-regional team member...Garnered Huntsville Times All-Elite team honors as a junior and senior... Was twice the teams offensive lineman MVP...Team Captain...Led the Panthers to the state semifinals in 2008 with a 10-4 record...**Other:** Four-year honor roll member and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars...Team captain on varsity basketball team as a junior, where he received the team's Bob Warden memorial award for hustle and toughness.

Coaches Comments: "Riley, a team captain in high school, will bring leadership skills to the offensive line. He plays physical while displaying excellent agility for a big-man."

Jacob Souers • DE • 6-2 • 250 • Ocean Springs, Miss./Ocean Springs HS

Career Notes: Garnered all-conference honors as a sophomore, junior and senior...Named to all-state south team in 2009...**2009:** Recorded 105 tackles with 10 tackles for a loss... Had six sacks, five forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries...**2008:** Posted 83 tackles with 11 tackles for a loss and seven sacks...**2007:** Had 67 tackles with seven tackles for a loss and netted five sacks...**Other:** Honor roll student... Also participated in track and basketball in high school career.

Coaches Comments: "Jacob is a hard-nosed, physical defensive lineman and possesses the mobility that fits him well to the SIU defensive line."

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Mack Tracey • WR • 6-2 • 195 • Lisle, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville South HS

Career Notes: Named to Chicago Tribune and Rivals.com All-State teams...ESPN.com named him to their all-area team...Was the conference player of the month and a team captain as a senior...**2009:** Led team to the Class 7A state championship with a 13-1 record...Had 1,000 all-purpose yards...Averaged 39.4 yards per punt return and also had a 63-yard punt...**2008:** Registered over 1,000 all-purpose yards...**Other:** Was a two-time academic all-conference honoree...Three-year member of the track and field team...His father, James, played football at Colorado State.

Coaches Comments: *“Mack’s leadership skills made him the center piece of the 2009 Illinois 7A State Champions. His combination of size and speed will greatly benefit the Saluki offense.”*

John Weiss • TE • 6-3 • 240 • Wayne, N.J./ DePaul Catholic HS

Career Notes: Three-time all-conference honoree...Named to all-county and all-area teams as a senior...**2009:** Caught nine passes for 81 yards with two touchdowns...Played center five games due to injuries...Had 45 tackles, three sacks and one fumble recovery...**2009:** Posted 14 receptions on the year for 150 yards and two touchdowns...**2007:** Had 18 receptions for 220 yards and two touchdowns...**Other:** Also played basketball and baseball during prep career.

Coaches Comments: *“John is a big, athletic tight end that was a big-play guy on offense. He has the strength to play physical and the speed to stretch the field vertically in the passing game.”*

Terrell Wilson • CB • 6-1 • 180 • Dallas, Texas/Newman Smith HS

Career Notes: Garnered first team all-defense, first team all-special teams and second team offense accolades as a senior...Led team to a 10-3 record in 2009...**Other:** Competed on the track and field team in high school...Still owns the state and national record for 12 and under boys with a 5:04 time in the mile.

Coaches Comment: *“Terrell is a very versatile player who played cornerback, wide receiver, running back, quarterback and returned kicks. We feel his speed will be an asset to the secondary.”*