



**2025
RED RAIDERS**



Roy
ALEXANDER

WR | 5-11 | 200 | Sr. | 5th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Fort Myers, Fla. | Riverdale HS | UAlbany | Incarnate Word
Career Games: 41 / Career Starts: 31

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER HONORS

- Stats Perform All-America Team (2024, Jr.)
- All-Southland Conference Second Team (2024, Jr.)
- Southland Conference Student-Athlete of the Year (2024, Jr.)
- Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week (Nov. 15, 2024, Jr.)
- Phil Steele Magazine All-CAA fourth team (2021, Fr.)

2025 SEASON (SENIOR)

• Joined the Red Raiders in late May as a spring addition out of the transfer portal ... will use his final season of eligibility as a Red Raider, bolstering Texas Tech's depth at receiver following an impressive 2024 campaign at Incarnate Word.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech following one season at Incarnate Word University and three years at the University of Albany ... will have one season of eligibility remaining with the Red Raiders ... spent only the 2024 season at Incarnate Word after playing at Albany over the course of the 2021-23 campaigns.
- Appeared in 41 games over his collegiate career, combining to make 202 catches for 2,422 yards and 20 touchdowns at both FCS schools ... nearly half of his career catches came during a breakout season at Incarnate Word in 2024.
- Combined for 102 catches for 1,264 yards and seven touchdowns over his three seasons at Albany ... utilized as a returner on special teams while at Albany, combining for 718 kick return yards on 35 attempts (20.5 average) over his three seasons.
- **2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR at INCARNATE WORD):** among the best receivers at the FCS level after catching 100 passes for 1,108 yards and 13 touchdowns in his lone season with the Cardinals ... added seven carries for 66 rushing yards and two touchdowns on the ground ... appeared in all 14 games for a UIW program that finished 11-3 overall and won the Southland Conference title ... Cardinals later fell to South Dakota State in the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs.
- Easily snapped the UIW single-season record with his 100 receptions, breaking the previous record of 87 that was set by Taylor Grimes in 2021 ... became only the fifth 1,000-yard receiver in school history, joining the likes of Darion Chafin (2022), Grimes (2021-22), Brandon Porter (2023) and teammate Jalen Walthall (2024) ... finished fifth for both single-season receiving yards and receiving touchdowns in school history.
- Ranked among the FCS leaders in several statistical categories, finishing second overall in total receptions (100), fifth in receptions per game (7.1), tied for fifth in receiving touchdowns (13), 10th in total receiving yards (1,108) and 26th for receiving yards per game (79.1) ... was the Southland Conference leader for receptions and ranked second for both receiving yards and receiving touchdowns, trailing only his teammate Walthall in both categories.
- Caught at least three passes in all 14 games and finished with five or more receptions in 13 of 14 contests overall ... posted three 100-yard outings with 128 yards on nine catches and a touchdown at South Dakota State (9/7), 117 yards on 10 receptions at Southern Illinois (9/14) and a career-high 163 yards and three touchdowns on eight catches versus Lamar (11/9) ... made 10 or more catches twice on the season against Southern Illinois and then in his final game as a Cardinal, a rematch versus South Dakota State (12/14) in the FCS quarterfinals ... finished with 13 catches for 92 yards and a touchdown in the playoff loss ... caught at least one touchdown in eight of 14 games overall.
- Tabled an All-American by Stats Perform and was a second team All-Southland Conference selection by the league coaches ... also recognized for his work in the classroom as the Southland Conference Student-Athlete of the Year ... named the Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week on Nov. 5 following his performance versus Houston Christian ... had seven catches for 89 yards and three touchdowns in the win over the Huskies.
- **2023 SEASON (JUNIOR at ALBANY):** redshirt season ... appeared in six games with three of those being in the postseason, which qualified for a redshirt year ... started first two games of the season before missing next nine games to injury.
- Made 18 receptions on the season for 144 yards and two touchdowns ... top performance came in the opener versus Fordham (8/26) ... caught six passes for 58 yards versus Fordham with two of those going for touchdowns ... combined for 11 catches for 81 yards in Albany's three FCS playoff games.

- **2022 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at ALBANY):** appeared and started in all 11 games, logging at least one catch in each contest ... second-leading receiver for Albany as a sophomore after catching 47 passes for 610 yards and two touchdowns ... best performance came early in the season at Fordham (9/17) with six catches for 127 yards ... both touchdown catches came in back-to-back weeks with four catches for 49 yards at Monmouth (10/8) and four receptions for 74 yards against Hampton (10/15) ... followed with 11 catches for 90 yards at Villanova (10/22), which marked the third highest single-game total since Albany moved to the FCS level in 1999.
- **2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN at ALBANY):** quickly became one of Albany's top receivers as only a true freshman, recording 37 catches for 560 yards and three touchdowns ... led the team in receptions that season while appearing in 10 of 11 games ... arrived at Albany as a mid-year enrollee before spring semester in 2021 as a cornerback before shifting to the wide receiver room.
- Made quite the debut with four catches for 113 yards in the season opener at nationally-ranked North Dakota State (9/4), which included a season-long 67 yard haul ... went over the 100-yard mark again later in the season with nine catches for 162 yards and a touchdown at Towson (10/30) ... final touchdown reception of debut season was against Morgan State (11/13) as part of six catches for 77 yards) ... heavily used as a kick returner as well with 17 attempts for 348 yards (20.5 yards per return) on the season.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Riverdale High School in Fort Myers, Fla., before graduating from Bridgton Academy, a prep school in Maine ... three-year letterwinner in both football and basketball ... named a team captain in both sports as a senior.
- Helped lead Riverdale to the district title in both football and basketball as a senior ... rushed for eight touchdowns that season to go along with three touchdown passes and two interceptions on the defensive side of the ball ... on the hardwood, averaged 15 points, three rebounds, six assists and four steals per game as a senior ... selected following the season to play in the Rotary South All-Star Classic.

PERSONAL

- Roy Alexander ... son of Toney Alexander Jr. and Stephanie Alexander ... has two brothers, Jimmy and Toney, and a sister, Jerrica.
- Earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Incarnate Word ... enrolled in post-graduate courses during final season as a Red Raider.

PARTICIPATION	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	10/5	11/11	6/2	14/13	41/31

* at UAlbany | * at Incarnate Word

CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2021 (UA)	10	37	560	3	-	3.7	15.1	56.0
2022 (UA)	11	47	610	2	-	4.3	13.0	55.5
2023 (UA)	6	18	144	2	-	3.0	8.0	24.0
2024 (UIC)	14	100	1,108	13	56	7.1	11.9	79.1
Totals	38	202	780	20	-	1.6	12.0	59.1

2024 GAME-BY-GAME (@ INCARNATE WORD)

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Av	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
Northern Colorado	*	6	64	0	10.7	17	0	0	0
at South Dakota State	*	9	128	1	14.2	35	0	0	0
at Southern Illinois	*	10	117	0	11.7	27	0	0	0
Northern Arizona	*	5	76	1	15.2	32	2	19	1
Prairie View	*	5	28	1	5.6	14	1	-1	0
Nicholls	*	7	49	0	7.0	21	0	0	0
McNeese	*	3	42	0	14.0	19	0	0	0
at Southeastern Louisiana	*	5	57	1	11.4	36	0	0	0
Houston Christian	*	7	89	3	12.7	26	0	0	0
Lamar	*	8	163	3	20.4	56	0	19	0
at SFA	*	6	69	1	11.5	28	1	13	0
at East Texas A&M	*	7	65	0	9.3	18	2	15	0
Villanova	*	9	69	1	7.7	17	1	-3	0
at South Dakota State	*	13	92	1	7.1	15	0	0	0
Totals		100	1,108	13	79.1	56	7	62	2



Tanner ALLEN

DL | 6-3 | 280 | Jr. | 4th Yr.
Bryan, Texas | Bryan HS
Career Games: 1 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

• Returned to the defensive line room as a sophomore ... made his collegiate debut in the regular-season finale against West Virginia ... credited with one tackle over his 10 defensive snaps in the victory over the Mountaineers.

2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

• Moved from the defensive side of the ball to the offensive line during preseason camp ... did not see any game action; was on the scout team.

2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

• Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Bryan High School in Bryan, Texas ... three-year letterwinner for the Vikings ... was a multi-sport athlete, competing in football, basketball, baseball and track and field.
• Received first team All-District 12-6A honors as both a defensive end and long snapper his senior season ... previously a first team All-District 12-6A honoree as a defensive end his junior year.

PERSONAL

• Tanner Allen ... son of Britt and Cheryl Allen, both of whom are Texas Tech graduates ... younger brother to Tyler and older brother to Tate and Trace.
• Hobbies include hunting and fishing outside of football.
• Pursuing a natural resource management degree at Texas Tech.



Charles ANDERSON JR.

OLB | 6-6 | 280 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Houston, Texas | Pearland Dawson HS
Career Games: 4 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

• Redshirt season ... appeared in four games overall - the final three contests of the regular season as well as the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27).
• Utilized heavily for his length up front as part of the field goal block unit ... inserted once defensively in the regular-season finale against West Virginia (11/30) ... playing time came only a game after being named the defensive scout team player of the week for Texas Tech's win at Oklahoma State (11/23).

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Pearland Dawson High School in the greater Houston area ... helped push the Eagles to a share of the District 23-6A crown as a senior following a 6-1 district record ... Pearland Dawson rebounded from an 0-3 start, with a pair of one-point losses, to finish with wins in six of its final eight games.
• Named a first team All-District 23-6A selection after being credited with 66 tackles, 7.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks and two pass deflections in his final season ... garnered Academic All-District 23-6A honors following his senior season ... honored as the senior defensive player of the week following nine tackles, one tackle for loss and one sack in a 17-16 loss versus Tomball (9/13).
• Recognized as the KPRC 2/UTMB Health Athlete of the Week on Nov. 30, 2023 during his transition from the football season to playing forward/center for the basketball team ... served as the keynote speaker for the Berry Miller Junior High Circle of Champions winter event.
• Tabbed a second team All-District defensive end his junior season ... finished that season with 38 tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks and two fumble recoveries.
• Arrived at Texas Tech alongside teammate Eddy Smith as part of the 2024 signing class ... committed to the Red Raiders on June 18, 2023 ... considered a three-star recruit by Rivals, ESPN, On3 and 247Sports ... ranked as high as No. 49 among defensive linemen nationally by On3 ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Oklahoma State, Kansas State, Missouri, Kansas, Northwestern, Cal, Houston.

PERSONAL

• Charles Anderson Jr. ... born in Round Rock, Texas but calls Houston his hometown ... parents are Charles Anderson and Vivian Malone ... has two sisters, Avereé and Bailee Anderson.
• His dad played football at Texas Southern, while his grandfather was an All-American center at Prairie View.
• An accounting major at Texas Tech.



David BAILEY

OLB | 6-3 | 250 | Sr. | 4th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Irvine, Calif. | Mater Dei HS | Stanford
Career Games: 33 / Career Starts: 16

31

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

CAREER HONORS

• ACC Linebacker of the Week (Sept. 23, 2024, Jr.)
• 2024 All-ACC Academic Team selection (2024, Jr.)
• Pac-12 Defensive Lineman of the Week (Sept. 5, 2023, So.)
• True Freshman All-America selection by 247Sports (2022, Fr.)

2025 SEASON (SENIOR)

• Joined the Red Raiders in early April, midway through spring practices ... participated in the team's final seven spring practices, including the annual Texas Tech Spring Game.
• Tabbed by Pro Football Focus in the spring as the No. 40 prospect for the 2026 NFL Draft ... named to the preseason watch for the Lott IMPACT Trophy.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

• Arrived at Texas Tech as one of the nation's top prospects out of the transfer portal ... will play his final season of eligibility with the Red Raiders following three seasons at Stanford ... appeared in 33 games over his college career with 16 starts.
• Among the most disruptive edge players in college football with 22.5 tackles for loss and 14.5 sacks during his three seasons at Stanford ... finished with 111 tackles (73 solo) over those three seasons to go along with seven forced fumbles and a pass breakup ... will enter his final collegiate season tied for second among active FBS players with seven career forced fumbles ... tied with the likes of Mikail Kamara of Indiana and Harold Perkins Jr. of LSU, trailing only Red Murdock of Buffalo, who has 11 career forced fumbles.
• Ranked as the highest-rated returning edge player in college football upon signing with the Red Raiders by Pro Football Focus ... credited with playing in 1,142 defensive snaps over his three seasons with the Cardinals where he created 91 total pressures (15 sacks, 11 quarterback hits and 65 hurries) ... received a 90.9 overall defensive grade by the publication as a junior, which was sixth nationally among edge players and leads all returners for the 2025 season ... graded slightly behind Penn State's Abdul Carter, who was the No. 3 overall pick in the 2025 NFL Draft by the New York Giants.
• **2024 SEASON (JUNIOR AT STANFORD):** recorded 31 tackles (22 solo) over his 12 games played as a junior, including two starts ... led the Cardinal in tackles for loss (8.0), quarterback hurries (8), sacks (7.0) and forced fumbles (5).
• Ranked fourth in the FBS for forced fumbles as it marked the most by a Stanford player in a season since Chase Thomas had six in 2011 ... his 7.0 sacks, meanwhile, were the most by a Cardinal in a single season since Casey Toohill had 8.0 in 2019.
• Credited with 39 total pressures over his 364 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus ... received a 93.2 grade as a pass rusher by the publication, which led all FBS players.
• Recorded multiple stops in eight of the nine games he had a tackle ... put together two multi-sack games on the season, finding the quarterback twice at Syracuse (9/20) and at N.C. State (11/2) ... became the first Cardinal with a pair of two-sack games in the same season since James Vaughters in 2014 ... recognized as the ACC Linebacker of the Week following Stanford's win over Syracuse ... forced two fumbles against N.C. State as part of a five-tackle performance in the losing effort ... tied his season high with six tackles the next week versus Louisville (11/16) ... previously set his season high a few weeks earlier with six stops against SMU (10/19).
• Recognized for his work in the classroom as part of the All-ACC Academic Team.
• **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE AT STANFORD):** played in 10 games with five starts as a sophomore ... led the team in tackles for loss and sacks as a sophomore, building off his successful freshman campaign ... finished with 34 total tackles, including 6.0 for a loss and 5.0 sacks.
• Posted multiple tackles in all but one game on the season, which came late at Oregon State (11/1) ... started the season with six tackles at Hawaii (9/1), which

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featured career highs with 4.0 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks ... added solo sacks later in the year during Pac-12 play against Arizona (9/23) and UCLA (10/21) ... sack versus Arizona was part of five tackles, his most during Pac-12 that season.

- Added five stops late in the season versus Cal (11/18) before finishing with four a week later in a non-conference rivalry matchup with Notre Dame (11/25) ... had three tackles in three games during the league slate against Southern California (9/9), Oregon (9/30) and UCLA.
- Listed with 364 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus on the season ... highly-regarded again as a pass rusher with a 77.7 grade after creating 24 pressures (5 sacks, 2 quarterback hits and 17 hurries).
- Was tabbed to the preseason Chuck Bednarik Award watch list ... also tabbed to the preseason All-Pac 12 second team by Phil Steele and as a preseason honorable mention selection by the media who covered the league.

2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN at STANFORD): emerged as one of the top true freshmen in college football, making nine starts in his 11 games played for the Cardinal ... tabbed a True Freshman All-American by 247Sports following the season ... earned Stanford's Outstanding Freshman award.

- Totaled 46 tackles on the season, including 8.5 for a loss and 2.5 sacks ... was frequently in the backfield with 13 quarterback hurries and two forced fumbles ... made multiple stops in eight different games and had four or more in five of those contests.
- Made a splash in only his second collegiate game, totaling nine tackles, including 1.5 for loss - all sacks - versus Southern California (9/10) ... was one of three games with multiple tackles for loss on the season after recording 2.0 tackles for loss against both Oregon State (10/8) and at UCLA (10/29) ... performance versus the Bruins was part of a career-high 10 tackles and a forced fumble, his lone outing in double digits during his Stanford career ... one of his two tackles for loss went for a sack versus the Bruins.
- Majority of his season total came during Pac-12 play with six stops at Oregon (10/11), four versus Oregon State and nine against Washington State ... went four-consecutive games with a tackle for loss during that stretch, which began at Oregon and ran through the Washington State trip.
- Credited with 430 defensive snaps at the end of the season by Pro Football Focus, which listed him with 28 total pressures (3 sacks, 3 hits, 22 hurries) ... received an impressive 70.5 overall defensive grade as only a true freshman, which included a 70.5 grade in rush defense and a 73.9 grade as a pass rusher.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Mater Dei High School, one of the top prep programs in the state of California ... led Mater Dei to a 12-0 season and a victory in the California State Championship Open Division his senior season ... program went wire-to-wire as the No. 1 high school team in the country by MaxPreps.
- Named the statewide Defensive Player of the Year as a senior by the website CalHiSports.com after totaling team highs with 20.5 tackles for loss and 15.5 sacks over 12 games ... recorded an impressive 20.5 sacks over his prep career ... was second on the team with 54 total tackles, including 42 of those that were solo.
- Tabbed the Trinity League Defensive Player of the Year as well as a first-team All-Trinity League selection ... recognized as the Orange County Register's Orange County Defensive Player of the Year following his 2021 senior season ... later played in the prestigious All-American Bowl as one of the nation's top players.
- Three-year letterwinner at Mater Dei ... honors student throughout high school tenure and member of the Principal's Honor Roll.
- A consensus four-star recruit by the likes of 247Sports, On3, Rivals and ESPN ... was the first player left off the five-star list by 247Sports ... among the top prospects in the country, ranking as high as No. 33 nationally by 247Sports ... was No. 50 overall among recruits in the 2021 class by On3 and then No. 79 by Rivals and No. 121 by ESPN ... was the No. 3 edge player in the country by 247Sports and No. 8 by On3 ... listed as an outside linebacker by both Rivals and ESPN, ranking as high as No. 6 and No. 11 in that position group.
- Ranked as the second-best prospect out of California by 247Sports and a consensus top-10 state prospect by all four publications ... was third in the state by On3, No. 6 by Rivals and No. 7 by ESPN.

PERSONAL

- David Bailey ... son of Anthony and Monica Bailey ... originally born in Orange, Calif. ... has three siblings, DJ, Antoinette and Shawn ... older brother, DJ, previously was a three-year letterman as a defensive end for Harvard from 2015-17.
- Earned a bachelor's degree in science, technology and science from Stanford in less than four years ... enrolled in graduate school at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	11/9	10/5	12/2	33/16

* at Stanford

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2022 (STANI)	11	29	17	43	8.5	43	0	2	0	-	3
2023 (STANI)	10	22	12	34	6.0	29	0	0	0	-	2
2024 (STANI)	12	22	9	31	8.0	48	1	5	0	-	8
Totals	33	73	38	111	22.5	120	1	7	0	-	13

SACKS	G	UA	A	Total	Yds
2022 (STANI)	11	2	1	2.5	14
2023 (STANI)	10	5	0	5.0	24
2024 (STANI)	12	7	0	7.0	47
Totals	33	14	1	14.5	85

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ STANFORD)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
TCU	*	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0	0	0
Cal Poly	*	0	2	2	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0	0	0
at Syracuse		4	0	4	2.0-17	2.0-17	1	0	0	0
at Clemson		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
Virginia Tech		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Notre Dame		3	0	3	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	0
SMU		3	3	6	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0	0	1
Wake Forest		1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at NC State		4	1	5	2.0-9	2.0-9	2	0	0	1
Louisville		4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	3
at California		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at San Jose St.		1	0	1	1.0-10	1.0-10	1	0	0	2
Totals		22	9	31	7.0-47	8.0-48	5	0	0	8

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ STANFORD)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
at Hawai'i	*	6	0	6	3.0-20	4.0-25	0	0	0	1
at USC	*	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento State		1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	*	2	3	5	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0	0	1
Oregon		2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Colorado	*	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
UCLA		1	2	3	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	0	0	0
Washington		DNP								
at Washington St.		DNP								
at Oregon State		1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
California		4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	*	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals		22	12	34	5.0-24	6.0-29	0	0	0	2

2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ STANFORD)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Colgate	*	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
USC	*	4	5	9	1.5-6	1.5-6	0	0	0	0
at Washington	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oregon	*	6	0	6	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0	0	0
Oregon State	*	3	1	4	0.0-0	2.0-5	0	0	0	1
at Notre Dame		DNP								
Arizona State		DNP								
at UCLA	*	8	2	10	1.0-8	2.0-11	1	0	0	0
Washington St.	*	5	4	9	0.0-0	2.0-20	1	0	0	1
at Utah	*	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at California		1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
BYU		0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals		29	17	43	2.5-14	8.5-43	2	0	0	3



Dontae Balfour

CB | 6-1 | 185 | Sr. | 5th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Starke, Fla. | Bradford HS | North Carolina | Charlotte
Career Games: 29 / Career Starts: 23

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER AWARDS & HONORS

- All-AAC Third Team (2024, Jr.)

2025 SEASON (SENIOR)

- Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... will have one season of eligibility at Texas Tech.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Spent his first two seasons (2021-22) of collegiate career at North Carolina and the next two at Charlotte (2023-24) ... played in 29 games over first four collegiate seasons before Texas Tech ... saw action in six games with the Tar Heels before starting in all 23 games played in during Charlotte career.
- Made 109 tackles (75 solo), including 3.5 for a loss, to go along with three interceptions, 24 passes defended, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery over his collegiate career ... recorded 103 of 109 career tackles in two seasons with the 49ers.
- **2024 SEASON (JUNIOR at CHARLOTTE):** tabbed to the All-AAC third team after a successful junior campaign ... started at cornerback in all 12 games played in, serving as a game captain in six of those contests.
- Recorded 49 tackles, the fourth-most stops on the team, and 2.5 tackles for loss ... tallied second and third career interceptions of career during 2024 campaign ... posted 11 pass breakups, which marked the second season in a row to match the school record at Charlotte ... set the school record for career pass breakups (22) in two total seasons at Charlotte.
- Started the season with an interception and one pass breakup versus James Madison (8/31), as well as four tackles, including half-a-tackle for loss ... had one tackle at North Carolina (9/7) and then tallied four tackles against Gardner-Webb (9/14) ... traveled to Indiana (9/21), posting five tackles and one pass breakup.
- Notched one of his top performances of the season at Rice (9/28) with seven tackles, including a single-game season high of 1.5 tackles for loss and two pass breakups ... had two tackles versus East Carolina (10/5) ... followed with two tackles, including half-a-tackle for loss, at Navy (10/19).
- Finished with three tackles, an interception and two pass breakups at Memphis (10/26) ... set the all-time Charlotte school record for career pass breakups in the game against the Tigers, surpassing the previous record of 17.
- Recorded four tackles against Tulane (10/31) and had four more tackles against South Florida (11/16) late in the season ... had four tackles again and two pass breakups against Florida Atlantic (11/23) ... set a career high for single-game tackles with nine in the season finale versus UAB (11/30) ... tacked on two more pass breakups in the season finale, bringing career total to 22 to end his Charlotte tenure.
- Named to preseason Paycom Jim Thorpe Award watch list ... a preseason All-AAC first team selection by the likes of Athlon Sports, Phil Steele and College Football Network ... was a second-team preseason All-AAC honoree by Hero Sports.
- **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at CHARLOTTE):** played and started in 11 games in first significant season at Charlotte ... tied the school record with 11 pass breakups during the season and was fourth on the team with 54 tackles (34 solo) with one tackle for loss ... added two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and an interception.
- Tied the single-game pass breakup record with four versus Memphis (11/11) ... previously had three pass breakups in the overtime win at Tulsa (11/4), while sealing the game with his first career interception on the final play of the game ... recorded a season-high nine tackles with one for a loss and a forced fumble in overtime loss to Memphis ... had eight tackles with a forced fumble at Florida (9/23) early in the season.
- Recognized on the Athletic Director's List for his work in the classroom.
- **2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at NORTH CAROLINA):** appeared in four games at defensive back and on special teams as a redshirt freshman ... posted six tackles in second season with the Tar Heels, with all six coming in the season opener against FAMU (8/27) ... also saw action at Georgia State (9/10), Virginia Tech (10/1) and at Miami (10/8).
- **2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN at NORTH CAROLINA):** redshirt season ... appeared in two games at defensive back and on special teams against Georgia State (9/11) and Wofford (11/20) during non-conference play.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Bradford High School in Starke, Fla., located roughly 45 miles from Jacksonville ... one of the top defensive back prospects out of the 2021 class ... two-way player under coach Brian Tomlinson, excelling in the secondary and as a wide receiver throughout prep career.
- Notched 201 tackles, 14 interceptions and 12 pass breakups over three prep seasons ... recognized as a first team Jacksonville.com All-First Coast selection as a senior ... helped Bradford to the second round of the 4A playoffs that season ... posted 77 tackles, four interceptions and two pass breakups on defense during senior season while catching 25 passes for 386 yards and two touchdowns on offense ... also scored touchdowns on an INT return and a kickoff return ...
- Named a second team Gainesville Sun All-Area selection as a junior after leading Bradford to the third round of the 4A playoffs ... tallied 52 tackles, seven interceptions and four pass breakups defensively, while adding 17 receptions for 312 yards and five touchdowns on offense ... collected 72 tackles, three interceptions and six pass breakups during his debut season on varsity as a sophomore.
- Three-sport athlete who also competed in track and field and basketball ... was a state qualifier in the 300-meter hurdles and triple jump as a sophomore ... averaged over 20 points per game as a senior in basketball.
- Listed as a four-star prospect out of high school by both 247Sports and On3 ... tabbed the 17th-ranked cornerback and the No. 31 player in Florida by 247Sports ... ranked higher by On3 at No. 7 among cornerbacks and No. 13 among Florida prospects ... named the nation's 27th-ranked cornerback and the No. 66 player in the state by ESPN ... considered the nation's 42nd-best cornerback and the No. 70 player in the state by Rivals ... chose North Carolina originally over offers from LSU, Oregon, Ole Miss, Tennessee and Penn State, among others.

PERSONAL

- Dontae Balfour ... son of Darris Williams and Arthura Balfour.
- A leadership studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	2/0	4/0	11/11	12/12	29/23

* at North Carolina | * at Charlotte

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	INT	QBH
2021 (UNC)	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 (UNC)	4	5	1	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023 (CHAR)	11	34	20	54	1.0	7	11	2	0	1	0
2024 (CHAR)	12	36	13	49	2.5	5	11	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	29	75	34	109	3.5	12	22	2	0	3	0

INTERCEPTIONS	GP	No	Yds	TD	LG
2021 (UNC)	2	0	0	0	0
2022 (UNC)	4	0	0	0	0
2023 (CHAR)	11	1	0	0	0
2024 (CHAR)	12	2	1	0	1
TOTALS	29	3	1	0	1

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ CHARLOTTE)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
James Madison *	1	3	4	0.5-2	1-0	0	0	1	
at North Carolina *	1	0	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
Gardner-Webb *	4	0	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Indiana *	4	1	5	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1	
at Rice *	6	1	7	1.5-2	0-0	0	0	3	
East Carolina *	2	0	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Navy *	1	1	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	
at Memphis *	2	1	3	0.0-0	1-1	0	0	2	
Tulane *	2	2	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
South Florida *	3	1	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Florida Atl. *	2	2	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	2	
UAB *	8	1	9	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	2	
Totals	36	13	49	2.5-5	2-1	0	0	11	

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2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ CHARLOTTE)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
South Carolina St. *	2	1	3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Maryland *	1	3	4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Georgia State *	6	1	7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at Florida *	6	2	8	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
at SMU *	3	0	3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Navy *	3	3	6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at East Carolina *	1	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Florida Atl.	DNP								
at Tulsa *	1	2	3	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	3
Memphis *	4	5	9	0	1-0	0-0	1	0	4
Rice *	2	1	3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at South Florida *	5	2	7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Totals	34	20	54	0	1-0	1-0	2	0	11



E'Maurion BANKS

DL | 6-5 | 300 | Sr. | 5th Yr. | 2L
Wichita Falls, Texas | Rider HS
Career Games: 19 / Career Starts: 7

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Limited to only seven games as a junior due to a midseason injury ... suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Homecoming game against Baylor (10/19) ... had started in six of seven games to that point, failing to be in the opening rotation only in the road trip to Arizona (10/5).
- Totalled 16 tackles on the season, including 3.0 that went for a loss ... recorded at least one tackle in each of the first six games until the injury against Baylor and had two or more stops in five of those contests ... had at least a share of one tackle for loss in each of the first three games of the season ... added a quarterback hurry and a blocked kick overall.
- Credited with 273 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, creating 11 total pressures (2 quarterback hits and nine hurries) according to the publication.
- Opened the season with three tackles in the win over Abilene Christian (8/31), including a shared stop that went for a two-yard loss ... matched his career high with five tackles a week later at Washington State (9/7) with one going for a loss ... closed non-conference play with three tackles, including a season-high 1.5 for loss, in the win over North Texas (9/14).
- Began Big 12 play with only one tackle in the win over Arizona State (9/21) ... performance was more fondly remembered for his blocked PAT that kept Texas Tech's lead at eight points late in the third quarter ... marked the second blocked kick of his career, both of which have impacted Red Raider wins.
- Followed with two tackles in each of the next two games against Cincinnati (9/28) and at Arizona ... one quarterback hurry on the season came in the win over the Bearcats ... was injured early in the first half of the Baylor game to end his season.

2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Developed into a key contributor on the interior defensive line as a sophomore ... appeared in nine games overall with one start despite missing time early in the season due to injury ... held out of the final two games of non-conference play against Oregon (9/9) and Tarleton State (9/16) as well as the first two contests in Big 12 play.
- Finished with 15 tackles on the season (10 solo), including 4.5 for a loss and 1.5 sacks ... also recorded a blocked kick on special teams and a quarterback hurry ... credited with appearing in 231 defensive snaps on the season by Pro Football Focus.
- Opened the season with three tackles at Wyoming (9/2), which featured his first career sack ... combined with Trent Low for a key sack midway through the second quarter that forced a Wyoming punt.
- Missed the next four games before returning at Baylor (10/7) ... set a career-high at the time with four tackles in the win over the Bears, including one that went for a loss ... stuffed a Baylor rush attempt inside the red zone for a loss, eventually forcing the Bears into a field goal ... posted one tackle versus Kansas State (10/14) the following week.
- Registered two stops in the regular season finale at home versus UCF (11/18) ... credited with two key game-changing plays in the second half that helped push the Red Raiders to bowl eligibility ... had a quarterback hurry on UCF's first play of

its final drive of the third quarter, which led to a C.J. Baskerville interception and an eventual Gino Garcia field goal ... later leaped to block a UCF extra-point attempt that kept the Red Raiders in the lead with 5:30 remaining in the game ... the Red Raider offense burned the remainder of the clock on the ensuing drive to clinch the win ... marked the first blocked PAT by a Red Raider since 2019 when Zech McPhearson did so versus Kansas.

- Put together another memorable bowl performance for second-consecutive season with career highs for tackles (5), tackles for loss (2.0) and sacks (1.0) in the win over Cal (12/16) ... sack came midway through the fourth quarter, forcing Cal to a 3rd-and-12 and an eventual interception.

2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Appeared in two games along the defensive line as a redshirt freshman ... inserted in the season opener against Murray State (9/3) as well as the TaxAct Texas Bowl win over Ole Miss (12/28) ... made his first career tackle in the win over the Rebels.
- Credited as one of Texas Tech's most improved players late in the season by head coach Joey McGuire, leading to a significantly increased role in the bowl game ... credited with playing 24 snaps against Ole Miss, giving him 31 total on the season ... used as the primary backup to nose tackle Jaylon Hutchings in the Texas Bowl win.

2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in only one game as a true freshman, which came at Kansas (10/16) ... scout team member during first semester on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Rider High School in his hometown of Wichita Falls, Texas ... one of the more dominating defensive linemen in the state of Texas ... helped Rider advance to the state semifinal round of the Class 5A Division II playoffs.
- Listed as a Sports Illustrated All-America candidate as a senior ... was a second team All-State honoree by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) ... garnered first team All-District 3-5A honors and was named to the All-Red River first team by the Wichita Falls Times Record News for the second time in his career ... registered 51 tackles on the year, including 16 for a loss and six sacks to go along with 55 quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.
- Previously helped lead Rider to the Class 5A Division I state quarterfinals as a junior ... suffered a season-ending knee injury in Rider's regional finals win over Wichita Falls to end his junior year ... closed the season with 95 tackles, including a team-leading 14 sacks and 20 tackles for loss ... also recorded 30 quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and three fumble recoveries on his way to earning All-District 3-5A accolades ... found the quarterback 11 times for a sack over his final four games alone.
- Member of the basketball program at Rider in addition to his role on the football team.
- Considered a three-star prospect by Rivals, ESPN and 247Sports ... ranked as the No. 34 defensive tackle and the No. 76 player in the state of Texas by ESPN ... listed as the No. 44 strong-side defensive end in the country and the No. 112 player in Texas by 247Sports ... part of the top-100 players in Texas by Rivals at No. 98 overall ... chose Texas Tech over 16 other power-five offers.
- CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER: Arizona, Arkansas, Baylor, Colorado, Kansas, Kansas State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Ole Miss, TCU, Texas, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech and Washington State.

PERSONAL

- E'Maurion Banks ... goes by the nickname "Dooda" ... son of Kendra McCoy ... has four siblings: Darren, Kasan, Gabriel and Darranae ... cousin, Javen Banks, was a wide receiver at Texas State.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2021	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	1/0	2/0	9/1	7/6	19/7

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2021	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	2	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	9	10	5	15	4.5	15	0	0	0	1	1
2024	7	9	7	16	3.0	9	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	19	20	12	32	7.5	24	0	0	0	2	2

SACKS	G	UA	A	Total	Yds
2021	1	0	0	0.0	0
2022	2	0	0	0.0	0
2023	9	1	1	1.5	11
2024	7	0	0	0.0	0
Totals	19	1	1	1.5	11

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Abilene Christian	*	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0	0	0
at Washington St.	*	4	1	5	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0	0	0
North Texas	*	1	2	3	0.0-0	1.5-6	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	*	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
at Arizona		0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Baylor	*	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU		DNP-injured								
at Iowa State		DNP-injured								
Colorado		DNP-injured								
at Oklahoma St.		DNP-injured								
West Virginia		DNP-injured								
vs. Arkansas		DNP-injured								
Totals		9	7	16	0.0-0	3.0-9	0	0	0	1

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
at Wyoming		2	1	3	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
Oregon		DNP-injured								
Tarleton State		DNP-injured								
at West Virginia		DNP-injured								
Houston		DNP-injured								
at Baylor		4	0	4	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0	0
Kansas State		1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at BYU		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
TCU		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Kansas		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
UCF		2	0	2	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0	1
at Texas		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. California	*	1	4	5	1.0-10	2.0-10	0	0	0	0
Totals		10	5	15	1.5-11	4.5-15	0	0	0	1



Upton
BELLENFANT

K | 6-1 | 190 | Jr. | 4th Yr. (1st at Tech)

Murfreesboro, Tenn. | Stewarts Creek HS | Alabama | Buffalo

Career Games: 13 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER AWARDS & HONORS

- All-MAC Third Team (2024, Jr.)

2025 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... will have two seasons of eligibility at Texas Tech.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Began collegiate career in 2022 at Alabama ... was a member of the Crimson Tide program for two seasons (2022-23) before transferring to Buffalo (2024) for a highly successful first season seeing collegiate action.
- **2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at BUFFALO):** named to the All-MAC third team after connecting on 18-of-21 field goal attempts on the season and 31-of-31 extra-point attempts ... the 18 made field goals ranked second in Buffalo's program history for a single season ... combined to finish 10-of-11 on field goal attempts inside 39 yards and was a combined 8-of-10 at 40 yards or longer ... ranked 24th nationally and fourth in the MAC for field goal percentage (85.7 percent).
- Served as Buffalo's kickoff specialist, sending 34 of his 74 attempts for touchbacks ... averaged 61.3 yards per kick with only one attempt that went out of bounds.
- Found the uprights on the first nine field goals attempts on the season ... streak began with successful tries from 37 and 34 yards out against UMass (9/14) ...

followed by connecting on two attempts from 42 yards and another from 37 yards to finish 3-of-3 at Northern Illinois (9/21) ... streak continued with a 47-yarder at UConn (9/28), a 33-yarder versus Toledo (10/12) and a 26 and 22-yarder against Western Michigan (10/19).

- First miss of the season was from 47 yards at Ohio (10/26) ... rebounded later in the game to drill a 40-yard attempt ... combined to make his next three attempts with a 33-yarder and 36-yarder at Akron (11/2) and a 27-yarder versus Ball State (11/12) ... missed his only attempt at Eastern Michigan (11/20), a 55-yarder that marked his longest attempt of the season.
- Closed the regular season with a successful 42-yard attempt against Kent State (11/26) ... proceeded to finish 4-of-5 on field goal attempts in the Bahamas Bowl against Liberty (1/4), finding the uprights from 52, 43, 20 and 45 yards with the lone miss coming from 30 yards ... his season-long 52-yarder in the game was also a bowl record ... bowl performance came after his commitment to Texas Tech on Dec. 27.
- **2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at ALABAMA):** did not see game action ... transferred at end of the season.
- **2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN at ALABAMA):** redshirt season ... did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Stewarts Creek High School in Murfreesboro, Tenn. ... combined to make 8-of-11 field goals with a long of 47 yards over his junior and senior seasons... also handled punting duties for the Red Hawks... won the field goal contest at the end of Kohl's National Scholarship Camp against other top players in the country in 2020.

PERSONAL

- Upton Bellenfant ... born in Goodlettsville, Tenn. and raised in Murfreesboro, Tenn. ... son of Keith and Kit Bellenfant ... has two older sisters, Grahm and Campbell.
- Father played football at Cumberland University, also as a kicker, in the early 1990's.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	0/0	13/0	13/0

* at Alabama | * at Buffalo

FGs (Dis.)	Fgm-FGA	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
2024 (BUF)	18-21	0-0	4-4	6-7	7-8	1-2	0-0

SCORING	G	TD	Rush	Pass	Retn	PAT	2PAT	FG	Total	Avg/G
2024 (TTU)	13	0	0	0	0	31	0	18	85	6.5

2024 GAME-BY-GAME FG STATS (@ BUFFALO) | (Made), Missed, Blocked

Opponent	Att. 1	Att. 2	Att. 3	Att. 4	Att. 5	Totals	Long
Lafayette	-	-	-	-	-	0-of-0	-
at Missouri	-	-	-	-	-	0-of-0	-
UMass	(37)	(34)	-	-	-	2-of-2	37
at Northern Illinois	(42)	(42)	(37)	-	-	3-of-3	42
at UConn	(47)	-	-	-	-	1-of-1	47
Toledo	(33)	-	-	-	-	1-of-1	33
Western Michigan	(26)	(22)	-	-	-	2-of-2	26
at Ohio	47	(40)	-	-	-	1-of-2	40
at Akron	(33)	(36)	-	-	-	2-of-2	36
Ball State	(27)	-	-	-	-	1-of-1	27
at Eastern Michigan	55	-	-	-	-	0-of-1	-
Kent State	(42)	-	-	-	-	1-of-1	42
vs. Liberty	(52)	(43)	(20)	30	(45)	4-of-5	52
Totals						18-of-21	52



Amier
BOYD

CB | 6-2 | 190 | Jr. | 4th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Phoenix, Arizona | Mountain Pointe HS
Career Games: 24 / Career Starts: 5

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2025 SEASON (JUNIOR)

• Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... will have two seasons of eligibility at Texas Tech.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

• Spent first three seasons of collegiate career at UTEP ... utilized redshirt during his first season with the Miners in 2022 while playing the maximum four games to maintain season of eligibility ... played in 20 games over the next two seasons, totaling career 24 games played in from 2022-24.

• Earned five career starts during that time with four of the five starts coming as a sophomore in 2024 ... recorded 35 career tackles at UTEP plus two interceptions, six pass breakups and one forced fumble over three-year stint as a Miner ... credited with 845 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus over his tenure with the Miners to go along with an additional 139 snaps on special teams.

• **2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at UTEP):** played in nine games and made four starts during his best season with the Miners ... did not play in the season opener versus Nebraska (8/31) and was limited over the next three games ... missed the final two games of the season, finishing with 16 tackles, 1.0 tackle for loss, two interceptions, three pass breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

• Targeted 27 times according to Pro Football Focus, allowing only 10 catches for 175 yards ... opponents completed only 37.0 percent of passes against him on the season, which ranked tied for fifth nationally among cornerbacks with at least 200 coverage snaps ... publication credited him with 360 defensive snaps on the season and a 72.6 overall grade in coverage.

• Recorded two tackles over his first three games of the season against Southern Utah (9/7), at Liberty (9/14) and at Colorado State (9/21) despite playing in less than 10 defensive snaps in all three contests ... started four of the next five games against Sam Houston (10/3), FIU (10/16), at LA Tech (10/22), and Middle Tennessee (11/2).

• Intercepted first career pass in the fourth quarter versus FIU, aiding the Miners to a 30-21 win ... forced a fumble and recovered the fumble on the opening kickoff to start the third quarter against Middle Tennessee a few weeks later, setting up a 29-yard made field goal ... part of a season-high five tackles against the Blue Raiders ... picked off second interception of the season versus Kennesaw State (11/9) and first tackle for loss of the season.

• **2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at UTEP):** played in 11 games while making one start as a redshirt freshman ... lone start came against UNLV (9/23) to close non-conference play ... tallied 11 tackles (10 solo), 1.0 tackle for loss and three breakups overall on 317 defensive snaps ... best performance came early in the season with three tackles in a win over Incarnate Word (9/2) ... later recorded first career tackle for loss at Middle Tennessee (11/18) to go with a pass breakup.

• **2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN at UTEP):** redshirt season ... saw action in last four games of the regular season, starting the final three contests at Rice (11/3), versus FIU (11/19) and at UTSA (11/26) ... tallied eight tackles overall, which came over the two road games at Rice and UTSA with four stops in both contests ... credited with 168 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus over the final third of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Mountain Pointe High School in Phoenix, Ariz. ... two-way star as both a quarterback and wide receiver as well as a defensive back ... enrolled at Mountain Pointe as a junior after previously attending South Mountain High School.

• Focused primarily at wide receiver his senior season after starting at quarterback as a junior ... was still the backup quarterback for the Pride ... caught 25 passes as a senior for 378 yards and two touchdowns, while also rushing for 230 yards and three touchdowns on only 30 attempts (7.7 yards per carry) ... inserted at quarterback in 10 games, throwing for 320 yards and three touchdowns on 21-of-36 passing.

• Defensively, tallied 57 tackles (44 solo) with six pass breakups, a fumble recovery for 63 yards and two forced fumbles ... picked off two passes for 77 yards including a 54-yard pick six ... hauled in four passes for 88 yards and a touchdown against Desert Vista ... reeled in a receiving score, returned an interception 54 yards for a touchdown and tallied six tackles against Brophy College Prep ... recorded a season-high 10 tackles against Basha.

PERSONAL

• Amier Boyd ... born and raised in Phoenix, Ariz. ... son of Stephanie Boyd and Charles Matthews ... has two siblings, Autumn and Anayah ... has a son, Kaiden Boyd, born summer of 2023.
• An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION

2022* 2023* 2024* CAREER

GP/GS 4/0 11/1 9/4 24/5

* at UTEP

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	INT
2022 (UTEP)	4	6	2	8	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
2023 (UTEP)	11	10	1	11	1.0	1	3	0	0	0
2024 (UTEP)	9	12	4	16	1.0	4	3	1	0	2
TOTALS	24	28	7	35	2.0	5	6	1	0	2

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ UTEP)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
at Nebraska				DNP					
Southern Utah	0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Liberty	0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Colorado State	1	1	2	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Sam Houston	*	2	1	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Western Ky.	1	0	1	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
FIU	*	1	1	2	0.0-0	1-0	0	0	0
at La. Tech	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Middle Tenn.	*	4	1	5	0.0-0	0-0	1	0	1
Kennesaw St.	2	0	2	0	1.0-4	1-0	0	0	1
at Tennessee				DNP					
at New Mexico St.				DNP					
Totals	12	4	16	0	1.0-4	2-0	1	0	3



Ren
BROWN

OL | 6-4 | 305 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Stanton, Nebraska | Stanton HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended his hometown Stanton High School in Nebraska ... program competed in back-to-back NSAA State Championships under head coach David Stoddard during the 2023 and 2024 seasons, going 25-1 in that stretch ... won the NSAA Class D1 title as a junior in 2023 and was the NSAA Class D1 runner-up in 2024, falling 44-42 to snap a 25-game winning streak over those two years.

• Played on both the offensive and defensive lines to go along with some action at tight end during prep career ... played every position along the offensive line but is projected as a tackle at the college level.

• Named a first team All-State selection following both his junior and senior seasons ... tabbed a first team All-District honoree three years in a row as a sophomore, junior and senior.

• Listed as the No. 10-ranked high school player in the state of Nebraska by BVM Sports ... also recognized the No. 10 Class of 2025 Nebraska high school prospect by Sports Illustrated ... his signing provided Texas Tech with two of top-10 prospects from Nebraska on that list as he joined future teammate Garin Maley from Papillion-La Vista who was No. 6 overall.

• A three-sport athlete, also competing on the basketball and track teams ... logged a top shot put distance of 51'-5" in the 2024 outdoor season and a 154'-8" discus toss ... set the Stanton school record in Hexbar deadlift of 625 pounds.

• Committed to Texas Tech in June 2024 ... a consensus three-star recruit by the likes of On3, 24/7Sports, Rivals and ESPN ... ranked as high as No. 9 in the state of Nebraska by Rivals.

• **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Oregon State, South Dakota, Kansas State, Northern Illinois, Eastern Michigan, Army, Air Force, South Dakota State, Ohio, Northern Iowa, North Dakota and Montana.

PERSONAL

• Ren Brown ... son of Austin Brown and Jamie Bachmann ... born in Norfolk, Neb. ... calls Stanton, Neb. home ... has two siblings, Shay Bulson and Lilia Evans.
• A kinesiology major at Texas Tech.



Jack BURGESS

P | 6-3 | 210 | Sr. | 4th Yr. (2nd at Tech) | 1L

Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, Australia | St. Patrick's College | Weber State
Career Games: 37 / Career Starts: 0

41

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

CAREER HONORS

- Semifinalist for FCS Punter of the Year (2023, So.)
- All-Big Sky honorable mention selection (2023, So.)
- Academic All-Big Sky honors (2022, Fr.)

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Immediately became Texas Tech's primary punter during his first season as a Red Raider ... appeared in all 13 games as both a punter and the field goal holder.
- Averaged 42.2 yards per punt over his 47 attempts on the season ... known for his punt placement with 23 going for fair catches and 19 being downed inside the 20-yard line ... also had five punts of at least 50 yards with a long for the season of 59 yards.
- Called on to punt in 12 of 13 games overall with the lone exception being the regular season finale against West Virginia (11/30) ... the Red Raiders scored in nine of their 10 possessions in the 52-15 rout of the Mountaineers with lone exception being the result of an interception ... marked the first time Texas Tech did not punt in a game since facing Kansas in 2021.
- Ended the season with a 76.2 overall grade from Pro Football Focus, which ranked 21st nationally ... publication listed him with a 4.06 hangtime for the season, which was tied for 17th nationally and fifth in the Big 12 Conference.
- **IN THE BIG 12 RANKINGS:** Ended the season ranked fourth in the league for punting average (42.2) ... had the fourth-most punt attempts on the season in the conference.
- Averaged more than 40.0 yards per punt in 11 of 12 games with an attempt overall ... lone exception was versus Cincinnati (9/28) with one attempt for only 37 yards ... punt came from the Cincinnati 47-yard line and pinned the Bearcats at their own 10-yard line with less than two minutes remaining and the Red Raiders leading 44-41.
- Top average on the season came in the win over North Texas (9/14) with four attempts for 182 yards (45.5 average) ... second-highest average with multiple attempts was a 43.8 clip versus Arkansas (12/27) in the Liberty Bowl ... also had a 43.7 average on three attempts versus Colorado (11/9) late in the season.
- Set a season high with seven punt attempts in the win at Arizona (10/5) ... called on to punt at least five times in four different games against Arizona State (9/21) and then three consecutive contests versus Baylor (10/19), TCU (10/26) and Iowa State (11/2).

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech as one of the top FCS punters in the country at Weber State with two seasons of eligibility remaining ... the second Australian-born punter to sign with the Red Raiders since 2017, joining Dominic Panazzolo (2017-18), who also transferred to Texas Tech with two years of eligibility from a program in Utah (Snow College).
- Averaged 44.1 yards per punt over 100 attempts during his two seasons with a long of 70 yards ... booted 25 of his attempts 50 or more yards, including 20 during his sophomore season alone ... accurate placement with 44 punts downed inside the 20 over his career and only eight touchbacks.
- **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at WEBER STATE):** one of eight semifinalists for the FCS Punter of the Year Award as a sophomore ... an honorable mention All-Big Sky selection as well after averaging 47.2 yards per punt on his 54 attempts.
- Led the Big Sky Conference and ranked second in the FCS in punting average ... the Wildcats were also second in the FCS with a 42.0 net punting average ... had 20 of his punts go at least 50 yards ... downed 21 of his punts inside the 20 to give Weber State significant field position throughout the season.
- **2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN at WEBER STATE):** joined the Wildcats in the summer of 2022 and played in all 13 games, helping Weber State to a 10-win season and a trip to the second round of the FCS Playoffs.
- Finished ninth in the Big Sky with an average of 40.5 yards per punt ... had 46 punts on the year for 1,863 yards with five attempts of more than 50 yards, including a season-long of 68 yards in a win over Montana ... placed 23 punts - exactly 50.0 percent of his attempts - inside the 20-yard line ... averaged a season-high 50.0 yards per punt in WSU's win over Eastern Washington.
- Earned Academic All-Big Sky honors for his work in the classroom.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended St. Patrick's College, a Catholic secondary College that provides education for boys from Year 7 to Year 12, with an emphasis on academic and sporting programs in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia ... sports played at the prep level included Australian rules football, cricket and basketball.

PERSONAL

- Jack Burgess ... born in Sale, Victoria, Australia ... raised in Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, Australia ... son of Maria Burgess and the late Ian Burgess ... has one sibling, an older sister, Elysia.
- Began watching the NFL in 2017 and college football soon after, which first generated interest in American football ... product of the Melbourne-based American football punting academy, Prokick Australia
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022*	2023*	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	13/0	11/0	13/0	37/0

* indicates seasons at Weber State

CAREER PUNTING	G	No.	Yards	Lg	Avg
2022 (WEBER)	13	46	1,863	68	40.5
2023 (WEBER)	11	54	2,548	70	47.2
2024 (TTU)	13	47	1,982	59	42.2
Totals	37	147	6,393	70	43.5

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20
Abilene Christian	1	45	45.0	45	0	0	1	0	1
at Washington St.	3	128	42.7	59	0	0	1	1	0
North Texas	4	182	45.5	52	0	0	0	2	2
Arizona State	5	210	42.0	49	0	1	2	0	1
Cincinnati	1	37	37.0	37	0	0	1	0	1
at Arizona	7	295	42.1	47	0	0	3	0	2
Baylor	5	202	40.4	47	0	0	2	0	2
at TCU	5	212	42.4	52	0	1	2	1	4
at Iowa State	5	196	39.2	45	0	0	4	0	1
Colorado	3	131	43.7	45	0	0	3	0	1
at Oklahoma St.	4	169	42.3	51	0	0	2	1	2
West Virginia	0	0	00.0	00	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	4	175	43.8	46	0	0	2	0	2
Totals	47	1,982	42.2	59	0	2	23	5	19

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ WEBER STATE)

Opponent	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20
Central Wash.	6	256	42.7	53	0	0	0	2	3
at Northern Iowa	6	275	45.8	54	0	0	3	2	1
at Utah	7	337	48.1	61	0	1	2	2	3
Montana State	7	345	49.3	70	0	1	2	2	1
at N. Colorado	3	146	48.7	58	0	0	1	2	3
Northern Arizona	5	244	48.8	58	0	1	0	2	1
UC Davis	5	232	46.4	57	0	0	2	2	3
at Eastern Wash.	3	149	49.7	54	0	1	1	1	1
at Idaho State	5	239	47.8	58	0	0	3	2	3
Idaho	5	223	44.6	56	0	1	1	2	1
at Cal Poly	2	102	51.0	57	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	54	2,548	47.2	70	0	5	15	20	21

2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ WEBER STATE)

Opponent	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20
Western Oregon	2	85	42.5	44	0	0	2	0	1
at Utah State	4	195	48.8	53	0	0	1	1	1
Utah State	4	163	40.8	43	0	0	2	0	4
at UC Davis	7	251	35.9	43	0	0	4	0	4
Eastern Wash.	2	100	50.0	54	0	1	0	1	1
at Portland State	3	108	36.0	43	0	1	0	0	1
at Montana State	1	38	38.0	38	0	0	1	0	0
Montana	7	312	44.6	68	0	1	3	2	2
Sacramento State	3	112	37.3	41	0	0	3	0	2
Idaho State	3	120	40.0	49	0	0	2	0	2
at N. Arizona	3	126	42.0	52	0	0	2	1	3
North Dakota	3	92	30.7	36	0	0	1	0	1
at Montana State	4	161	40.3	44	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	46	1,863	40.5	68	0	3	22	5	23

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TEXAS TECH



Davion CARTER

OL | 6-0 | 295 | S-Sr. | 6th Yr. (2nd at Tech) | 1L
Pearl, Miss. | Pearl HS | Northwest Miss. CC | Memphis
Career Games: 37 / Career Starts: 35

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

CAREER HONORS

- CSC Academic All-District honoree (2024, Sr.)
- Second team All-AAC selection by Phil Steele Magazine (2023, Jr.)

2024 SEASON (SENIOR)

- Appeared in all 13 games with 12 starts during his first season as a Red Raider ... was Texas Tech's primary starter at right guard throughout the season with all 12 starts at that spot ... lone missed start was early in the season at Washington State (9/7).
- Considered one of Texas Tech's top offensive linemen, grading out at 70.6 overall by Pro Football Focus, which trailed only Caleb Rogers (70.8) on the team ... overall grade was sixth on the team among offensive players with at least 200 snaps on the season.
- Listed as one of the top pass-blocking guards in the country with an 86.2 grade by PFF ... credited with only one sack surrendered and nine pressures allowed by PFF over 483 pass blocking opportunities ... ranked tied for 14th nationally for his pass blocking grade among guards (minimum 300 offensive snaps) and fourth among Big 12 players ... was eighth overall among power conference guards.
- One of the nation's top pass-protecting offensive linemen with only two sacks allowed in his three years at the FBS level over 1,482 opportunities ... has allowed only 24 total pressures during that span as well for a 99.1 efficiency rating for his career, per PFF.
- Credited with 870 offensive snaps by PFF, which was eight shy of his career high that was set in 2022 at Memphis ... ranked fourth on the team for total offensive snaps behind only Caleb Rogers (1,025), Sheridan Wilson (1,021) and Behren Morton (872).
- Part of a Texas Tech offense that ended the season ranked fourth in the country in scoring at 37.6 points per game ... the Red Raiders were also ninth in the FBS for both passing offense (296.7 yards per game) and total offense (462.7 yards per game).
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized for his work in the classroom as part of the Academic All-District Team compiled by the College Sports Communicators (CSC).
- **SENIOR DECISION:** elected to return for a final season after receiving an extra year of eligibility via an NCAA blanket waiver for all student-athletes who previously competed at a non-NCAA school for one or more years and would have otherwise exhausted their NCAA eligibility following the 2024 season.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech following two seasons at Memphis (2022-23) as well as two seasons at Northwest Mississippi Community College (2020-21) ... arrived originally with one season of eligibility with the Red Raiders before being granted an NCAA blanket waiver following the 2024 campaign.
- Considered one of the top offensive guards in the FBS during the 2023 season with the Tigers ... earned starting nod at right guard in 23 games during his Memphis career ... surrendered only one sack in exactly 1,000 opportunities in two seasons at Memphis, according to Pro Football Focus.
- **2023 SEASON (SENIOR at MEMPHIS):** started all 12 games during his final season as a Tiger ... earned second team All-AAC honors by Phil Steele Magazine after helping push the Tigers to a 9-3 overall record and an appearance in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.
- Credited with 852 snaps offensively by Pro Football Focus, finishing with an 81.5 overall grade ... ranked seventh in the FBS among offensive guards and second overall in the AAC for offensive grade ... was tied for 10th among FBS guards with a 86.7 overall pass blocking grade after giving up only one sack and seven hurries over 498 opportunities ... did not commit a single penalty throughout the season.
- **2022 SEASON (JUNIOR at MEMPHIS):** appeared in 12 of 13 games overall with 11 starts ... helped push the Tigers to a 7-6 record following a victory in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl.
- Credited with 878 offensive snaps for a Tigers offense that ranked 21st in the FBS in passing offense (279.2) and 22nd in scoring offense (35.3) ... received an 85.8 pass blocking grade by PFF after giving up two quarterback hits and five hurries in 502 opportunities ... did not allow a single sack on the season ... his pass blocking grade ranked tied for 13th in the FBS among offensive guards.

- **NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE (2020-21):** helped lead the Rangers to back-to-back MACCC championships during his two seasons ... played in one of the top junior college conferences in the country ... started all 18 games of his career for a Northwest program that was a combined 15-3 over those two seasons.
- Tabbed the Offensive Line MVP for the MACCC North Division his sophomore season ... was a first team All-MACCC selection that same year ... helped push the Rangers to the NJCAA Division-I playoffs that season after Northwest ranked third in the league in rushing yards and seventh nationally ... the Rangers also led the MACCC in passing yards and ranked sixth in the country.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Pearl High School in his hometown of Pearl, Miss ... member of Pearl's 2017 Class 6A state champion team.
- Paved the way for a Pirate offense that averaged 227.1 yards per game on the ground that season ... credited with 65 pancake blocks during his senior season, finishing with 10 or more in three games.
- Selected to the Mississippi Association of Coaches 6A All-State first team as a senior ... recognized on the inaugural Priority One Bank/Mississippi Scoreboard All-Metro first team as well as the MaxPreps All-State first team ... a second team All-State honoree by Belk Ford All-Southern Elite Sports and the Clarion Ledger All-State.
- Later represented Mississippi in the Mississippi/Alabama Football Classic following his senior season.

PERSONAL

- Davion Carter ... son of Bobby and Brandi Carter ... has two older siblings, Destiny and Devin.
- Earned his bachelor's degree in university studies from Texas Tech in August 2025 ... will enroll in graduate classes during final season as a Red Raider.

PARTICIPATION	2020*	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	-/-	-/-	12/11	12/12	13/12	37/35

* at Northwest Mississippi CC | * at Memphis



Terrance CARTER JR.

TE | 6-2 | 245 | Jr. | 4th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Killeen, Texas | Harker Heights HS | Louisiana
Career Games: 26 / Career Starts: 15

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER HONORS

- All-Sun Belt First Team (2024, So.)

2025 (JUNIOR)

- Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 with two seasons of eligibility.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Spent first three seasons of collegiate career with the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns in Lafayette, La. ... played in 26 career games and made 15 starts at Louisiana ... considered one of the nation's top tight ends in the transfer portal.
- Combined for 76 receptions, 944 receiving yards and seven receiving touchdowns over 25 games the previous two seasons (2023-24) ... bulk of yardage came during a breakout sophomore season in 2024 ... appeared in only one game as a true freshman in 2022 ... combined for 990 offensive snaps over his three seasons at Louisiana according to Pro Football Focus.
- **2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at LOUISIANA):** started all 13 games during his sophomore year at Louisiana ... did not participate in Ragin' Cajuns bowl game ... tabbed to the All-Sun Belt first team in first season as the Ragin' Cajuns starting tight end ... ranked second on the team in receptions (48), receiving yards (689), receiving touchdowns (4) and receiving yards per game (53.0).
- Led all Sun Belt tight ends in receiving yards and receiving yards per game ... owned the seventh-most receiving yards by a tight end in the FBS and the eighth-most receiving yards per game ... had 404 yards after the catch, the fourth-most among FBS tight ends.
- Owned the fifth-best receiving grade (89.2) among all FBS tight ends according to Pro Football Focus ... caught 77.4 percent of his 62 targets, according to Pro Football Focus, which ranked as the fourth-best percentage among tight ends who were targeted 60 or more times ... credited with 653 offensive snaps by the publication, which awarded him an 82.5 overall offensive grade.

• Started the season with three receptions for 35 yards and a touchdown against Grambling (8/31) ... recorded three catches for 17 yards at Kennesaw State (9/7) the next week ... had four receptions for 79 yards and a touchdown versus Tulane (9/21) ... recorded one reception for 14 yards at Wake Forest (9/28) ... had a season-high seven receptions for 64 yards at Southern Miss (10/5).

• Notched his first career 100-yard receiving performance versus Appalachian State (10/12) with a four-catch, 107-yard game that included a Rajin' Cajin season-long 74-yard touchdown reception ... matched season-high of seven receptions at Coastal Carolina (10/19) with a season-best 149 receiving yards and one touchdown ... the contest included second-longest catch of the season, a 59-yard gain.

• Followed with four catches for 46 yards at Texas State (10/29) ... had three catches for 47 yards versus Arkansas State (11/9) ... recorded five receptions and 41 yards against South Alabama (11/16) ... had five receptions for 63 yards versus Troy (11/23) ... had two catches for 27 yards at ULM (11/30) ... did not record a catch in final game against Marshall in the Sun Belt title game (12/7).

• **2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at LOUISIANA):** appeared in 12 games as a redshirt freshman with starts against Georgia State (Oct. 21) and Arkansas State (Nov. 4) ... caught 28 passes for 255 yards and three touchdowns in first full season ... recorded at least one catch in 11 of 12 games played during the season.

• Opened year with two receptions for season-high 42 yards against Northwestern State (Sept. 2) ... had season-long 35-yard grab and added a 30-yard kick return for Cajuns against their in-state opponent ... caught season-high five passes against Arkansas State (Nov. 4) ... caught touchdown passes in games against UAB (Sept. 16), Georgia State (Oct. 21) and Troy (Nov. 18) ... caught 22 passes over his final seven games of the season ... added three receptions in games against South Alabama (Oct. 28), Southern Miss (Nov. 9), ULM (Nov. 25) and Jacksonville State (Dec. 16).

• **2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN at LOUISIANA):** redshirt season ... made collegiate debut in season-opener against Southeastern Louisiana, his lone appearance on the season.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Harker Heights High School in Killeen, Texas ... dynamic offensive weapon who made the switch from quarterback to tight end during prep career ... move ultimately helped generate his recruiting profile, landing him an early offer from Louisiana.

• Named the District 12-6A Offensive Most Valuable Player as a senior after catching 23 passes for 330 yards and six touchdowns ... previously caught 34 passes for 555 yards and six touchdowns as a junior ... also completed 21 of 36 passes for 246 yards and two passing touchdowns as a junior in 2020.

• Listed as a three-star prospect by 247Sports as part of the 2022 class ... ranked as the No. 83 tight end in the country and No. 183 among prospects from the state of Texas by the publication.

PERSONAL

• Terrance Carter Jr. ... born and raised in Killeen, Texas ... mother is CoQuece Jenkins ... father is Terrance Carter Sr. ... has two younger siblings, Jayden and Kellen ... teammates call him "T.C."

• An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	1/0	12/2	13/13	26/15

* at Louisiana

CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2022 (UL)	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2023 (UL)	12	28	255	3	-	2.3	9.1	21.3
2024 (UL)	13	48	689	4	-	3.7	14.4	53.0
Totals	26	76	944	7	-	2.9	12.6	36.3

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KR	IR	Total	Avg/G
2022 (UL)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2023 (UL)	12	0	255	0	25	0	280	23.3
2024 (UL)	13	0	689	0	0	0	689	53.0
Totals	26	0	944	0	25	0	969	37.3

2024 GAME-BY-GAME (@ LOUISIANA)

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	Lg	Rush	Yds	TD
Grambling	*	3	35	1	11.7	15	0	0	0
at Kennesaw St.	*	3	17	0	5.7	7	0	0	0
Tulane	*	4	79	1	19.8	36	0	0	0
at Wake Forest	*	1	14	0	14.0	14	0	0	0
at Southern Miss.	*	7	64	0	9.1	21	0	0	0
Appalachian State	*	4	107	1	26.8	74	0	0	0
at Coastal Carolina	*	7	149	1	21.3	59	0	0	0
at Texas State	*	4	46	0	11.5	14	0	0	0
Arkansas State	*	3	47	0	15.7	25	0	0	0
South Alabama	*	5	41	0	8.2	17	0	0	0
Troy	*	5	63	0	12.6	27	0	0	0
at UL Monroe	*	2	27	0	13.5	20	0	0	0
Marshall	*	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
vs. TCU	DNP								
Totals		48	689	4	14.4	74	0	0	0

2023 GAME-BY-GAME (@ LOUISIANA)

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	Lg	Rush	Yds	TD
Northwestern State		2	42	0	21.0	35	0	0	0
at Old Dominion		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
at UAB		2	22	1	11.0	11	0	0	0
Buffalo		1	16	0	16.0	16	0	0	0
at Minnesota		1	5	0	5.0	5	0	0	0
Texas State	DNP								
Georgia State	*	4	20	1	5.0	8	0	0	0
at South Alabama		3	36	0	12.0	18	0	0	0
at Arkansas State	*	5	17	0	3.4	7	0	0	0
Southern Miss.		3	26	0	8.7	15	0	0	0
at Troy		1	4	1	4.0	4	0	0	0
UL Monroe		3	37	0	12.3	18	0	0	0
vs. Jacksonville State		3	30	0	10.0	20	0	0	0
Totals		28	255	3	9.1	35	0	0	0



Connor
CARTY

OL | 6-4 | 290 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Prosper, Texas | Prosper HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Prosper High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... a central piece to one of the best offensive lines in the state of Texas as a three-year starter ... the Eagles were a combined 32-7 over his three-year stretch working up front.

• A two-time All-District first team selection honoree after being recognized for District 6-6A as a senior and 5-6A first team as a junior ... helped lead Prosper to an 8-3 record as a senior and a runner-up finish in District 6-6A ... a key cog to an offense that scored a school record 84 points, including nine rushing touchdowns, in an 84-41 rout of Princeton on Oct. 31, 2024.

• Signing reunited him at Texas Tech with fellow Prosper alumnus Ellis Davis, who was part of the same offensive line units with the Eagles from 2022-23 ... Davis was a member of Texas Tech's 2024 signing class

• Named to the All-District 5-6A first team as a junior, side by side with Ellis Davis in 2023, making up two of the five selections on the offensive line ... helped the Eagles average nearly 40 points per game and over 400 total yards per game in the regular season en route to claiming the District 5-6A title.

• Competed for the track and field in addition to football ... recorded junior season shot put throws of 43-10 and 43-6.5, per MileSplit ... did not compete in track as a senior after signing with Texas Tech as a mid-year enrollee.

• Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals and a three-star prospect by On3, 247Sports and ESPN ... held a 247Sports four-star composite ranking ... ranked as the No. 46 interior offensive lineman in the country and No. 90 overall prospect in Texas, according to 247Sports ... one of the final additions to Texas Tech's early signing class in December.

• **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Arizona State, Arkansas, Baylor, Boston College, Duke, Florida, Houston, Kansas, LSU, Missouri, Nebraska, North Texas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Ole Miss, Oregon, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Purdue, SMU, Stanford, TCU, Texas, UNLV, USC and Utah.



Cash CLEVELAND

OL | 6-2 | 305 | So. | 2nd Yr. (1st at Tech)
Rockwell, Texas | IMG Academy | Colorado
Career Games: 6 / Career Starts: 4

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Jayden COFIELD

DL | 6-2 | 330 | So. | 3rd Yr. | 1L
Austin, Texas | Manor HS
Career Games: 16 / Career Starts: 2

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

CAREER HONORS

- On3 Freshman All-American (Fr., 2024)
- 247Sports Freshman All-American (Fr., 2024)
- Pro Football Focus Freshman All-America Team (Fr., 2024)

2025 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

• Joined the Red Raiders in late May as a spring addition from the transfer portal ... will have three seasons of eligibility remaining with the Red Raiders, including a possible redshirt.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech following one season at Big 12 counterpart Colorado ... played in six games as a true freshman for the Buffaloes, making starts in each of the final four contests.
- Earned Freshman All-America honors from the likes of On3, 247Sports and Pro Football Focus ... became the first Colorado true freshman walk-on to start at center for the Buffaloes in school history.
- Made his first career start against Utah (11/16) late in the 2024 season and proceeded to lead the Buffs at center the next three games at Kansas (11/23) and against Oklahoma State (11/29) and BYU (12/28) in the Valero Alamo Bowl ... made collegiate debut at Arizona (10/19) midway through Big 12 play.
- Earned first career start at Utah following an impressive performance off the bench against Texas Tech (11/9) ... played 68 offensive snaps against the Red Raiders and did not give up a pressure the entire game.
- Credited with 315 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, including 217 in pass-blocking opportunities ... allowed only one sack and three total pressures overall on the season ... awarded a 77.5 grade as a pass blocker, which ranked fifth nationally among underclassmen centers nationally and fourth from those in a power conference.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. during final year of high school ... was the starting center for IMG as a senior ... previously started three seasons at Rockwall-Heath High School, outside of Dallas, Texas, prior to transferring to the IMG Academy.
- Garnered first team All-District 10-6A honors as a junior for a Heath program that advanced to the area round of the Class 6A Division II playoffs ... Heath made it a round further his sophomore year with an appearance in the regional semifinals.
- Named to the All-District 10-6A second team his sophomore season in 2021 ... earned starting job at center as only a freshman for a Heath team that fell to Cedar Hill in the regional finals.
- Considered a three-star prospect by On3 coming out of high school ... chose to walk-on with the Buffaloes over opportunities with South Florida, Georgia Tech and Tennessee.

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Entered the defensive line rotation as a redshirt freshman ... appeared in all 13 games with two starts at Washington State and in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas ... was the only interior defensive lineman to play in all 13 games.
- Finished with 23 tackles, including 4.5 for loss and 2.0 sacks, on the season ... led all interior defensive linemen in tackles as a consistent presence in the two-deep ... ranked tied for third on the team in tackles for loss, trailing only Jacob Rodriguez (10.5) and A.J. McCarty (6.5) ... added two quarterback hurries and a pass breakup as well.
- Recorded at least one tackle in 11 of 13 games overall with a season high of four against both North Texas (9/14) and Arkansas (12/27) ... notched at least two stops in seven different games.
- Credited with 343 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which was third in the interior defensive line room ... publication awarded him with a 62.7 overall grade after totaling seven total pressures on the season (2.0 sacks, quarterback hit and four hurries) ... productive with 17 defensive "stop" tackles, according to PFF, which resulted in a negative play for the offense ... led the defensive line and ranked fourth on the team for total "stop" tackles.
- Recorded one tackle in the season opener versus Abilene Christian (8/31), which went for a two-yard loss ... the tackle for loss came at a pivotal time for the Red Raiders, halting ACU on a 4th-and-1 attempt to give the Red Raiders the ball back near midfield ... marked the first tackle for loss of his career at the time.
- Followed with three tackles at Washington State (9/7), which surpassed his entire career total at the time ... performance coincided with his first career start ... credited with 33 defensive snaps by PFF, his third-highest total on the season ... set a new career high with four tackles in the rout over North Texas (9/14) a week later ... received a 74.7 overall grade in the win, which was his highest of the season.
- Opened Big 12 play with a tackle in the win over Arizona State (9/21) ... followed with two tackles in the win over Cincinnati (9/28), including a two-yard sack that marked the first of his career ... sack came on 1st-and-goal for the Bearcats at the Red Raider 7-yard line, which ultimately forced Cincinnati into a 26-yard field goal ... recorded one tackle in the win at Arizona (10/5) to go along with his first of two quarterback hurries on the season.
- Notched two stops against Baylor (10/19), his fourth multi-tackle performance of the season at that point ... totaled three tackles in the top 10 road win at Iowa State (11/2), including one for a one-yard loss that stuffed the Cyclones on 3rd-and-10 in the fourth quarter ... wrapped the regular season with two tackles against West Virginia (11/30), including his second sack of the season, which went for a nine-yard loss ... sack came on 3rd-and-8 to force a punt by the Mountaineers near midfield.
- Matched his career high with four tackles in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl against Arkansas (12/27) to go along with a quarterback hurry and his lone pass breakup on the season ... had one tackle go for a four-yard loss on first down, which led to an Arkansas 3-and-out midway through the second quarter.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in three games overall with two being during Big 12 play and the other in the Independence Bowl win over Cal (12/16).
- Registered one tackle in limited action, which came in his collegiate debut against Houston (9/30) ... also saw action in the regular-season finale at Texas (11/24) ...
- Scout team member during majority of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Manor High School in his hometown of Manor, Texas, outside of Austin ... four-year varsity letterwinner between his time at Manor as well as Del Valle High School during his freshman and sophomore seasons.
- Selected to the All-District teams in each of his four seasons ... was a unanimous first team All-District 25-6A selection as a senior after pushing Manor to a 7-4 record and a Class 6A playoff appearance ... garnered District 11-5A Defensive Newcomer of the Year honors as a junior in 2021 ... helped push Manor to an appearance in the Class 5A Division I area round that season.
- Combined for 111 tackles, including 37.0 tackles for loss and eight sacks during

his two seasons at Manor alone ... also had six forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries during that span with one being returned for a touchdown.

- Collected second team All-District 25-6A accolades at Del Valle High School as a freshman in 2019 and first team honors as a sophomore ... credited with 51 tackles as a sophomore, including 10.0 tackles for loss and 4.0 sacks.
- Member of the school's varsity powerlifting and track and field programs during prep career.
- Consensus three-star recruit by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and ON3.com ... listed as the No. 44 defensive tackle in the country by Rivals and at No. 45 according to ESPN.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Arizona State, Baylor, Houston, Kansas, Minnesota, SMU, TCU, UTSA and Washington State.

PERSONAL

- Jayden Jeffrey Cofield ... son of Kevin and Angelia Cofield ... has twin younger siblings, Jaila and Jaxson.
- Mother was previously a volleyball student-athlete at the University of Houston.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	3/0	13/2	16/2

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2023	3	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	13	11	12	23	4.5	17	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	16	12	12	24	4.5	17	1	0	0	0	2

SACKS	G	UA	A	Total	Yds
2023	3	0	0	0.0	0
2024	13	2	0	2.0	11
Totals	16	2	0	2.0	11

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Abilene Christian	1	0	1		0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0	0
at Washington St. *	3	0	3		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
North Texas	0	4	4		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	0	1	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	1	1	2		1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0	0
at Arizona	0	1	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
Baylor	1	1	2		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU	0	0	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	1	2	3		0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.	0	0	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	2	0	2		1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas *	2	2	4		0.0-0	1.0-4	0	0	0	1
Totals	11	12	23		2.0-11	4.5-17	0	0	0	2



Chief COLLINS

S | 6-0 | 200 | Sr. | 5th Yr. | 2L
Lucas, Texas | Lovejoy HS
Career Games: 27 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Appeared in all 13 games as a regular member of the kickoff coverage unit as well as on kickoff returns and punt returns ... ranked as one of Texas Tech's top special teams contributors.
- Finished second on the team with 89 total offensive snaps on kickoff coverage, according to Pro Football Focus ... made two tackles on the season with special teams stops against both Arizona State (9/21) and at Arizona (10/5).

2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Appeared in all 13 games as a sophomore, mainly on special teams as a member of both the kickoff and punt return units ... made one tackle on the season, which came in the Independence Bowl victory over Cal (12/16).

- Credited with 86 snaps on special teams by Pro Football Focus, including 66 on kickoff coverage, which trailed only Terrell Tilmon on the team.

2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Saw action in one game during his redshirt freshman season, which came in the season opener against Murray State (9/3) ... scout team member.

2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... scout team member ... did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Lovejoy High School near his hometown of Lucas, Texas ... helped lead Lovejoy to a 13-1 record as a senior, advancing to the fourth round of the 5A playoffs ... served as a team captain that season.
- Earned first team All-State and first team All-Area honors as a senior after making 105 tackles and recording seven interceptions ... participated in track, power lifting and fishing at Lovejoy as well.

PERSONAL

- Chief Collins ... born to Chad and Kelly Collins in Houston ... has two siblings, Carson and Caroline ... father played football at Texas Tech (lettered in 1984).
- Enjoys fishing, hiking and visiting the lake in his free time.
- Earned his undergraduate degree in management from Texas Tech and is enrolled in post-graduate classes during final season ... has a goal of becoming a home builder or general contractor.



John CURRY

LB | 6-2 | 235 | So. | 3rd Yr. | 1L
Lubbock, Texas | Coronado HS
Career Games: 17 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Appeared in all 13 games not only on defense but as one of Texas Tech's most-frequently utilized special teams standouts ... joined the inside linebacker rotation as only a redshirt freshman.
- Recorded 35 tackles (18 solo) to go along with an interception and one quarterback hurry ... had one assisted tackle for loss that resulted in a one-yard loss ... ranked seventh on the team in tackles and third among the linebacker room ... had at least one tackle in 12 of 13 games overall with three or more stops in five different contests.
- Credited with 215 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus after regularly entering on key downs ... saw double-digit snaps as a linebacker in 10 of 13 games overall, including six times during Big 12 play and again in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.
- Finished as Texas Tech's most-active player on special teams by a large margin ... credited with 272 snaps on special teams by PFF, which easily led the team ... next-closest player was Wesley Smith with 206 snaps of his own on special teams ... member of every special teams unit at different points in the year but was primarily on kickoff return and kickoff coverage ... received a 71.2 special teams grade by PFF, which led all non-specialists with at least 60 snaps.
- Made his first career tackle in the season-opening win over Abilene Christian (8/31) ... followed with two tackles at Washington State (9/7) to go along with his lone quarterback hurry of the season ... closed non-conference play with five tackles in the win over North Texas (9/14) ... inserted for 33 defensive snaps in the rout, which marked his second-highest total on the season.
- Opened Big 12 play with four tackles in victory over Arizona State (9/21) ... recorded three tackles in his nine snaps on defense and added another on special teams ... next big outing came at TCU (10/26) with three stops on defense, grading out at 79.2 as a tackler by PFF afterwards ... was one of six times on the year to receive a 70.0 or higher grade as a tackler.
- Kicked off a strong end to the season with two tackles in the win at Oklahoma State (11/23) ... combined for 16 of his 35 tackles on the season over the final three games of the season against the Cowboys as well as West Virginia (11/30) and Arkansas (12/27) in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.
- Set a career high with seven tackles, including his first stop behind the line of scrimmage in the rout of the Mountaineers ... combined with Chapman Lewis for a two-yard loss on 3rd-and-3 to end West Virginia's opening drive with a punt ... credited with playing a season-high 37 defensive snaps in the win ... added his first career interception, which came on the final play of the game ... received an overall defensive grade of 78.4 by PFF that was his third-highest of the season ... included an 83.9 grade in run defense and an 83.7 in tackling.

• Wrapped his first full season as a Red Raider by matching his career high of seven tackles versus Arkansas ... awarded with his second-highest overall defensive grade of the season at 79.7 by PFF ... grade featured an 81.6 rating in run defense and an 82.4 as a tackler.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in five games on the season, including four times during Big 12 play and again in the Independence Bowl victory over Cal (12/16) ... scout team member.
- Utilized on special teams as part of the kickoff and punt return units ... credited with appearing in 30 snaps via special teams ... made his collegiate debut against Kansas State (10/14) and proceeded to see action in each of the next three games versus BYU (10/21), TCU (11/2) and Kansas (11/11).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Local product out of Coronado High School in Lubbock ... three-year varsity letterwinner for the Mustangs, leading Coronado to a pair of district titles and playoff appearances, including a trip to the Class 5A Division I regional semifinals his sophomore year.
- Compiled 260 tackles during his prep career en route to earning All-District honors as both a junior and senior ... was an honorable mention All-District 2-5A selection as a senior and a first-team honoree his junior season.
- Recorded 119 tackles as a senior alone, including 7.0 sacks and 11.0 tackles for loss ... caused three fumbles that season with two recoveries while also blocking one punt as one of the best linebackers in West Texas ... selected to the final ballot for the Whataburger Super Team presented by Dave Campbell's Texas Football as a senior
- Additionally served as Coronado's punter, earning second team All-District honors as a senior after averaging 39.2 yards per punt with a long of 78 yards ... downed 10 of his 44 punts on the season inside the opponent's 20-yard line.
- Recognized for work in the classroom as a first team Academic All-State honoree by the THSCA ... AP student who was a three-time selection (2020-22) for Academic Honor Roll and "Who's Who in America."
- Standout for the Coronado baseball program, earning first team All-District honors and second team THSBCA All-State accolades as an outfielder his junior year.
- Committed to head coach Joey McGuire not long after his hiring at Texas Tech after being presented with his first Division-I offer ... considered a three-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and On3.com ... listed as the No. 45 inside linebacker prospect in the country by ESPN.

PERSONAL

- John Daniel Curry ... born in Lubbock to parents Ryan Curry and Jolee Luce ... has four other siblings in Braidy Curry, Quin Curry, Haylee Luce and Logan Luce.
- Parents are both former Texas Tech student-athletes, as father was a member of the football and track programs from 1999-01, while mother was a standout women's basketball student-athlete under head coach Marsha Sharp from 2000-04.
- Named after his grandfather, the late John Ayers, who starred at West Texas A&M before a successful 11-year career in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers and Denver Broncos ... grandfather was a two-time Super Bowl champion (XVI, XIX) as an offensive lineman with the 49ers and was a member of the Broncos for Super Bowl XXII.
- Lifelong dream was to become a student-athlete at Texas Tech.
- A sport management major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	5/0	13/0	17/0

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2023	5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	13	18	17	35	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	18	18	17	35	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	1

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Abilene Christian	0	1	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Washington St.	2	0	2		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
North Texas	3	2	5		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	2	2	4		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	1	1	2		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Arizona	1	0	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Baylor	0	0	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU	2	1	3		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	0	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	1	0	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.	1	1	2		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	2	5	7		0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	1	0
vs. Arkansas	3	4	7		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	17	35		0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	1	1



Ellis DAVIS
OL | 6-7 | 300 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Prosper, Texas | Prosper HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action during first season on campus ... scout team member.
- Recognized as the scout team offensive player of the week following Texas Tech's win over Arizona State in the Big 12 opener.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Prosper High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... the Eagles had a perfect 7-0 season in district play to claim the 5-6A crown his senior year in 2023 under head coach Tyler Moore ... advanced to the regional semifinal round of the Class 6A Division I playoffs defeating Plano East in the first round and Lake Highlands in the area round ... fell to North Crowley in the regional semifinal, marking just their second loss all season before finishing 11-2 overall.
- Named a unanimous first team All-District 5-6A offensive selection as a senior ... led an offensive front that cleared the way for a ground game that produced 196.7 rushing yards per game ... recognized as an Under Armour All-American in the fall of 2023 and participated in the game held in Orlando, Fla. the following January.
- Garnered third team All-District 5-6A honors as a junior ... combined to not allow a single sack over 28 games during junior and senior seasons.
- Considered a consensus four-star recruit by Rivals, On3, ESPN and 247Sports ... listed as a top-300 prospect by the likes of On3 (No. 135), 247Sports (No. 190) and ESPN (No. 282) ... ranked as high as No. 22 among state of Texas recruits by On3 and No. 11 among offensive tackles nationally ... was No. 31 among recruits in the Lone Star State by 247Sports and No. 16 among offensive tackles.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** TCU, Texas A&M, SMU, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Penn State, Auburn, Florida State, Oregon, Stanford, Tennessee and Utah among others.

PERSONAL

- Ellis Davis ... son of Josh and Kellie Davis ... born in Fort Myers, Fla. ... has three siblings - Gwyneth, Laine and Kenadee.
- Enjoys cars, hiking and fishing in his free time.
- In the explore business program at Texas Tech.



Michael DEVER

WR | 6-1 | 195 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Lubbock, Texas | Lubbock Cooper HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- A local product out of Lubbock Cooper High School ... powered LCP to an 8-4 regular season record as a senior in under head coach Chip Darden after the Pirates exited the Class 5A playoffs in the area round ... regarded as one of the top athletes in West Texas.
- Set the LCP single-season record as a senior with 1,206 yards and 17 receiving yards on 68 catches ... added five more scores with three kickoff return touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns ... tabbed the Offensive MVP of District 2-5A as a senior after previously earning first team accolades his junior year.
- Accounted for six receptions for 93 yards and touchdowns in the Pirates 34-28 loss to Prosper's Walnut Grove in the area round of the playoffs ... one of his three kickoff returns came against Abilene Cooper, a 98-yard return on the opening kickoff of the game ... was part of a four-touchdown game versus Abilene Cooper, accounting for all three touchdowns scored in the first quarter and a fourth coming on a 57-yard run in the second quarter as the Pirates took a 42-3 lead into the locker rooms at halftime ... the performance made him a nominee for Dave Campbell Texas Football Mr. Texas Football Player of the Week.
- Recorded 40 receptions on 50 targets for 672 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior en route to leading the Pirates to an area round appearance ... in addition to being a wide receiver, played running back and defensive back during high school career.
- A three-sport athlete for the Pirates as a member of the basketball and track teams ... advanced to the 2024 Class 5A UIL state track & field meet in the high jump as a junior, placing sixth with a leap of 6 feet, 2 inches ... finished second at regionals with a 6 foot, 8 inches leap (PR) that ranked him 17th in the state.
- Flipped initial commitment from Colorado State to the Red Raiders on July 4, 2024, marking the third-straight Texas Tech signing class with a member of the LCP program ... tabbed a four-star prospect by On3 and a three-star signee by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... was a four-star recruit according to 247Sports' composite ratings ... listed as the No. 23 recruit in the state by On3 ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Colorado State, Memphis, North Texas, Texas State and Wyoming.

PERSONAL

- Michael Dever ... son of Michael Dever and Kaiya Lilly ... born in Wichita Falls, Texas ... has one sibling, Akwaun ... goes by Mike with friends and family ... both parents are former collegiate athletes.
- An explore business and industry major at Texas Tech.



Cameron DICKEY

RB | 5-10 | 215 | So. | 2nd Yr. | 1L
Austin, Texas | Crockett HS
Career Games: 12 / Career Starts: 0

8

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Instant impact for the Red Raiders in the backfield as only a true freshman ... appeared in 12 of 13 games, splitting backup duties behind Tajh Brooks for most of the season with fellow true freshman running back J'Koby Williams ... missed only the regular-season finale against West Virginia (11/30) due to injury.
- Received 41 carries on the season for 225 yards and a touchdown ... finished tied with Williams for the second-most carries on the team ... was only 10 yards back of Williams for total rushing yards after picking up carries in seven different games.
- Added nine catches for 47 yards and another touchdown through the air ... bulk of catches came during non-conference play with seven between the Washington State and North Texas games ... other two catches came against Baylor (no yards) and in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (five yards).
- Credited with 114 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, grading out at 75.8 overall ... had the fourth-highest offensive grade on the team, trailing only Brooks (83.3), quarterback Behren Morton (79.0) and wide receiver Josh Kelly (77.3) ... publication awarded him seven missed tackles forced, resulting in 143 yards after contact.
- Utilized more on special teams after decision was made to not utilize his redshirt

... credited with 55 snaps on special teams by PFF with 24 of those coming on kickoff return ... had three kick returns for 40 yards on the season, normally as the result of a squib kick ... also an occasional member of the punt return and punt coverage units.

- Made his Red Raider debut in the season-opening win over Abilene Christian (8/31) ... received one carry for five yards, while also returning one kick for 17 yards.
- Followed with seven carries for 25 yards at Washington State (9/7) to go along with five receptions for 34 yards and a touchdown ... found the end zone for the first time in his collegiate career via a 12-yard touchdown grab from Behren Morton with 9:21 remaining in regulation ... marked a season high for both receptions and receiving yards ... added one kick return for 17 yards in the loss.
- Set a season high with 10 carries for 75 yards and a touchdown in the rout over the Mean Green (9/14) ... added two receptions for eight yards to finish with a season-high 83 all-purpose yards ... rushing touchdown came on a 1-yard carry with 12:50 remaining in regulation to push Texas Tech's lead to 66-14 at the time.
- Combined for eight carries for 46 yards over the course of Big 12 play ... finished with three carries for 24 yards in the win over Arizona State (9/21), one carry for one yard at Arizona (10/5) and four carries for 21 yards versus Baylor (10/19) ... had one kick return for six yards against Colorado (11/9) as well.
- Formed a strong 1-2 punch with J'Koby Williams in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl in replace of regular starter Tajh Brooks ... carried 15 times for 74 yards versus Arkansas (12/27), while also catching one pass for five yards ... shared team high for carries with Williams as the two combined for 199 of Texas Tech's 226 rushing yards.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Crockett High School in Austin, Texas ... one of the most prolific athletes in Austin ISD history ... played both ways throughout four-year varsity career, while also serving as Crockett's punter ... primarily played quarterback at Crockett but transitioned to running back as a Red Raider.
- Among the top-five leading rushers all-time in Austin ISD history after accumulating more than 7,000 yards of total offense over his career ... combined for 2,963 passing yards and 33 touchdowns, while also rushing for 4,065 yards and 61 touchdowns over his four seasons.
- Notched 247 tackles defensively to go with seven interceptions, six fumble recoveries, four forced fumbles and six pass breakups ... returned three of those interceptions for touchdowns during his career as well.
- Helped lead Crockett to its first playoff win in 26 years as a senior after rushing for 117 yards and a touchdown, which came with 38 seconds remaining to top Waco University ... contributed 13 tackles defensively as well as a blocked field goal and two interceptions, the first of which he returned 70 yards for a touchdown on University's first play from scrimmage.
- Tabbed the District 12-5A MVP after combining for 3,455 yards of total offense (1,595 passing, 1,860 rushing) and 50 touchdowns his senior season, while adding 90 tackles, three interceptions, two fumble recoveries and three pass breakups on the defensive side of the ball.
- Accounted for 40 offensive touchdowns as a junior (12 passing, 28 rushing), while scoring five defensive touchdowns en route to earning District Offensive MVP accolades ... was also a first team All-District honoree as a safety that season ... threw for 1,221 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior, while notching a staggering 1,832 yards and 28 touchdowns on the ground ... collected All-District 14-5A first team honors as a utility player his freshman and sophomore seasons.



- ▲ CAMERON DICKEY** paired with fellow true freshman J'Koby Williams a year ago to provide a solid 1-2 punch in backing up Tajh Brooks at running back. Dickey returns for his sophomore season after rushing for 225 yards and a touchdown a year ago, while also catching nine passes for 47 yards and another score.

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TEXAS TECH

- Another Texas Tech signer who excelled in track and field, competing in the 100 meters, the long jump as well as the 4x100 and 4x200-meter relays ... advanced to the regional meet as a junior in the 100 meters and long jump and both relays.
- Member of the basketball and baseball programs as well, earning first team All-District honors as an outfielder during his sophomore and junior seasons ... helped push the basketball program to back-to-back district titles as well.
- Ranked as a four-star prospect by On3 and a three-star recruit by both 247Sports and Rivals ... listed as the No. 20 running back in the country by On3 and the No. 42 prospect from the Lone Star State ... publication also had him as the No. 268 recruit nationally ... ranked among the top-100 prospects in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... graduated early to join the Red Raiders in the spring of 2024 ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Lamar and Texas State.

PERSONAL

- Cameron Dickey ... son of Stanley and Amanda Dickey ... has two siblings, Ciera and Caleb.
- Hobbies include disc golf, bowling, golfing, fishing and cooking outside of football.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

2024 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG
Abilene Christian		1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
at Washington State		7	25	0	12	5	34	1	12
North Texas		10	75	1	37	2	8	0	6
Arizona State		3	24	0	16	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Arizona		1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Baylor		4	21	0	10	1	0	0	0
at TCU		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma State		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia		DNP							
vs. Arkansas		15	74	0	15	1	5	0	5
Totals		41	225	1	37	9	0	1	0



Luke DILLINGHAM

S | 6-1 | 205 | Sr. | 5th Yr. (3rd at Tech)
Brock, Texas | Brock HS | Abilene Christian | Angelo State
Career Games: 11 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Appeared in two games as a junior as a special teams member ... inserted on kickoff coverage against both North Texas (9/14) and West Virginia (11/30).
- Scout team member ... recognized as the defensive scout team player of the week following Texas Tech's win over West Virginia.

2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Did not see any game action during first season as a Red Raider ... was ineligible until the Independence Bowl due to NCAA transfer guidelines at the time ... scout team member.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Joined the Red Raiders with two years of collegiate experience after previous stops with one-year stints with Abilene Christian and Angelo State ... combined to make 14 tackles over 10 games between the two schools.
- **2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at ANGLO STATE):** played in seven games for Angelo State as a redshirt freshman ... had 10 total tackles (9 solo), including two for a loss that resulted in a combined eight total yards loss ... added a fumble recovery defensively as well.
- **2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN at ABILENE CHRISTIAN):** saw action in two games as a true freshman with the Wildcats ... inserted versus Stephen F. Austin (10/30) and Jacksonville State (11/6), recording four tackles between those two games.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Brock High School in his hometown of Brock, Texas ... combined to go 37-6 overall varsity starter record as Brock was a state semifinalists his junior and senior seasons ... Brock won the district title in 2019 and 2021 as well as regional champions in 2019 and 2020.

- Garnered first team All-State honors (2019, 2020) as well as first team All-Parker County (2019, 2020), District 4-3A Co-Defensive MVP (2020), Big Country Preps Defensive Player of the Year (2020), first team All-District (2019), team captain (2019, 2020) during prep career.
- As a track athlete, was a 200-meter district champion his junior season ... the track team were state champions his senior year ... was a member of 4x200m relay state champion squad as a senior and member of 4x100m relay that finished in third place team at the state meet that year.
- Recognized as a member of the National Honor Society and honor roll ... graduated in the top-10 percent of his class ... received first team Academic All-State honors in both football and track.

PERSONAL

- Luke Dillingham ... son of Ross and Missy Dillingham ... has a sister, Libby ... both parents attended Western Carolina University.
- Enrolled his undergraduate degree in criminology from Texas Tech ... currently enrolled in post-graduate courses during final season.

CAREER STATS

PARTICIPATION	2021*	2022*	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	2/0	7/0	0/0	2/0	11/0

* at Abilene Christian | * at Angelo State



Miquel DINGLE JR.

S | 6-2 | 225 | So. | 3rd Yr. | 1L
Charleston, S.C. | Byrnes HS
Career Games: 17 / Career Starts: 1

21

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Appeared in all 13 games primarily in coverage on passing downs as well as on special teams ... joined the linebacker rotation during second full season on campus ... found a niche on 3rd-and-long packages due to his speed at linebacker.
- Totaled 29 tackles (15 solo) on the season to go along with a forced fumble and two quarterback hurries ... recorded 1.5 tackles for loss, which included a shared sack, the first of his career ... one of four linebackers on the season with at least 25 tackles overall ... notched at least one tackle in 10 of 13 games overall and had multiple stops in seven different contests.
- Credited with 167 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which included 101 snap in coverage ... played in 10 or more defensive snaps in all but one Big 12 game with the lone exception being nine snaps at Oklahoma State ... saw action in 97 snaps on special teams as a member of the kickoff coverage unit and occasionally on punt returns early in the season.
- Publication awarded him a high grade of 88.9 overall as a pass rusher after creating 15 pressures (1 sack, nine quarterback hits and five hurries) ... ranked tied for fifth on the team for total pressures created, according to PFF.
- Recorded four tackles in the non-conference finale against North Texas (9/14), his second-highest total on the season ... performance included a career high 1.5 tackles for loss and a shared sack ... marked the first sack of his career, which came on the final play of the game ... stuffed a North Texas rush for a two-yard loss on the play prior to the sack ... strong outing followed one tackle in the season opener versus Abilene Christian (8/31) and two stops at Washington State (9/7).
- Opened Big 12 play with three tackles to go along with a quarterback hurry in the win over Arizona State (9/21) ... hurried Arizona State quarterback Sam Leavitt on a 3rd-and-10 pass deep down the right side to force the Sun Devils to punt on their first possession of the fourth quarter ... the Red Raiders responded with a Gino Garcia field goal to push their lead to 30-16 with 6:54 to play.
- Recorded three tackles against Baylor (10/19), all while receiving his highest PFF defensive grade of the season ... awarded a 78.1 grade by PFF for his 13 defensive snaps, which topped his previous high of 77.8 set only two weeks earlier at Arizona (10/5) where he had one tackle.
- Made three tackles against Colorado (11/9) to go along with a quarterback hurry ... made Shedeur Sanders rush a pass attempt on 3rd-and-4 to force a Colorado field goal just before halftime ... performance followed a two tackle outing at Iowa State (11/2) just a week before ... Put together the most-productive game to that point in his career with nine tackles in the regular-season finale against West Virginia (11/3) ... played a season-high 25 defensive snaps in the rout.
- Made one tackle via kickoff coverage in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl against Arkansas (12/27) ... forced the Razorbacks to start their first drive of the second half at their own 6-yard line after forcing a fumble on the tackle, which was recovered by Arkansas.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in four games as a true freshman with one start at linebacker ... praised for his athleticism by coaching staff, which allowed him to break the linebacker lineup in his first season ... suffered an injury that kept him out of the rest of the regular season as well as the Independence Bowl versus Cal.
- Finished with 12 tackles, including 1.5 for a loss, over his four games ... had at least two stops in all four games with four tackles against Houston (9/30), three versus both Tarleton State (9/16) and Baylor (10/7) and two at West Virginia (9/23).
- Made stops behind the line of scrimmage in each of the first two Big 12 contests with the Mountaineers and Cougars ... the Houston game also represented his first collegiate start.

AS A TEXAS TECH TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETE

- Competed in the hurdles in two races unattached during the 2023 indoor season before joining the roster for the Big 12 Championships ... competed in the 60-meter hurdles, running a prelim time of 7.97 before going 7.85 in the finals to finish fourth in the conference ... performance came despite arriving at Texas Tech only a few months earlier as a mid-year high school enrollee.
- Competed in two meets during the outdoor season with a wind-aided time of 14.21 in the 110-meter hurdles at the Corky Crofoot Shootout ... part of Texas Tech's roster for its team title at the Big 12 Outdoor Championships.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Byrnes High School in his hometown of Charleston, S.C. ... signed with Texas Tech as one of the fastest and athletic linebackers in the country ... two-year letterwinner after an injury kept him off the varsity until his junior season.
- Took little time to show his talents with 88 total tackles, including 10 for a loss and two sacks as a junior ... successful season came despite shifting from outside linebacker to the inside midway through the year ... helped push Byrnes to the third round of the Class 5A playoffs his senior season to earn All-District honors for his efforts.
- A standout for the track and field program as the state champion in the 110-meter hurdles ... posted the fastest 110 meter time in the state of South Carolina as a junior in 2022 at 13.56, which also ranked as the fifth-fastest in the country that year ... also timed as low as 10.92 in the 100 meters and 22.05 in the 200 meters, while jumping 2'30.1" in the long jump.
- Efforts in both track and football earned him Male Athlete of the Year honors among 2,000 athletes at the Upstate Sports Awards, which was presented in combination by the Greenville News, Anderson Independent-Mail and Spartanburg-Herald Journal.
- Three-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, ESPN and ON3.com ... ranked as the No. 59 linebacker in the country and the No. 9 recruit for the state of South Carolina by 247Sports ... tabbed the No. 12 recruit in the Palmetto State by ON3 and No. 31 by ESPN ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Charlotte and N.C. State.

PERSONAL

- Miquel Bryce Dingle ... born in Charleston, South Carolina, to parents Miquel Dingle Sr. and Amanda Dingle ... has a sister, Amani.
- Father totaled over 2,100 yards from scrimmage and 21 touchdowns in his college career at the University of South Carolina before being drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in the 8th round of the 1991 NFL Draft.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	4/1	13/0	17/1

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	INT	QBH
2023	4	8	4	12	1.5	3	0	0	0	0	0
2024	13	15	14	29	1.5	4	0	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	17	23	18	41	3.0	7	0	1	0	0	2

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
Abilene Christian	1	0	1		0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Washington St.	1	1	2		0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
North Texas	1	3	4		1-5-4	0-0	0	0	0
Arizona State	2	1	3		0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0		0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Arizona	1	0	1		0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Baylor	1	2	3		0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at TCU	0	0	0		0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	1	1	2		0-0-0	1-0	0	0	0
Colorado	3	0	3		0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.	0	0	0		0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
West Virginia	3	6	9		0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	1	0	1		0-0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	15	14	29		1-5-4	0-0	1	0	0



Caleb DOUGLAS

WR | 6-4 | 205 | Sr. | 4th Yr. (2nd at Tech) | 1L
Missouri City, Texas | Hightower HS | Florida
Career Games: 26 / Career Starts: 20

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- The lone skill player on offense to start in all 13 games on the season and one of three players to do so on the offensive side of the ball, joining offensive linemen Caleb Rogers and Sheridan Wilson ... was one of seven Red Raiders total to start in all 13 games.
- Put together a breakout season in his debut with the Red Raiders finishing as Texas Tech's second-leading receiver after catching 60 passes for 877 yards and six touchdowns ... easily the highest single-season numbers of his career after entering the season with 21 receptions for 208 yards and three touchdowns during his two seasons at Florida ... averaged 67.5 yards per game over the course of the season.
- Combined with Josh Kelly to form one of the top wide receiver duos in the Big 12 Conference and the country ... were the first pair of Texas Tech receivers to both total at least 800 receiving yards in a season since Antoine Wesley and Ja'Deion High in 2018 ... formed one of three Big 12 duos with at least 800 receiving yards during 2024 season and one of only 12 in the FBS.
- Bulk of yardage came during Big 12 play after emerging as a big-play threat at Arizona ... caught 45 passes for 625 yards and five touchdowns in conference games alone ... finished with three 100-yard games against conference opponents and added another in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas ... came close to another 100-yard outing with 99 receiving yards against Baylor midway through the season.
- Of his 60 total catches, 33 went for at least 10 yards, while 14 of those eclipsed 20 yards ... had nine catches that went 30 or more yards, five of at least 40 yards and one of 50 yards on the season ... had 38 of his total catches result in a first down.
- Led the team in receiving yards in five different games, including four times during Big 12 play and then again in the bowl game ... shared the team high for receptions in back-to-back games at Arizona and against Baylor and was the team leader at TCU and in the bowl game.
- Credited with 730 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which was eighth on the offense and third among non-quarterback skill players ... publication listed him with 346 yards after catch, which ranked second on the team ... listed with 11 missed tackles forced, which was third on the team for receptions behind only Josh Kelly (26) and Tahj Brooks (12) ... had only three drops, according to the publication.
- **IN BIG 12 RANKINGS:** closed the season ranked 10th in the Big 12 for both receiving yards (877) and receiving yards per game (67.5) ... was 11th in the league for receiving touchdowns (6) and 12th for receptions per game (4.6) ... also ranked nine in the league for receiving yards per game during conference play (69.4) and 10th for receiving yards during Big 12 play (62.5) ... his 45 receptions against conference opponents was 11th overall ... was fifth in the conference with nine catches of 30 or more yards.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized on the Comeback Player of the Year watch list midway through the season by the College Sports Communicators (CSCS).
- **Abilene Christian (8/31):** made his Red Raider debut with four catches for 42 yards and a touchdown versus the Wildcats ... found the end zone for the first time as a Red Raider came via a 14-yard touchdown pass from Behren Morton in the



▲ **CALEB DOUGLAS** put together a breakout season in 2024 as a first-year Red Raider having transferred from Florida. The Texas native from the Houston area had 877 receiving yards and six touchdowns in his most productive collegiate season. He enters 2025 as the most productive returning wideout having lost Josh Kelly to graduation.

overtime period ... marked the fourth touchdown catch of his career at the time.

- **at Washington State (9/7):** followed with four catches for 71 yards versus the Cougars before closing the non-conference slate with two catches for 24 yards against North Texas (9/14) ... his 71 receiving yards were a career high at the time ... performance was boosted by a 42-yard haul late in the second quarter that led to a Gino Garcia field goal with 5:33 remaining before halftime.
- **Arizona State (9/21):** began Big 12 play with five catches for 63 yards against the Sun Devils ... made two catches of 21 and 17 yards on the opening drive alone, leading to a Behren Morton touchdown pass to John Carlos Miller II ... followed with a 22-yard catch on the next drive as the Red Raiders took an early 14-0 lead.
- **Cincinnati (9/28):** limited to a season-low one reception for four yards in the victory over the Bearcats.
- **at Arizona (10/5):** hit the 100-yard mark for the first time in his career after catching five passes for 116 yards against the Wildcats ... connected with Morton on a deep 57-yard pass and again a player later for a 19-yard gain to put the Red Raiders in position for a Gino Garcia 30-yard field goal as time expired before halftime ... the 57-yard catch was his longest of the season and the second-longest of his career dating back to his time at Florida ... had three catches for 78 yards on that drive alone, giving the Red Raiders an 18-3 lead at the half ... went deep again for a 32-yard reception late in the fourth quarter that set up another Garcia field goal to give the Red Raiders the lead again at 21-19 with 2:21 remaining.
- **Baylor (10/19):** set a new career high with nine receptions, resulting in 99 yards and three touchdowns ... marked the first multi-touchdown game of his career and the first time a Red Raider had three or more touchdown catches in a game since Antoine Wesley had the same amount versus Houston in 2018 ... was the first time a Red Raider had three touchdown receptions against a conference opponent since Bradley Marquez had the same amount versus Baylor to close the 2024 season ... had touchdown catches of 12 and 20 yards in the first half and then one from 7-yard out late in the fourth quarter ... his 20-yard touchdown pass came via a trick play where tight end Jalin Conyers took a handoff and threw a corner route to the end zone near the line of scrimmage.
- **at TCU (10/26):** matched his career high for receptions only a week later while setting a new career mark for receiving yards after catching nine passes for 140 yards in Fort Worth ... had back-to-back catches to set up a Tahj Brooks touchdown early in the second quarter as Morton found him for 11 yards and then 44 yards as part of a three-play, 59-yard drive ... set up another touchdown to start the third quarter thanks to a 36-yard pass from Will Hammond ... the Red Raiders scored on a Coy Eakin 13-yard touchdown pass a play later to take a 24-14 lead.
- **at Iowa State (11/2):** started the month of November with five catches for 35 yards in the win over the Cyclones ... four of his five receptions came in the first quarter, which resulted in a Josh Kelly touchdown followed by a Gino Garcia 44-yard field goal.
- **Colorado (11/9):** held to just three receptions for nine yards against Colorado.
- **at Oklahoma State (11/23):** surpassed the 100-yard mark for the third time of the season against the Cowboys with five catches for 102 yards and a touchdown ... found the end zone for the fifth time on the season via a nine-yard touchdown catch from Morgan to cap Texas Tech's opening drive ... started the drive with a 34-

yard catch down the right sideline on the first offensive play of the game ... made a 25-yard catch early in Texas Tech's first drive of the third quarter, which ultimately resulted in a Jalin Conyers touchdown pass ... followed with a 20-yard haul in the fourth quarter, pushing the ball pass midfield for an eventual Tahj Brooks 40-yard touchdown run.

- **West Virginia (11/30):** wrapped the regular season with three catches for 50 yards and a touchdown in the rout over the Mountaineers ... touchdown came via a 31-yard strike from Morton on Texas Tech's first drive of the second half, pushing the Red Raiders' lead to 42-3 in the third quarter.
- **vs. Arkansas (12/27):** put together a strong finish to the season with five catches for 115 yards in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl ... had two catches of at least 40 yards versus the Razorbacks, one in first quarter that led to a Gino Garcia 37-yard field goal and another in the second quarter that resulted in a Jalin Conyers' touchdown run ... second explosive play was among the most-watched plays on social media as he leaped over an Arkansas defender for an acrobatic catch.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Returned to the Lone Star State following two seasons at the University of Florida ... arrived with two seasons of eligibility remaining with the Red Raiders ... participated in 2024 spring football at Texas Tech.
- Appeared in 13 games over his career in Gainesville with seven starts ... combined for 21 catches over that time for 308 yards and three touchdowns ... averaged 14.7 yards per reception with a long of 62 yards over his two seasons ... combined to appear in 483 offensive snaps as a Gator according to Pro Football Focus.
- **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at FLORIDA):** started first five games of the year before suffering a season-ending injury ... in a season cut short, finished with 11 catches for 133 yards and a touchdown.
- Hauled in four receptions for 42 yards with a touchdown in the season opener at No. 14 Utah (8/31) ... made one catch for 34 yards at Kentucky (9/30) ... tied his career-high with four catches for 37 yards against Charlotte (9/23) ... had two receptions for 20 yards against No. 11 Tennessee (9/16).
- **2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN at FLORIDA):** appeared in eight games with two starts as only a true freshman ... recorded 10 catches for 175 yards with two touchdowns on the season.
- Made first career start late in the season versus South Carolina (11/12) ... led all receivers with 53 receiving yards on three catches against the Gamecocks ... earned his second start in the Las Vegas Bowl against Oregon State (12/17), making two catches for 25 yards ... previously made collegiate debut versus Eastern Washington (10/2) with first career catch being a 62-yard touchdown ... later caught three passes for 25 yards and a touchdown at Texas A&M (11/5) and one catch for 10 yards at Vanderbilt (11/19).
- Member of the SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Hightower High School in Missouri City, Texas near Houston ... departed as one of the top athletes in school history ... ranked fourth all-time in school history with 1,221 receiving yards in just two seasons as a wide receiver.
- Named the District 10-5A Co-Offensive MVP as a senior after catching 51 passes for 984 yards and five touchdowns ... was a first team All-District selection his junior year.
- Considered a four-star prospect by both On3 and ESPN coming out of high school ... ranked as 24th among wide receivers nationally by On3 and No. 33 among recruits in the state of Florida by the publication ... signed with Florida over offers from USC, LSU and Notre Dame, among others.

PERSONAL

- Caleb Douglas ... born in Houston, Texas to parents Cedric and Felicia Douglas ... has four siblings - Caylee, Ciara, Leneice and Amari ... comes from a football family lineage as his father played quarterback collegiately at both Vanderbilt and Texas Southern.
- Hobbies outside of football include bowling, video games and any outdoor activity.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022*	2023*	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	8/2	5/5	13/13	26/20

* at Florida

CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2022 (UF)	8	10	175	2	62	1.3	17.5	21.9
2023 (UF)	5	11	133	1	34	2.2	12.1	26.6
2024 (TTU)	13	60	877	6	57	4.6	14.6	67.5
Totals	26	81	1,185	9	62	3.1	14.6	45.6

2024 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
Abilene Christian	*	4	42	1	10.5	14	0	0	0
at Washington St.	*	4	71	0	17.8	42	0	0	0
North Texas	*	2	24	0	12.0	17	0	0	0
Arizona State	*	5	63	0	12.6	21	0	0	0
Cincinnati	*	1	4	0	4.0	4	0	0	0
at Arizona	*	5	116	0	23.2	57	0	0	0
Baylor	*	9	99	3	11.0	20	0	0	0
at TCU	*	9	140	0	15.6	44	0	0	0
at Iowa State	*	5	35	0	7.0	14	0	0	0
Colorado	*	3	16	0	5.3	9	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.	*	5	102	1	20.4	34	0	0	0
West Virginia	*	3	50	1	16.7	31	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	*	5	115	0	23.0	47	0	0	0
Totals		60	877	6	14.6	57	0	0	0

2023 GAME-BY-GAME (@ FLORIDA)

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
at Utah	*	4	42	1	0.0	19	0	0	0
McNeese	*	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	*	2	20	0	0.0	12	0	0	0
Charlotte	*	4	37	0	0.0	21	0	0	0
at Kentucky	*	1	34	0	0.0	34	0	0	0
Totals		11	133	1	0.0	34	0	0	0

2022 GAME-BY-GAME (@ FLORIDA)

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
Utah		DNP							
Kentucky		DNP							
South Florida		DNP							
at Tennessee		DNP							
Eastern Washington		1	62	1	0.0	62	0	0	0
Missouri		DNP							
LSU		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
at Texas A&M		3	25	1	0.0	12	0	0	0
South Carolina	*	3	53	0	0.0	27	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt		1	10	0	0.0	10	0	0	0
at Florida State	*	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
vs. Oregon State		2	25	0	0.0	15	0	0	0
Totals		10	175	2	0.0	62	0	0	0



Coy EAKIN

WR | 6-2 | 210 | Jr. | 4th Yr. | 2L
Stephenville, Texas | Stephenville HS
Career Games: 27 | Career Starts: 19

3

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER HONORS

- Two-time Academic All-Big 12 first team honoree (2023-24)

2025 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Tabbed to wear the No. 3 offensive jersey by head coach Joey McGuire prior to spring practices, which is reserved for the player who best represents the standards of "The Brand" on both sides of the ball.

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Played in all 13 games with starts in 12 contests ... was not in the starting lineup only once, which came at TCU midway through Big 12 play ... his 12 starts in 2024 pushed his career total to 19.
- Ranked third on the team after catching 49 passes for 652 yards and a team-leading seven touchdowns ... joined with fellow receivers Josh Kelly and Caleb Douglas to become the first Red Raider trio to each record at least 600 receiving yards in a season since 2018.
- Part of a Red Raider offense that ranked ninth in the country for both passing yards per game (296.7) and total offense per game (462.7) ... the Red Raiders were also tied for 10th in the FBS with 31 team receiving touchdowns.
- Caught at least one pass in all 13 games with multiple receptions in all but one of those contests ... joined Caleb Douglas as the only Red Raiders to catch a pass in all 13 games ... hauled in at least four receptions in seven different games and

had two more games with three catches ... finished with 50 or more receiving yards in six games overall.

- Of his 49 receptions on the season, more than half – 25 to be exact – went for at least 10 yards, which was third on the team behind both Kelly and Douglas ... recorded 10 explosive catches of 20 or more yards overall with three of those going 30 yards, two that resulted in 40 yards, including one over 50 yards ... had the longest catch by any Red Raider on the season with a 70-yard haul against North Texas.

- Dynamic asset with his ability to throw the ball as a wide receiver as well as a punt returner on special teams ... completed 1-of-2 pass attempts on the season via trick plays with the lone completion resulting in a touchdown at Washington State ... utilized as a punt returner on occasion during the season for his sure-handed ability.

- Credited with 816 offensive snaps on the season by Pro Football Focus, which ranked fifth on the team and led the wide receiver room ... trailed only offensive linemen Caleb Rogers, Sheridan Wilson and Davion Carter as well as quarterback Behren Morton ... majority of snaps came as an outside receiver (453) to the other 52 coming in the slot ... added an additional 76 snaps on special teams, appearing on kickoff return consistently throughout the season as well as on kickoff coverage and on punt returns.

- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized for his work in the classroom as part of the Academic All-Big 12 team.

- **IN BIG 12 RANKINGS:** concluded the season ranked tied for ninth in the conference with his team-leading seven receiving touchdowns.

- **Abilene Christian (8/31):** kicked off the season with five catches for 76 yards and two touchdowns in the victory over the Wildcats ... hauled in the first touchdown reception of the season on a four-yard reception from Behren Morton midway through the first quarter that gave the Red Raiders a 15-0 lead following a successful two-point conversion ... found the end zone again later in the quarter on a 35-yard strike from Morton, marking his first multi-touchdown game of his young career.

- **at Washington State (9/7):** added another five receptions the following week against the Cougars, resulting in 54 yards through the air ... used his arm for Texas Tech's first touchdown of the game, finding John Carlos Miller II for a 20-yard strike with 5:33 remaining until halftime ... marked the first touchdown pass by a Red Raider wide receiver since Jakeem Grant connected with Reginald Davis for 72 yards at Arkansas in 2015.

- **North Texas (9/14):** lone reception resulted in a 70-yard touchdown catch in the rout over the Mean Green ... marked the longest catch of his career and the longest by any Red Raider on the season ... touchdown pushed Texas Tech's lead to 24-7 early in the second quarter.

- **Arizona State (9/21):** limited to only three catches for 29 yards in the Big 12 opener against the Sun Devils.

- **Cincinnati (9/28):** put together his second multi-touchdown game of the season against the Bearcats as part of three catches for 78 yards and a pair of scores ... raced into the endzone via a 7-yard completion from Behren Morton late in the first quarter and then again on a 49-yard strike on Texas Tech's next possession ... the two touchdowns helped the Red Raiders erase an early 14-3 deficit and tie the game at 17-17 with 10:32 remaining until halftime ... marked the fourth and fifth touchdown receptions of the season already through five games.

- **at TCU (10/26):** found the end zone again at TCU as part of four catches for 56 yards and a touchdown ... hauled in a contested catch down the left sideline, resulting in a 13-yard touchdown from Will Hammond to cap a successful 78-yard scoring drive to start the second half ... later added a 29-yard reception early in the fourth quarter, which set up a Gino Garcia field goal ... performance followed two catches for 12 yards at Arizona (10/5) and three receptions for 20 yards against Baylor (10/19).



- ▲ **COY EAKIN**, affectionately known as Cowboy Coy, had the season most expected in 2024, previously hampered by injury years prior. He played in all 13 games last year and posted the third-most receiving yards (652) on the team.

- **at Iowa State (11/2):** helped set up a key Red Raider touchdown with a 25-yard reception late in the third quarter in the road ranked win over the Cyclones ... pushed the Red Raiders to the Iowa State 23-yard line, setting up a Josh Kelly 19-yard touchdown reception three plays later for a 17-13 lead ... catch was part of two receptions for 32 yards in the win.
- **Colorado (11/9):** had four catches for 40 yards against the Buffaloes, including a 27-yarder late in the first quarter ... completion on 3rd-and-9 pushed the Red Raiders into the red zone, setting up a Gino Garcia field goal for an early 13-0 lead ... moved the sticks with another key third-down catch in the fourth quarter, this time resulting in 13 yards to help set up Jalin Conyers 21-yard touchdown grab.
- **at Oklahoma State (11/23):** recorded season highs with seven receptions and 90 receiving yards in the road win over the Cowboys ... finished one catch off his career high, which was set the previous season against TCU ... made three catches alone on Texas Tech's two-minute drive before halftime, totaling 40 yards to pave the way for a Tahj Brooks 25-yard touchdown catch with only one second remaining ... came close to reaching the endzone himself midway through the fourth quarter thanks to a 21-yard haul from Morton that gave the Red Raiders the ball at the 3-yard line, setting up another Brooks touchdown for a 49-42 lead.
- **West Virginia (11/30):** closed the regular season with six receptions for 48 yards in the rout over the Mountaineers ... combined for 13 catches for 138 yards over the final two games of the regular season.
- **vs. Arkansas (12/27):** scored in the bowl game for a second-straight season thanks to a 15-yard touchdown pass from Will Hammond late in the fourth quarter ... was part of four catches for 47 yards against the Razorbacks ... set up the touchdown with an 18-yard catch two plays earlier on the drive.

2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Appeared in 10 games overall with seven starts after missing the entire non-conference slate due to a preseason injury ... developed into one of Texas Tech's top receiving options during second full year in the program.
- Turned into a regular target for Behren Morton during Big 12 play, catching 36 passes for 416 yards and a pair of touchdowns overall ... all but one of his catches came over the final eight contests ... had multiple catches in eight of 10 games and four or more receptions in five different contests.
- Went over the 100-yard mark in two different contests, which led the team ... was the team leader in receiving yards in four different games and at least shared the team high for receptions in four contests.
- Credited with playing in 541 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which ranked ninth on the team and was second among wide receivers ... also a member of Texas Tech's punt return unit on special teams.
- Made his season debut with one catch for nine yards at West Virginia (9/23) ... caught his first career touchdown two weeks later as part of two receptions for 20 yards in the win at Baylor (10/7) ... touchdown came via a 13-yard back-shoulder throw from Behren Morton for the Red Raiders' first touchdown of the night ...
- Followed with his first career 100-yard outing a week later with five catches for 102 yards against Kansas State (10/14) ... limited to just two catches for four yards at BYU (10/21) ... nearly matched his season total for catches in the TCU (11/2) win alone with a career-high eight grabs for 78 yards ... had three catches for 29 yards at Kansas as well as four catches for 41 yards versus UCF (11/18) and then four catches for 27 yards at Texas (11/24).
- Wrapped his successful season with another strong performance in the Radiant Technologies Independence Bowl ... set a new career high with 106 receiving yards off seven catches in the victory over Cal (12/16) ... found the end zone for the second time in his career in the win, which came via a 27-yard contested catch from Morton with 4:19 remaining in the first quarter.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized for his work in the classroom as part of the Academic All-Big 12 first team.

2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... began the season on the two-deep at outside receiver before an injury late in preseason camp ... managed to appear in four games overall at wide receiver, three in Big 12 play and then against Ole Miss in the TaxAct Texas Bowl (12/28) ... other three appearances came against West Virginia (10/22), Kansas (11/12) and at Iowa State (11/19).
- Inserted on punt return unit in the wins over both Iowa State and Ole Miss ... targeted near the end zone just before halftime in the win over Ole Miss as well.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Stephenville High School in Stephenville, Texas ... led the Yellowjackets to the Class 4A Division I state title his senior year after one of the best receiving seasons in recent memory ... caught nine passes for 187 and three touchdowns, while rushing for another in the state title game alone to push Stephenville past Austin LBJ for a perfect 16-0 record.

- Led the nation in receiving yards after catching 93 passes for 2,140 yards and 31 touchdowns as a senior ... also rushed for 213 yards and four touchdowns to finish with 2,662 all-purpose yards ... was a first team All-State honoree by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) ... tabbed the District 5-4A Offensive MVP as a senior and was a first team pick as a junior in 2020.
- Previously helped lead Stephenville to the area round of the playoffs as a junior after hauling in 82 passes for 854 yards and seven touchdowns ... was a two-way player during most of his high school career, also earning second team All-District 5-4A honors as a defensive utility player as a sophomore in 2019.
- Competed in track and field, placing first in the district finals in the long and triple jump.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... did not commit until Jan. 30 right before the spring signing period, marking the final signee of Joey McGuire's first class as Texas Tech's head coach ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** North Texas, TCU and Washington State, among others.

PERSONAL

- Coy Eakin ... son of Mark and Kelly Eakin ... has one sibling, Caittlin.
- Father is the head rodeo coach at Tarleton State in Stephenville and held the same position previously at West Texas A&M in Canyon ... rodeo success turned out to be hereditary with the younger Eakin also finding success as a roper growing up ... suffered a broken tibia and fibula due to rodeo at age 10, which resulted in him having two different sized feet moving forward ... wears a size-14 shoe on his left foot and a size-12 on his right foot now.
- Enjoys fishing, hunting and playing golf outside of football.
- A sport management major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	4/0	10/7	13/12	27/19

CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2022	4	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2023	10	36	416	2	43	3.6	11.6	41.6
2024	13	49	652	7	70	3.8	13.3	50.2
Totals	27	85	1,068	9	70	3.1	12.6	39.6

2024 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
Abilene Christian	*	5	76	2	15.2	35	0	0	0
at Washington St.	*	5	54	0	10.8	19	0	0	0
North Texas	*	1	70	1	70.0	70	0	0	0
Arizona State	*	3	29	0	9.7	16	0	0	0
Cincinnati	*	3	78	2	26.0	49	0	0	0
at Arizona	*	2	12	0	6.0	6	0	0	0
Baylor	*	3	20	0	6.6	11	0	0	0
at TCU		4	56	1	14.0	29	0	0	0
at Iowa State	*	2	32	0	16.0	25	0	0	0
Colorado	*	4	40	0	10.0	27	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.	*	7	90	0	12.8	21	0	0	0
West Virginia	*	6	48	0	8.0	17	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	*	4	47	1	11.8	18	0	0	0
Totals		49	652	7	13.3	70	0	0	0

2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
at Wyoming	DNP-injured								
Oregon	DNP-injured								
Tarleton State	DNP-injured								
at West Virginia		1	9	0	9.0	9	0	0	0
Houston	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Baylor	*	2	20	1	10.0	13	0	0	0
Kansas State	*	5	102	0	20.4	43	0	0	0
at BYU	*	2	4	0	2.0	3	1	-1	0
TCU		8	78	0	9.8	30	0	0	0
at Kansas	*	3	29	0	9.7	11	0	0	0
UCF	*	4	41	0	10.3	22	0	0	0
at Texas		4	27	0	6.8	13	0	0	0
vs. California	*	7	106	1	15.1	27	0	0	0
Totals		36	416	2	11.6	43	1	-1	0



Gage ELDER

LB | 5-11 | 220 | Sr. | 5th Yr. | 1L
Rockwall, Texas | Rockwall HS
Career Games: 4 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Appeared in four games as either a reserve linebacker or on special teams as a junior.
- Made his collegiate debut in the win over North Texas (9/14), seeing time defensively as well as on kickoff and punt coverage ... made one tackle versus the Mean Green, which came on special teams ... also saw action in wins over Iowa State (11/2), Oklahoma State (11/23) and West Virginia (11/30).

2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Did not see any game action as a sophomore ... scout team member.

2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Did not see any game action as a redshirt freshman ... scout team member ... recognized on the Academic All-Big 12 first team for his work in the classroom.

2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Did not see any game action as a true freshman ... scout team member.

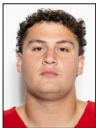
HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Rockwall High School in his hometown of Rockwall, Texas ... played for one of the top high school programs in the state ... helped lead Rockwall to the Class 6A Division I state semifinals his junior season.
- Unanimously awarded District 10-6A Defensive MVP after making 118 tackles, 16.0 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks and an interception as a senior ... was also a second team All-Area selection that same year by the Dallas Morning News ... tabbed an honorable mention All-State honoree by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA).

PERSONAL

- Gage Elder ... son of Eric Elder and Dena Elder ... has three siblings, Mike Mack, Lawson Ayo, and Grayson Elder ... both his dad and brother Lawson were student-athletes in college.
- Earned his bachelor's degree in university studies from Texas Tech ... enrolled in post-graduate courses during final season as a Red Raider.

PARTICIPATION	2021	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/0	4/0



Jack ESPARZA

TE | 6-4 | 245 | Jr. | 4th Yr.
Austin, Texas | St. Michael's Catholic

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Did not see any game action as a sophomore ... scout team member.

2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Moved from the wide receiver to the tight end room as a redshirt freshman ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended St. Michael's Catholic School in Austin, Texas ... was a TAPPS Division II second team All-State secondary selection as a senior and an honorable mention choice as a wide receiver ... was a first team All-District pick at both wide receiver and defensive back the same season ... had 33 receptions for 785 yards and 14 touchdown catches his senior year.
- Competed in track and field during high school career ... part of the TAPPS 5A State Championship team in the 4x400 relay as only a freshman.

PERSONAL

- Jack Sabine Esparza ... son of John Esparza and Leah Esparza ... has two brothers, Josh and Jake ... both parents received their degrees from Texas Tech ... father was a member of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents from 2013-19 ... his uncle played football and ran track for Air Force.
- Enjoys watching movies and fishing away from football.
- Pursuing a degree in communications from Texas Tech.



Malik ESQUERRA

S | 6-3 | 205 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Killeen, Texas | Shoemaker HS
Career Games: 2 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... scout team member ... appeared in the final two games of the season against West Virginia (11/30) and Arkansas (12/27) in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.
- Made a tackle in each contest with one coming on defense against West Virginia ... picked up valuable playing time in the win over the Mountaineers with 21 defensive snaps, according to Pro Football Focus ... recorded his other tackle as part of kickoff coverage against the Razorbacks.
- Previously listed as the backup to C.J. Baskerville at safety for the final month of the season starting with the road trip to Iowa State (11/2).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Shoemaker High School in Killeen, Texas ... the Wolves advanced to the playoffs for the fourth time in the last five seasons in 2023 under head coach Toby Foreman ... Shoemaker finished 7-4 and 5-3 in District 4-5A before falling to eventual Class 5A Division I state champion Aledo, 27-6, in the first round of the playoffs.
- Named a first team All-District selection on defense as both a junior and a senior ... as a senior, was the co-league leader with four interceptions with two of those returned for a touchdown ... tallied 57 tackles overall, 45 of which were solo stops, to go along with 3.0 tackles for a loss, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and three pass breaks ups in addition to the four interceptions.
- Recognized as a 2023 week eight area all-star after a 42-0 win over Waco High where he scooped a blocked punt and returned it 17 yards for a touchdown ... added one of his four interceptions on the season in the shutout win as well.
- Logged four interceptions as a junior in addition to 68 tackles, 53 of which were solo stops, 2.0 tackles for a loss, one forced fumble and one pass breakup ... named to the 2023 Academic All-District team ... named to the A-B honor roll and was a member of superintendent advisory council.
- Member of the Shoemaker track and field team ... won the Class 5A state title in the 110-meter hurdles after running a 13.72 to cap his high school career ... the performance completed a gold-laden run to state, having won the District 22-5A meet (13.69), area meet (14.35) and the regional meet (13.81) ... also placed third in the state championship in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 37.17 ... his best times of his senior season ranked seventh in the state of Texas and 24th nationally in 110-meter hurdles (13.69) and 12th in Texas and 34th nationally in the 300-meter hurdles (37.17) ... over four seasons on the track team, was a four-time regional qualifier and finished as the owner of the school record for both the 110 and 300-meter hurdles.
- Committed to Texas Tech on July 15, 2023 ... consensus three-star recruit by Rivals, ESPN, On3 and 247Sports ... ranked as 247sports' 57th-best prospect in the state of Texas and the 41st-best safety prospect in the country ... listed as a top-100 prospect in the state of Texas by On3, 247Sports and Rivals ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Nebraska, North Texas, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Texas A&M, TCU and Vanderbilt.

PERSONAL

- Malik Elijah Esquerra ... born in Fort Hood, Texas ... son of Tarik and Kamia Esquerra ... has three siblings in Kamari, Kai and Kira.
- A sports management major at Texas Tech.



Charles ESTERS III
OLB | 6-3 | 270 | Sr. | 5th Yr. | 2L
Cedar Hill, Texas | Cedar Hill HS
Career Games: 22 / Career Starts: 12

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER HONORS

- Academic All-Big 12 first team (2022, R-Fr)

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Became a regular starter at outside linebacker during Big 12 play after recovering from a preseason injury ... started in all nine games played, which came during Big 12 play as well as the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas ... missed the first four games of the season due to injury, which included the entire non-conference slate and the Big 12 opener versus Arizona State.
- Finished with 18 tackles on the season (5 solo), including 2.0 for a loss and a shared sack ... recorded a tackle in seven of his nine games played and had multiple stops in four different contests ... recovered a key fumble in one of the two games without a tackle ... added three quarterback hurries and a pass breakup in the official stats as well.
- Credited with 349 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, easily the most in his career ... totaled at least 25 snaps in all nine games and was over 40-plus snaps in four different contests ... publication awarded him 12 total pressures on the year, which included a sack, four quarterback hits and seven additional hurries ... ranked eighth on the team for total pressures by PFF.
- Notched multiple tackles four times in a five-game stretch, beginning with three at Arizona (10/5) and then three at TCU (10/26), four at Iowa State (11/2) and then a season-high five versus Colorado (11/9) ... had one stop during that stretch against Baylor (10/19), which also included his lone pass breakup on the season.
- Followed with one tackle at Oklahoma State (11/23) and in the regular-season finale versus West Virginia (11/30) ... had a quarterback hurry in the rout over the Mountaineers as well, which came on West Virginia's first play of the second half with the Red Raiders already leading 42-3 at the time.
- Recorded his lone sack on the year against the Horned Frogs, combining with Brenden Jordan to get to TCU quarterback Josh Hoover for a seven-yard loss ... sack came on a 3rd-and-9 to end TCU's second drive of the game, setting up a shanked punt that gave the Red Raiders great field position for an eventual Gino Garcia field goal.
- Came close to his career high with 1.5 tackles for loss in the ranked win over Iowa State ... sniffed out a run attempt for a three-yard loss late in the first quarter to set up an eventual turnover on downs by the Cyclones ... later caught quarterback Rocco Becht for a one-yard loss on a 3rd-and-10 in the fourth quarter, which led to a missed Iowa State field goal a play later.
- Recovered a fumble in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27), the first of his career ... fumble recovery came early in the second quarter after James Hansen punched loose a run attempt near midfield ... the Red Raiders could not capitalize, however, turning over the ball on downs on their next possession.

2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Earned a larger role in the outside linebacker room as a sophomore ... appeared in 12 of 13 games overall with three starts ... two of his starts came during Big 12 play with the other in the Radiant Technologies Independence Bowl versus Cal ... missed only the road trip to BYU (10/21) midway through Big 12 play.
- Finished with 26 tackles, including 4.5 for a loss and 3.0 sacks ... added two quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and a pass breakup ... ranked tied for fifth on the team in tackles for loss and was tied for third overall in sacks ... recorded his entire season tackle for loss total during either Big 12 play or the bowl win ... had at least two tackles in six games overall and had four contests with four or more stops.
- Credited with 248 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus ... snap count reached double digits in seven of his eight games overall ... saw action on special teams mainly in the bowl victory over Cal.
- Recorded a career high with seven tackles in the second game of the season against Oregon (9/9) ... received his second-highest grade of the season by PFF versus the Ducks, finishing at 76.5 overall with a 79.4 grade in rush defense ... notched another multi-tackle performance a few weeks later with two stops versus Houston (9/30).
- Found the quarterback three times (credited with 2.0 sacks) a week later at Baylor (10/7) as part of four tackles and a forced fumble ... recorded his first career sack midway through the second quarter, dropping Baylor quarterback Blake Shapen for a nine-yard loss alongside Myles Cole ... combined with Jesiah Pierre

- for a shared sack to start Baylor's second drive of the third quarter ... got in the backfield again on the first play of the fourth quarter for his first career solo sack and forced fumble (Baylor recovered) ... part of a Red Raider defense that found the quarterback six times in the win.
 - Followed with two tackles the next week against Kansas State (10/14) ... returned from missing the BYU contest to record one tackle in each of the next three games against TCU (11/2), Kansas (11/11) and UCF (11/18).
 - Wrapped the regular season with four tackles, a quarterback hurry and his lone pass breakup of the season in the regular-season finale at Texas (11/24) ... got home on quarterback Quinn Ewers on Texas' second drive of the third quarter and followed with a pass breakup on next play to force the Longhorns into a field goal attempt.
 - Stood out in the bowl win over Cal (12/16) with four tackles, including 1.5 that went for a loss ... started the second half with a negative play, combining with Ben Roberts to drop running back Jadyn Ott for a one-yard loss ... previously had a solo tackle for loss midway through the second quarter that helped set up a 3-and-out by the Golden Bears.
- 2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)**
- Appeared in one game as a redshirt freshman ... made his first collegiate tackle in the season opener against Murray State (9/3) ... scout team member.
 - **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized on the Academic All-Big 12 first team for his work in the classroom.

2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... scout team member ... did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Cedar Hill High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... helped Cedar Hill to the District 11-6A Division II title and an appearance in the state finals as a senior ... part of a Cedar Hill defense that notched two shutout wins on its way to the state finals.
- Named a second team All-State selection by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) ... unanimous first team All-District 11-6A honoree in 2020 after totaling 60 tackles, including 12 sacks ... recognized as a candidate for High School All-America accolades by Sports Illustrated prior to his senior season.
- Previously helped lead Cedar Hill to a 9-3 record as a junior and an appearance in the area round of the Class 6A Division I playoffs ... garnered second team All-District 7-6A honors that season ... found the quarterback 14 times for a sack as a junior.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of ESPN, Rivals and 247Sports ... ranked as the No. 65 strong-side defensive end in the country by 247Sports ...
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Air Force, Army, Colorado State, Illinois State, Kansas, Missouri State, North Texas, Toledo and UTSA.

PERSONAL

- Charles Esters III ... born to Charles Esters, Jr., and Latasha Esters ... has a sister, Christina.
- Earned his bachelor's degree in management from Texas Tech ... pursuing a master's in sports management during final season as a Red Raider.

PARTICIPATION	2021	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	1/0	12/3	9/9	22/12

CAREER STATS											
TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2022	1	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	12	7	19	26	4.5	22	1	1	0	0	2
2024	9	5	13	18	2.0	7	1	0	1	0	3
Totals	22	13	32	45	6.5	29	2	1	1	0	5

SACKS	G	UA	A	Total	Yds
2022	1	0	0	0.0	0
2023	12	2	2	3.0	21
2024	9	0	1	0.5	3
Totals	22	2	3	3.5	24

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Abilene Christian					DNP-injured					
at Washington St.					DNP-injured					
North Texas					DNP-injured					
Arizona State					DNP-injured					
Cincinnati	*	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Arizona	*	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Baylor	*	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU	*	1	2	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	*	2	2	4	0.0-0	1.5-4	0	0	0	0
Colorado	*	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	2
at Oklahoma St.	*	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	*	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
vs. Arkansas	*	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0
Totals		5	13	18	0.5-3	2.0-7	0	1	0	3

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
at Wyoming		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Oregon		2	5	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Tarleton State		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at West Virginia		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Houston		1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Baylor		1	3	4	2.0-17	2.0-17	1	0	0	0
Kansas State	*	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at BYU					DNP-injured					
TCU		0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Kansas	*	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
UCF		0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Texas		1	3	4	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0	1
vs. California	*	1	3	4	0.0-0	1.5-1	0	0	0	0
Totals		7	19	26	3.0-21	4.5-22	1	0	0	2



Tristian
GENTRY

WR | 6-0 | 180 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Stephenville, Texas | Stephenville HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Stephenville High School in his hometown of Stephenville, Texas ... one of the top wide receiver prospects in the state of Texas and nationally ... second wide receiver out of Stephenville to sign with Texas Tech under Joey McGuire, joining Coy Eakin.
- Two-way player for Stephenville, starring not only as a wide receiver but also in the secondary during prep career ... led the Yellow Jackets to the Class 4A Division I state quarterfinal round as a senior ... previously helped push Stephenville to the same round as a junior in 2023 and then the area round as a sophomore.
- Posted at least 1,000 receiving yards all three seasons on varsity to boost his stock among the state's top wideouts ... combined to make 228 catches for 4,416 yards and 51 touchdowns over his Stephenville career ... also rushed 12 times for 80 yards and another score during that span, while completing four passes for 141 yards and a touchdown.
- Named a first team All-State selection by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) as a senior after catching 93 passes for 1,778 yards and 22 touchdowns, all career bests ... garnered first team All-District 4-4A honors as well for a Stephenville program that finished 12-2 overall.
- Caught 74 passes for 1,528 yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior in 2023 en route to earning District 5-4A Offensive MVP honors ... recognized as a first team All-State selection by Padilla Poll and a second team All-State honoree by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) that same season ... tabbed a first team All-District 5-4A honoree as a sophomore after hauling in 61 passes for 1,110 yards and 14 touchdowns.
- Member of the Stephenville track and field program like many other Texas Tech signees ... was one of Texas Tech's first commitments to the 2025 class.
- Considered a four-star prospect by the likes of On3, 247Sports and Rivals ... among the top 300 recruits in the country by On3, ranking No. 254 nationally ... ranked as high as No. 31 among wide receivers nationally by 247Sports and No.

34 by On3 ... consensus top-100 prospect in the state of Texas, ranking as high as No. 33 by 247Sports ... also listed as the No. 41 recruit in Texas by On3, No. 57 by Rivals and No. 69 by ESPN.

PERSONAL

- Tristian Gentry ... parents are Curtis and Gianna Powell ... has four brothers - Austin, La'trell, Bryson and Cayden - and one sister, Kayla.
- An explore business and industry major at Texas Tech.



Skyler
GILL-HOWARD

DL | 6-1 | 290 | Sr. | 5th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin | Greenfield HS
Career Games: 29 / Career Starts: 1

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER AWARDS & HONORS

- All-MAC Third Team Defense (2024, Jr.)
- Pro Football Focus All-MAC Second Team (2024, Jr.)
- MAC Week 7 Co-Defensive Player of the Week (2024, Jr.)
- Burtsworth Trophy Nominee (2024, Jr.)

2025 (SENIOR)

- Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... will have one season of eligibility at Texas Tech.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Began collegiate career in 2021 at Division II Upper Iowa before becoming a member of the Northern Illinois football team the next three seasons (2022-24) ... played in four games as a true freshman for the Upper Iowa University Peacocks ... saw action in 25 games, making one start, over the last two seasons at Northern Illinois (not seeing the field of play during first season at NIU).
- Combined for 76 tackles (41 solo) over his two seasons at Northern Illinois, including an impressive 11.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks ... considered one of the top prospects in the transfer portal after a stellar junior season ... posted 52 tackles, 8.0 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks as a junior alone ... has 79 tackles for his career (43 solo) between his time at Northern Illinois and Upper Iowa.
- **2024 SEASON (JUNIOR at NORTHERN ILLINOIS):** tabbed a third team All-MAC selection on by the conference coaches ... was named second team All-MAC by Pro Football Focus ... recognized as the MAC Week Seven Co-Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 14 following a career day at Bowling Green ... was Northern Illinois' Burtsworth Trophy nominee, which is awarded to the most outstanding football player in America who began his career as a walk-on.
- Honored with a "C" patch on his jersey, serving as one of the Huskies' team captains ... played in all 12 regular season games while making one start, which was in the season opener versus Western Illinois (8/31) ... opted out of the Huskies' appearance in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl against Fresno State.
- Finished season with 51 total tackles (27 solo), which led all defensive linemen at NIU ... ranked second on the team in tackles for loss finishing with 8.5 for a net loss of 35 yards ... was third on the team with 5.0 sacks that resulted in a loss of 30 yards ... also credited with four quarterback hurries.
- Credited by Pro Football Focus with 449 defensive snaps, 30 shy of the team high for an interior defensive lineman ... had a team-leading 29 total pressures of the passer (of any kind), as tabulated by PFF ... received an 84.0 overall grade by Pro Football Focus, which ranked 10th in the FBS among interior defensive linemen ... was particularly effective in the run game, grading out at 88.7 overall, which was sixth among interior defensive linemen.
- Posted single-game career highs at Bowling Green (10/12) with 3.0 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks and seven tackles overall, five of which were solo stops ... performance earned him conference player of the week honors (Week 7) ... one of the two sacks versus Bowling Green was on 3rd-and-goal from the NIU 2-yard line in the third quarter, which forced a missed field goal try ... one of the other tackles for loss came on third down with Bowling Green at its own 11, forcing the Falcons to punt from its end zone, giving NIU field position in plus territory.
- **2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE at NORTHERN ILLINOIS):** played in all 12 games in first full season with the Huskies as a back-up at defensive tackle ... finished season with 24 tackles (15 solo), 4.0 tackles for loss, a quarterback sack and a pass break-up ... credited with at least one stop in each of the final 12 games of the season.
- Recovered a fumble at Nebraska (9/16) to go with a pair of stops ... recorded his first career sack in the Huskies' shutout of Western Michigan (11/14) ... made a

season-high five stops at Central Michigan (10/31) with a tackle for loss ... had three tackles and a tackle for loss against Ball State (11/7) ... credited with two tackles at Kent State (11/25) ... totaled three solo tackles and broke up a pass at Akron (10/7) ... posted a tackle for loss with two stops at Toledo (9/30) ... made first tackle at NIU against Southern Illinois (9/9) ... earned Academic All-MAC honors.

• **2022 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at NORTHERN ILLINOIS):** redshirt season ... did not see any game action in his first season at NIU ... named the NIU defensive futures player of the year following the season.

• **2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN at UPPER IOWA):** appeared in four games in lone season as a defensive lineman at Upper Iowa ... registered three tackles (two solo) on the season.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Greenfield High School in Greenfield, Wis., which is a suburb of Milwaukee ... was a four-year varsity letterwinner and a three-year captain from his sophomore through senior seasons.
- Received All-Region and All-State recognition in 2020 and 2021 ... selected as a first team All-Conference selection following each of his four prep seasons ... earned Team MVP honors as a senior.
- Two-sport athlete also competing for the wrestling program ... was a two-time runner-up in the Wisconsin state wrestling tournament ... qualified for the honor roll all four years of high school.

PERSONAL

- Skyler Gill-Howard ... born in Milwaukee, Wis. ... parents are Geraldo Howard and Tonya Gill ... calls Greenfield, Wis. home with Geraldo and step-mother Nicole Dorrier ... has nine younger brothers and sisters.
- Enjoys exploring the multimedia space in videography production and creating music.
- A leadership studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	4/0	0/0	13/0	12/1	29/1

* at Upper Iowa | * at Northern Illinois

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd
2021 (UIO)	4	2	1	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 (NIU)	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
2023 (NIU)	13	15	9	24	4.0	4	1	0	0	0
2024 (NIU)	12	27	24	51	8.0	35	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	44	34	78	12.0	39	1	0	0	0

SACKS	G	UA	A	Total	Yds
2021 (UIO)	4	0	0	0.0	0
2022 (NIU)	0	0	0	0.0	0
2023 (NIU)	13	1	0	1.0	1
2024 (NIU)	12	4	2	5.0	30
Totals	12	5	2	6.0	31

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ NORTHERN ILLINOIS)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Western Illinois	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Notre Dame	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at NC State	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0	0	0	1
UMass	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Bowling Green	5	2	7	2.0-14	3.0-16	0	0	0	0	0
Toledo	2	1	3	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	0
at Ball State	2	4	6	1.0-9	1.5-10	0	0	0	0	1
at W. Michigan	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Akron	3	2	5	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0
at Miami (OH)	2	2	4	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	1
C. Michigan	2	2	4	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Fresno State	DNP									
Totals	27	24	51	5.0-30	8.0-35	0	0	0	0	4



Elias GILLEN

OL | 6-6 | 300 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Rapid City, S.D. | Stevens HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Stevens High School in Rapid City, South Dakota ... program plays at the highest classification in the state (11AAA) ... primarily played offensive tackle for the Stevens Raiders.
- Named to the 2024 Class 11AAA All-State first team despite the team having a 0-9 record ... the towering left tackle allowed zero sacks and racked up 65 pancakes, per the Rapid City Journal ... in addition to All-State honors, was named to the All-Area and All-Conference teams following senior season.
- Member of the Stevens track and field team as well ... swept the Class 2A titles in both the shot put (59-1.25") and discus (173-10) his senior season ... previously won the state title in the discus as a junior (170-10), while finishing second in the shot put (55-10.5) ... broke the Stevens school record in the discus as his personal best of 176 feet, 8 inches as a senior was 22 feet better than the previous mark.
- Committed to Texas Tech on June 21, 2024 ... a consensus three-star recruit by On3, 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... tabbed the No. 1 recruit in the state by On3 and the No. 2 recruit in the state by 247 Sports and ESPN

PERSONAL

- Elias Gillen ... son of Dean and Alexia Gillen ... has a sister, Evyenia Gillen.
- A kinesiology major at Texas Tech.



Brock GOLWAS

LB | 6-1 | 235 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Flower Mound, Texas | Marcus HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Flower Mound Marcus High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... talented athlete that played quarterback, outside linebacker, inside linebacker, safety and punter during high school career ... shined at inside linebacker as a senior, same position he will play as a Red Raider.
- Selected to for the final 2024 Whataburger Super Team following his senior season ... finished with 90 tackles and 6.0 sacks over a 10-game season in 2024 en route to earning unanimous All-District 5-6A accolades at inside linebacker ... also had 12 carries for 84 rushing yards and one touchdown on offense.
- Recognized as a first team All-District 6-6A selection as a safety his junior year ... tallied 51 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss, six pass breakups and two fumble recoveries that year ... named a second team All-District OLB as a sophomore.
- Three-sport athlete at Marcus also playing baseball and competing on the track team ... as a right-handed pitcher, topped 86 MPH with a 79 MPH slider at the 2024 Five Tool Festival where he also belted a home run at the event ... played varsity baseball as a sophomore ... registered a personal-best 10.74 100-meter dash as a member of the track team.
- An active volunteer for three years in Lewisville ISD's Adopt an Athlete program, mentoring a class of second graders at Bridlewood Elementary ... member of the National Honor Society and Student Advisory Council.
- Consensus three-star recruit by the likes of ESPN, 247Sports, On3 and Rivals ... ranked as high as No. 24 among linebackers nationally by Rivals and was at No. 43 by ESPN ... was a top-100 recruit in the state of Texas by both publications.

PERSONAL

- Brock Golwas ... born in Houston, Texas ... calls Flower Mound, Texas home ... son of Stephen and Lara Golwas ... his father is a Texas Tech alumnus ... has one sister, Kate.
- Comes from a family of athletes ... the late Peter Golwas, his grandfather, was on the U.S. Naval Academy football and track teams in the early 1960s ... followed his football career by serving two tours in Vietnam and earning two Bronze Stars and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal ... cousin Ross Maticisk played football at Baylor (2015-19) and later the Jacksonville Jaguars ... cousin Brent Maticisk played football at TCU (2019-24) ... cousin Paine Maticisk played football at Rice (2013-16).
- A business management major at Texas Tech.



Tarrion GRANT

CB | 6-2 | 190 | So. | 2nd Yr. (1st at Tech)
Sumter, S.C. | Siegel HS | Purdue
Career Games: 11 / Career Starts: 3

23



Mitch GRIFFIS

QB | 6-0 | 195 | Sr. | 6th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Ashburn, Va. | Broad Run HS
Career Games: 23 / Career Starts: 10

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

2025 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

• Joined the Red Raiders prior to the start of spring practices ... will have three seasons of eligibility at Texas Tech and a redshirt available, if needed.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

• Played true freshman season at Purdue before opting to enter the transfer portal ... was the fifth true freshman to start a season opener on defense for Purdue since the turn of the century ... made three starts overall and played in 11 of the Boilermakers' 12 regular season games ... totaled 13 tackles in first collegiate season with a season-high three stops at Oregon State (9/21) ... added two pass breakups, which both came at Ohio State (11/9) late in the season ... credited with playing in 253 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus ... enrolled at Purdue in May of 2024 shortly after graduating high school early

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Siegel High School in Murfreesboro, Tenn. ... developed into one of the top prospects not only in the state of Tennessee but also nationally despite not beginning to play the game of football until his freshman year in high school ... reclassified to the class of 2024 to join Purdue a year earlier than expected.
• Helped lead Siegel to the Class 6A state playoffs for the first time since 2016 during his senior season ... named to the All-State, All-District and All-Region teams, respectively, as a senior after totaling 36 tackles, 15 solos, five pass breakups and 2.0 tackles-for-loss on defense ... two-way player as a wide receiver on offense, logging 29 receptions for 462 yards and eight touchdowns that same season ... recognized as the 2023 6-3A Region Athlete of the Year by the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA).
• Two-sport athlete, also competing for the track and field program ... posted a 10.71 time in the 100-meter dash and jumped 23-1/2 feet in the long jump in the spring of 2024 ... successful in the classroom as well as a three-time academic honor roll recipient.
• Originally rated a five-star prospect by On3 in the class of 2025 before reclassifying ... consensus four-star signee by the likes of On3, 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... listed as the No. 1 player in the state of Tennessee by the On3 and 247Sports composite rankings ... considered a top-300 prospect nationally by On3, 247Sports and Rivals with the latter ranking him as high as No. 60 in the country and No. 8 among cornerbacks.
• Chose to attend Purdue over offers from Virginia Tech, LSU, Oregon, Louisville, Alabama, Arkansas, LSU, Michigan State, Miami, Nebraska and others.

PERSONAL

• Tarrion (tuh-RON) Grant ... son of Tim and Carbia Grant ... has two brothers, Tim and Tarrell.
• Major at Texas Tech is communication studies.

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ PURDUE)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
Indiana State	*	2	0	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Oregon State	*	0	3	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Nebraska	1	0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Illinois	1	0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Oregon	1	0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Northwestern	1	0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Ohio State	1	0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Penn State	0	1	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Michigan State	0	1	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Indiana	DNP								
Totals	8	5	13		0.0-0	0-0	1	0	2

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2025 (SUPER SENIOR)

• Joined the Red Raiders as a midyear enrollee prior to spring practices ... will have one season of eligibility at Texas Tech ... lauded at the end of spring practices by head coach Joey McGuire for his ability, adding a veteran presence to Texas Tech's quarterbacks room.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

• Arrived at Texas Tech with starting experience after playing in 23 career games with 10 starts during his four seasons at Wake Forest (2020-23) ... made first career start in 2022 before starting all nine games appeared in during the 2023 season ... announced intention to transfer after the 2023 season but stepped away from football the next fall.

• Passed for 1,957 career yards at Wake Forest over four seasons, completing 157-of-263 attempts (59.7 percent) for 15 touchdowns and eight interceptions ... vast majority of his yardage came during his 2023 junior season ... able to use his legs to extend plays, rushing 123 times as a Demon Deacon for 141 yards and two touchdowns.

• 2024 SEASON (SENIOR): initially transferred to Marshall with two seasons of eligibility ... opted to step away from football that following June.

• 2023 SEASON (JUNIOR at WAKE FOREST): appeared and started in nine games during the 2023 season for the Demon Deacons ... recognized as a team captain prior to the season ... entered the season as a candidate on the Johnny Unitas Golden Award watch list.

• Completed 59.9 percent of his passes (124-of-207) for 1,553 yards and nine touchdowns, throwing for at least 300 yards in two different games ... made 106 rush attempts for 128 yards with two rushing touchdowns.

Opened the season by completing 19-of-30 passes for 329 yards and three touchdown passes with only one interception in the win against Elon (8/31) ... marked the first 300-yard performance of his career and his first of two such outings on the year ... also threw for 312 yards and three touchdowns on 24-of-41 passing two weeks later in the win over Old Dominion (9/16) ... best performance rest of the season came in November with 241 passing yards on 16-of-19 passing at Duke (11/2).

• 2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE at WAKE FOREST): appeared in six games with one start at quarterback during redshirt sophomore season ... finished the season 29-of-41 overall for 348 yards and five touchdowns with only one interception ... made his first career start in the season opener versus VMI (9/11), completing 21-of-29 passes for 288 yards and three touchdowns ... was the backup to starter Sam Hartman the rest of the season, coming in off the bench to complete touchdown passes against both Army (10/8) and at Louisville (10/29).

• 2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at WAKE FOREST): redshirt season ... saw action in four games overall against Old Dominion (9/3), the ACC Atlantic Division clincher against Boston College (11/27), the ACC Championship Game against Pitt (12/4) and the Gator Bowl victory over Rutgers (12/31) ... finished the season 0-of-2 on pass attempts.

• 2020 SEASON (FRESHMAN at WAKE FOREST): appeared in four games at quarterback as only a true freshman ... tallied 28 yards through the air on two completions in the Duke's Mayo Bowl versus Wisconsin (12/30) ... threw for 28 yards and a touchdown in collegiate debut against Clemson (9/12).

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Broad Run High School in his hometown of Ashburn, Va. ... led Spartans to four-year record of 43-7, including consecutive 12-1 records his last two seasons ... won more games as starting QB than any other player in Broad Run history ... set every passing and total offense record during his high school career ... recognized for his leadership as a team captain.

• Threw for over 3,000 yards and 40 touchdowns as a senior en route to earning All-State honors as well as Region Player of the Year honors ... was also an honorable mention All-Met selection as a senior by the Washington Post and a second team honoree as a junior ... threw for four touchdowns in a 56-7 win over Urbana ... completed 24 of 34 passes for 224 yards and three touchdowns against Tuscarora while also rushing for a touchdown ... threw for 411 yards in a win at Heritage and passed for 367 yards and three touchdowns in a win at Stonebridge.
• Named the 2018 All-Region Offensive Player of the Year and was a second team

All-Virginia selection by USA Today ... led the Spartans to a 12-1 record and the conference championship as a junior after completing 188-of-275 passes (68.4 percent) for 2,598 yards and 31 touchdowns.

- As a sophomore, completed 124-of-193 passes (64.2 percent) for 1,636 yards and 14 touchdowns with just four interceptions ... carried 56 times for 414 yards and four touchdowns on the ground.

PERSONAL

- Mitchell Griffis ... goes by Mitch ... son of Matt and Robyn Griffis ... has a younger brother, Brett, and an older sister, Libby ... Brett and Mitch both played quarterback together on the 2022 Wake Forest team before both departed via the transfer portal ... Brett Griffis transferred to James Madison following the 2022 season.
- Father was the longtime head football coach at Broad Run High School before retiring following the 2021 season ... father was able to coach both of his sons at the prep level before retiring after a nearly 30-year coaching career.
- Favorite sport outside of football is baseball, having been a pitcher growing up ... has a Yellow Lab named Virginia.
- Earned a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest in elementary education ... enrolled in post-baccalaureate courses at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2020*	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	4/0	4/0	6/1	9/9	0/0	23/10

* at Wake Forest

CAREER STATS

PASSING	G	Cmp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/G	Effic
2020 (WVF)	4	4	13	0	56	1	-	30.8	14.0	92.3
2021 (WVF)	4	0	2	0	0	0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
2022 (WVF)	6	29	41	1	348	5	-	70.7	58.0	177.4
2023 (WVF)	9	124	207	7	1,553	9	-	59.9	172.6	130.5
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Totals	23	157	263	8	1,957	15	-	59.7	85.1	134.9

RUSHING	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/G
2020 (WVF)	4	2	-1	0	2	-0.3
2021 (WVF)	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
2022 (WVF)	6	15	14	0	9	2.3
2023 (WVF)	9	106	128	2	27	14.2
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	23	123	141	2	27	6.1

2023 GAME-BY-GAME (@ WAKE FOREST)

Opponent	GS	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Yds	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	LG
Elon	*	19	30	3	1	329	69	11	-6	0	12
Vanderbilt	*	17	26	2	0	196	34	7	9	0	10
at Old Dominion	*	24	41	3	2	312	48	12	-7	0	11
Georgia Tech	*	17	30	1	2	176	20	20	43	0	27
at Clemson	*	15	25	0	0	137	23	14	25	0	11
at Virginia Tech	*	8	17	0	1	61	18	7	15	0	13
Pittsburgh		DNP									
Florida State	*	6	16	0	0	82	20	11	3	0	20
at Duke	*	16	19	0	1	241	61	19	55	2	8
NC State	*	2	3	0	0	19	11	5	-9	0	6
at Notre Dame		DNP									
at Syracuse		DNP									
Totals		124	207	9	7	1,553	69	106	128	2	27

2022 GAME-BY-GAME (@ WAKE FOREST)

Opponent	GS	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Yds	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	LG
VMI	*	21	29	3	0	288	33	5	-9	0	4
at Vanderbilt		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty		DNP									
Clemson		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida State		DNP									
Army		0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	0	5
Boston College		2	3	1	0	21	13	2	-4	0	3
at Louisville		6	9	1	1	39	15	5	13	0	9
at NC State		DNP									
North Carolina		DNP									
Syracuse		DNP									
at Duke		DNP									
vs. Missouri		DNP									
Totals		29	41	5	1	348	33	15	14	0	9



Danilo GUBERINICH

OL | 6-5 | 285 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Ann Arbor, Mich. | Detroit Catholic Central

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi, Mich. ... one of the first signees out of the state of Michigan to sign with the Red Raiders in recent memory ... two-way player for the Shamrocks as both an offensive tackle and defensive tackle.
- Tabbed an All-Region selection as a senior defensive lineman ... helped push the Shamrocks to the MHSAA state semifinals as a senior with a 12-1 overall record ... defensively, the Shamrocks allowed only 8.9 points per game his senior year.
- Member of the school's hockey program early in his prep career.
- Considered a three-star prospect by the likes of On3, 247Sports and ESPN ... listed as the No. 4 player in the state of Michigan by On3 and the No. 30 offensive tackle nationally ... ranked No. 17 in the state of Michigan by 247Sports.
- CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER: Air Force, Akron, Army, Central Michigan, Marshall, Purdue, Indiana and Vanderbilt, among others.

PERSONAL

- Danilo Guberinich ... born in Ypsilanti, Mich., to parents Dan Guberinich and Cristina Scappaticci ... has a brother, Bruno, who also play collegiately at Central Michigan.
- Enjoys the outdoors and hunting as well as playing hockey.
- An explore business and industry major at Texas Tech.



Will HAMMOND

QB | 6-2 | 210 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Austin, Texas | Hutto HS
Career Games: 4 / Career Starts: 1

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... earned the backup quarterback role early in the season despite arriving on campus only the previous January ... appeared in four games overall with one start, which came in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas.
- Completed 35-of-57 passes overall (61.4 percent) for 471 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing 17 times for 49 yards and two additional scores ... regarded as a dual-threat option behind center with his ability to get yards with his legs.
- Made his collegiate debut in the second half of Texas Tech's rout of North Texas (9/14), completing 5-of-7 passes for 70 yards while also rushing twice for 11 yards ... completed his first career pass for 32 yards, hitting fellow true freshman Micah Hudson over the middle to jumpstart a quick touchdown drive.
- Most significant action of the regular season came in the second half at TCU (10/26) where he relieved an injured Behren Morton ... led the Red Raiders to touchdowns on each of their first two drives after entering the game ... finished 10-of-15 overall for 121 yards and a touchdown, while rushing eight times for 16 yards and another score ... found Coy Eakin on a 13-yard fade for his first career touchdown pass with 12:21 remaining in the third quarter to cap Texas Tech's opening drive ... followed by keeping on an RPO for a four-yard touchdown run on the Red Raiders' next drive to take a 31-14 lead midway through the third quarter.
- Limited from there in order to preserve redshirt season, appearing only late in the win over West Virginia (11/30) with one incomplete pass and two rush attempts for eight yards and a touchdown ... scored with 3:36 remaining in the fourth quarter on a four-yard carry for Texas Tech's final touchdown of the 52-15 rout.
- Replaced Morton again to earn the start against Arkansas (12/27) in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, finishing 20-of-34 overall for 280 yards and a touchdown ... rushed five times in the loss for 14 yards ... became the eighth true freshman in school history to start a game at quarterback, joining the likes of Ron Reeves (1978), Aaron Keesee (1984), Baker Mayfield (2013), Davis Webb (2013), Patrick Mahomes II (2014), Alan Bowman (2018) and Jake Strong (2023) ... was the fourth freshman and only the second true freshman to ever start a bowl game, joining the likes of Zebbie Lethridge (1994), Webb and Donovan Smith (2021) ... his 280 passing yards were the fourth-highest total for a true freshman making his first career start, trailing only Webb (415 versus Iowa State), Mayfield (413 at SMU) and Bowman (282 versus Lamar).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Hutto High School in the Austin area ... prolific quarterback who totaled more than 8,700 passing yards and 84 touchdowns during prep career ... powered one of the nation's top high school offenses, accounting for an additional 2,344 rushing yards and 37 touchdowns on the ground as a dual-threat option ... responsible for 121 touchdowns over his four varsity seasons.
- Finished as the state's leading passer as a senior after completing 61.3 percent of his passes for 3,901 yards and 35 touchdowns, while rushing for an additional 1,077 yards and 19 touchdowns ... named one of 10 finalists for the Mr. Texas Football High School Player of the Year Award presented by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... was a finalist alongside his future wide receiver target in Micah Hudson ... tabbed the District 12-6A Co-MVP following strong close to his prep career.
- Previously totaled 2,763 passing yards and 30 touchdowns to only five interceptions his junior season, while also rushing for 828 yards and nine touchdowns on 120 attempts ... led a Hutto offense that averaged 35.8 points per game, earning him a share of District 12-6A Offensive MVP accolades ... competed in one of the state's top 6A districts alongside future teammate Tyson Turner ... was an honorable mention All-State selection by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA).
- Collected second team All-District 25-6A honors as only a sophomore after throwing for 1,704 yards and 17 touchdowns, while also rushing for 419 yards and eight more scores ... made his debut as a freshman with 358 passing yards and two touchdowns to go with 20 rushing yards on the ground and another touchdown.
- Finished as a finalist at the prestigious Elite 11 competition ... a consensus four-star prospect by the likes of Rivals, 247Sports, ESPN and On3 ... ranked as high as No. 13 nationally among quarterbacks by both Rivals and On3 as well as 14th by 247Sports and 15th by ESPN ... consensus top-100 athlete in the state of Texas by all four publications and a top-300 prospect nationally by Rivals, 247Sports and On3 ... rated as the No. 200 player in the country by Rivals and the No. 34 prospect in the state ... was No. 202 overall by On3 and No. 38 among Texas recruits.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Auburn, Houston, Oregon, Penn State, Oklahoma State, Tennessee, Texas A&M and UTSA.

PERSONAL

- Will Hammond ... born in Austin, Texas ... son of Marshall and Julie Hammond ... one of four siblings - Crystal, Dallin, Melissa and Reed.
- A business management major at Texas Tech.

2024 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Yds	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	LG
Abilene Christian		DNP									
at Washington St.		DNP									
North Texas		5	7	0	0	70	32	2	11	0	8
Arizona State		DNP									
Cincinnati		DNP									
at Arizona		DNP									
Baylor		DNP									
at TCU		10	15	1	0	121	36	8	16	1	12
at Iowa State		DNP									
Colorado		DNP									
at Oklahoma St.		DNP									
West Virginia		0	1	0	0	0	0	2	8	1	4
vs. Arkansas	*	20	34	1	2	280	47	5	14	0	12
Totals		35	57	2	2	471	47	17	49	2	12



Ashton
HAMPTON

CB | 6-0 | 170 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Pearland, Texas | Pearland HS
Career Games: 2 / Career Starts: 0

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in the final two games of the season against West Virginia (11/30) and Arkansas (12/27) ... made both of his two tackles on the season in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, including one shared stop that went for a seven-yard loss.
- Scout team member ... recognized as the defensive scout team player of the week following Texas Tech's victory over Cincinnati (9/28).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Pearland High School located just south of Houston ... developed into one of the top defensive backs in the state at Pearland ... helped push Pearland to the playoffs in each of his three seasons despite playing in one of the most-competitive 6A districts in the state.
- Pearland was 9-3 his senior season and 6-1 in District 23-6A after falling in the Class 6A Division I area round ... blocked three field goals in Pearland's five-overtime win over Dickinson in the first round of the playoffs, which also featured an interception.
- Named to the All-District 23-6A first team each of his final two seasons ... named first team All-Greater Houston by the Houston Chronicle after finishing with 39 tackles as a senior to go along with five interceptions, seven pass breakups and two forced fumbles.
- Previously totaled 53 tackles as a junior in 2022 as well as five interceptions and nine pass breakups ... showed athleticism as a threat in the return game as well with multiple punt returns for a touchdown during his prep career ... tabbed to the District 23-6A second team as only a sophomore.
- Dual-sport athlete as a member of the Pearland track and field program ... member of Pearland's 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of Rivals, 247Sports, ESPN and On3 ... listed as the No. 40 safety in the country by ESPN and the No. 67 prospect in the state of Texas ... ranked 57th among safeties nationally by On3.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Army, Houston, Oregon State, Missouri, SMU, Tulane, Vanderbilt, Washington State and Utah State, among others.

PERSONAL

- Ashton Hampton ... prefers the nickname "Hamp" ... born in Clear Lake, Texas ... calls Pearland, Texas home ... son of Lano and Damita Hampton ... mother is a coach at Pearland High School ... has four other siblings in Omar, Alaina, Addison and Anderson ... older sister, Alaina, completed her junior season as an infielder for the UT-Arlington softball program in 2025.
- Currently a business management major at Texas Tech.



Stone
HARRINGTON

K | 6-3 | 200 | Jr. | 4th Yr. | 1L
Colleyville, Texas | Colleyville Heritage HS
Career Games: 6 / Career Starts: 0

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Saw an increased role as a sophomore, appearing in six games overall ... continued to serve as Texas Tech's backup kickoff specialist for a second-consecutive season ... called on for kickoff duty 13 times on the year with eight of those resulting in a touchback.
- Most significant action came at Oklahoma State (11/23) as the primary kickoff specialist in place of an injured Reese Burkhardt ... booted nine kickoffs in the win with five of those being touchbacks ... recorded his first successful PAT a week later in the win over West Virginia (11/30).

2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Served as a backup place kicker and punter as a redshirt freshman ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

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2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Colleyville High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... two-year varsity kicker at Colleyville Heritage ... also a member of the soccer program throughout his prep career.

PERSONAL

- Stone Harrington ... son of Jon and Linda Harrington ... has one sibling, Cole.
- Enjoys fishing, sports and hiking outside of football.
- A sport management major at Texas Tech.



Pretzynn
HARRISON

WR | 6-5 | 210 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Mineral Wells, Texas. | Mineral Wells HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Mineral Wells High School in his hometown of Mineral Wells, Texas ... two-way player as both a wide receiver/tight end and in the secondary for the Rams ... mid-year enrollee who joined the Red Raiders prior to spring practices ahead of his true freshman season.
- Helped lead Mineral Wells to a 7-4 record as a senior and an appearance in the Class 4A Division II playoffs ... recognized on the All-District 3-4A first team as a senior as well as on the Whataburger Super Team ... earned first team All-District 4-4A accolades as a wide receiver as a junior after catching 17 passes for 374 yards and eight touchdowns.
- Competed for the basketball and track and field programs at Mineral Wells ... was a first team All-District 6-4A selection as a junior in basketball ... advanced to the Class 4A state meet in the high jump as only a sophomore, clearing 6 feet, 2 inches and finishing sixth overall ... personal best in the high jump was 6 feet, 4 inches, which was set at the regional meet held in Lubbock.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of On3, 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... was a top-100 recruit in the state of Texas by all four publications, ranking as high as No. 72 by On3 ... listed as high as No. 25 nationally among tight ends by ESPN ... was also No. 29 among tight ends nationally by On3, No. 35 by 247Sports and No. 40 by Rivals.
- CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER: North Texas, Texas State and Vanderbilt.

PERSONAL

- Pretzynn Harrison (pronounced Preston) ... born in Fort Worth, Texas, to parents Shawn and Precious Harrison ... has a sister, Leigha.
- Enjoys the outdoors, including hiking and fishing in his spare time.
- A kinesiology major at Texas Tech.



Mikal
HARRISON-PILOT

S | 6-0 | 215 | So. | 3rd Yr. (2nd at Tech)
Temple, Texas | Temple HS | Houston
Career Games: 4 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Sat out his entire first season as a Red Raider after suffering a preseason injury ... moved to the defensive back room upon his arrival at Texas Tech.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech following one season at Houston ... redshirted the 2023 season after appearing in only four games as a true freshman ... did not record any statistics ... totaled 14 snaps, 12 on special teams (eight punt return, four kick return) and twice lined up in the slot as a wide receiver.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Temple High School in Temple, Texas ... was a four-year letterwinner in football, helping push Temple to the Class 6A Division I playoffs his final two seasons ... played on both sides of the ball throughout his prep career.

- Shared District 12-6A Offensive MVP honors as a senior with now Red Raider teammate Will Hammond of Hutto ... hauled in 48 catches for 978 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior ... found the end zone five times on the ground that season with two additional touchdowns via his arm ... invited to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl following his senior season, one of the nation's premier events.

- Garnered first team All-District accolades as both a sophomore and junior as well, both at wide receiver ... recognized as a second team All-District 12-6A honoree as a safety as only a freshman.

- Three-sport athlete at Temple, competing in football, baseball and track ... clocked at a 11.02 in the 100-meter dash and 21.63 in the 200 meters as only a sophomore.

- Considered a consensus four-star prospect by the likes of Rivals, 247Sports, ESPN and On3 ... among the top 300 recruits nationally by all four publications, ranking as high as No. 152 by 247Sports ... originally recruited out of high school as a wide receiver, ranking as high as No. 11 at his position by 247Sports and No. 11 by ESPN ... listed among the top recruits in Texas, ranking No. 28 by 247Sports, No. 31 by ESPN and No. 36 by Rivals ... had offers from 48 schools, among five finalists in Cal, Houston, Oklahoma, Texas and TCU ... chose Houston during the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

PERSONAL

- Mikal Harrison-Pilot ... son to Chris Pilot and Brittany Harrison ... father, Chris, was a member of the Houston football program from 2004-08, playing in 46 career games at linebacker ... his stepmother, Jennifer Pilot, was a cheerleader at Houston from 2001-05.
- Major at Texas Tech is sport management.



Romello
HEIGHT

OLB | 6-3 | 240 | Sr. | 6th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Dublin, Georgia | Dublin HS | Auburn | USC | Georgia Tech
Career Games: 36 / Career Starts: 14

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2025 (SENIOR)

- Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... will have one season of eligibility at Texas Tech thanks to the blanket waiver provided from the 2020 season ... rated by ESPN as the No. 2-ranked outside linebacker from the transfer portal and No. 44 portal prospect overall.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech after spending time at three different programs in Auburn (2020-21), USC (2022-23) and then Georgia Tech (2024) ... considered one of the top rush end prospects out of the transfer portal before signing with the Red Raiders ... the 2025 campaign will be his sixth year on a college campus as a 2020 high school graduate.

- Appeared in 36 games with 14 starts over his collegiate career, combining to make 74 tackles (35 solo) during that span, including 15.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks ... has also forced two fumbles and recorded one interception over his career, which all came during the 2024 campaign at Georgia Tech ... played in 12 games each of the last two seasons, combining for 54 of his tackles during that span as well as 12.5 tackles for loss and all 6.5 of his career sacks.

- Regarded as one of the most-disruptive rush ends in college football ... credited with 69 total pressures (7 sacks, 13 quarterback hits, 49 hurries) throughout his college career by Pro Football Focus ... arrived in Lubbock having played in 1,047 defensive snaps over his career per PFF.

- Reunited with two former teammates upon his arrival at Texas Tech in defensive lineman Lee Hunter and running back Quinten Joyner ... teammates at Auburn in 2021 with Hunter, who was a true freshman at the time ... time with Joyner came at USC in 2023 when he was also a true freshman.

- 2024 SEASON (JUNIOR at GEORGIA TECH): started in all 12 regular-season games during his lone season back in his home state of Georgia ... led the team in tackles for loss with 6.5 that resulted in a total of 26 yards lost ... tied for the second-most sacks on the team with 2.5 for a loss of 16 yards ... had 34 tackles overall with 18 being solo stops to go along with four quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles and an interception.

- Appeared in a career-high 485 defensive snaps on the season per PFF ... credited with 32 total pressures by PFF, the most in his career to that point ... pressures were the result of three sacks, six quarterback hits and 23 additional hurries ... graded out at 78.4 overall, which led the Georgia Tech defense ... owned the second-best coverage grade (92.5) in the FBS among edge rushers according to PFF.

• Played in the week 0 Aer Lingus College Football Classic in Dublin, Ireland versus Florida State (8/24) ... registered three tackles, including a solo tackle for loss in the win over the Seminoles in his Yellow Jacket debut ... had four tackles in each of the next three games against Georgia State (8/31), Syracuse (9/7) and VMI (9/14).

• Recorded a season-high five tackles and a season-high 2.0 tackles for loss on the road at Louisville (9/21) ... registered two tackles at home against Duke (10/5) ... served as a team captain for the Yellow Jackets' game versus North Carolina (10/12), making three stops, including a solo tackle for loss ... followed with two stops in a neutral site contest against Notre Dame (10/19).

• Posted Georgia Tech's single-game high for sacks during the 2024 season with 1.5 versus Virginia Tech (10/26) as part of four tackles overall ... had two tackles against Miami (11/9) and one stop against N.C. State (11/21) ... was not credited with a tackle in the Yellow Jackets' eight-overtime thriller versus Georgia (11/29) but led the team in total pressures of the passer with four according to PFF.

• **2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE at USC):** returned from injury to play in 12 of 13 games as a redshirt sophomore ... missed only a late-season Pac-12 contest against Washington ... totaled 20 tackles overall (11 solo), including an impressive 6.0 for loss and 4.0 sacks ... ranked third on the team in total sacks and fifth overall for tackles for loss ... played in 277 defensive snaps that season per PFF, creating 14 total pressures in the process (77 sacks, two quarterback hits and eight hurries) ... received a 77.3 grade as a tackler and a 75.7 grade as a pass rusher by the publication.

• Best performance of the season came against Arizona State (9/23) with five tackles, which included 2.0 sacks ... finished tied for the USC single-game high for sacks on the season ... followed with another sack the next week against Colorado (9/30) and then his final one of the season against Utah (10/21) ... all 6.0 of his tackles for loss came during Pac-12 play with 4.5 coming over a four-game stretch that began with Stanford (9/9) and continued against Arizona State, Colorado and Arizona (10/7).

• **2022 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at USC):** redshirt season ... claimed the starting job at rush end out of preseason camp, only to be limited to only two games - both starts - due to injury ... made his first career start in the season-opening win over Rice (9/3) and was back in the starting lineup again the next week versus Stanford (9/1) ... sustained a season-ending shoulder injury versus the Cardinal ... did not record any statistics prior to his injury.

• **2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at AUBURN):** appeared in nine games as a redshirt freshman at Auburn ... made 19 tackles on the season (6 solo), including 3.0 that went for a loss ... notched a season high of four tackles in two different games against Alabama State (9/11) at Arkansas (10/16) ... had a tackle for loss in both wins as well as 1.5 against Penn State (9/18).

• **2020 SEASON (FRESHMAN at AUBURN):** appeared in only one game as a true freshman, which came in a 48-11 rout of LSU (10/31) ... did not record any statistics ... retained season of eligibility due to COVID-19 pandemic ... enrolled in the spring of 2020 after graduating early.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Dublin High School in his hometown of Dublin, Ga. ... departed Dublin as the school record holder for sacks after leading the Fighting Irish to the 2019 Class 2A state title as a senior ... among the top prospects from Georgia for the 2020 class.

• Named a first team MaxPreps Small Schools All-American and the Georgia Class 2A Defensive Player of the Year following his senior season in 2019 ... amassed 27.0 tackles for loss, 16.0 sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and an interception that was returned 60 yards for a touchdown as a senior alone ... also caught two passes for 112 yards as a wide receiver and returned a kickoff 43 yards that season.

• Rated as a four-star prospect by both 247Sports and ESPN ... was a three-star recruit by Rivals ... tabbed the No. 24 outside linebacker in the nation by 247Sports and No. 35 overall prospect in the state of Georgia ... ranked as high as No. 32 among Georgia recruits by ESPN ... chose to attend Auburn over offers from Florida, Tennessee, Miami, South Carolina, Kentucky, Arizona State, Georgia Tech and Ole Miss, among others.

PERSONAL

• Romello Height ... son of Ronnie Height, a Marine veteran, and Sharon Rozier ... teammates call him Mello ... has one brother and five sisters in his family.

• Enjoys bass fishing in his spare time away from football.

• Earned a bachelor's degree in American Popular Culture from USC in May 2024 ... enrolled in post-baccalaureate courses at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2020*	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	1/0	9/0	2/2	12/0	12/12	36/14

* at Auburn | * USC | * Georgia Tech

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2020 (UA)	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 (UA)	9	6	13	19	3.0	9	0	0	0	0	4
2022 (USC)	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023 (USC)	12	11	9	20	6.0	35	0	0	1	0	1
2024 (GT)	12	18	16	34	6.5	26	0	2	0	0	4
Totals	36	35	38	73	15.5	70	0	2	1	0	9

SACKS

	G	UA	A	Total	Yds
2020 (UA)	1	0	0	0.0	0
2021 (UA)	9	0	0	0.0	0
2022 (USC)	2	0	0	0.0	0
2023 (USC)	12	4	0	4.0	31
2024 (GT)	12	2	1	2.5	16
Totals	36	6	1	6.5	47

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ GEORGIA TECH)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
vs. Florida State	*	2	1	3	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0	0	0
Georgia State	*	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
at Syracuse	*	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
VMI	*	0	4	4	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	*	3	2	5	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0	0	0
Duke	*	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at North Carolina	*	3	0	3	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0	1
vs. Notre Dame	*	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Virginia Tech	*	2	2	4	1.5-14	1.5-14	1	0	0	1
Miami	*	2	0	2	1.0-2	1.0-2	1	0	0	1
NC State	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
at Georgia	*	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	DNP									
Totals	18	16	16	34	2.5-16	6.5-26	2	0	1	4

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ USC)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
San Jose State	0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Stanford	3	0	3	0	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0	0
at Arizona State	4	1	5	0	2.0-12	2.0-12	0	1	0	0
at Colorado	2	0	2	0	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	1
Arizona	0	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
at Notre Dame	0	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Utah	1	1	2	0	1.0-12	1.5-13	0	0	0	0
at California	0	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Washington	DNP									
at Oregon	0	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
UCLA	1	0	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	9	20	0	4.0-31	6.0-35	0	1	0	1



Michael
HENDERSON III

S | 5-9 | 175 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Dallas, Texas | Wylie East HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Wylie East High School, a 6A program in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex ... a dual threat targeted by the Red Raiders as a defensive back who played running back and safety at the prep level ... helped push Wylie East to a 9-1 regular season as a senior and an appearance in the area round of the Class 6A playoffs, finishing 10-2 overall.
- A back-to-back honoree for the District 9-6A Two-Way Player of the Year his junior and senior seasons ... responsible for two interceptions, 10 pass breakups, two forced fumbles and 24 tackles during senior season on defense ... accounted for 1,150 rushing yards on 126 attempts while posting 1,405 all-purpose yards on the other side of the ball.
- Named the K104 FM Week 8 "Beast of the Week" following a game that included a 63-yard interception return for a touchdown and 91 rushing yards and a pair of scores ... tabbed a Dallas-area week 10 top performer by the Dallas Morning News for a 190-yard, five-touchdown game on the ground versus Garland on Nov. 1.
- Carried 76 times for 614 yards over 11 games as a junior, finishing with 800 all-purpose yards and 13 touchdowns as a running back ... recorded 32 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and a pair of interceptions defensively to earn District 9-6A Two-Way Player of the Year honors for the first time.
- Garnered District 9-6A Defensive Newcomer of the Year honors as a sophomore and first team All-District accolades as a sophomore safety ... finished that season with 86 tackles, 6.0 tackles for loss and eight interceptions, including two defensive touchdowns ... also scored twice for the offense that year.
- Three-sport athlete who also participated on the basketball and track teams.
- Offered by the Red Raiders on Christmas Day of 2023 and committed on Jan. 23, 2024 ... earned offers after that time but remained committed to Texas Tech ... a consensus 3-star recruit by the likes of On3, 24/7 Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Texas State, UTEP and UTSA.

PERSONAL

- Michael Henderson III ... born in Dallas, Texas ... calls the Hamilton Park suburb home ... son of Michael Henderson Jr. and Tarsha Henderson ... has seven siblings ... goes by Mike.
- A sports management major at Texas Tech.



Holton
HENDRIX

OL | 6-4 | 295 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Lubbock, Texas | Lubbock Cooper HS
Career Games: 2 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... scout team member ... began the season sharing the backup spot at left guard with Dylan Shaw despite being only a true freshman.
- Appeared in two games along the offensive line against North Texas (9/14) and West Virginia (11/30) ... credited with playing in eight snaps in the win over the Mean Green and 13 snaps against the Mountaineers ... graded out at 79.1 as a pass blocker by Pro Football Focus over those two games.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Local product out of Lubbock Cooper High School ... one of the most-highly rated offensive linemen in West Texas in recent memory ... member of the Cooper football program that was 30-9 overall over his three seasons ... selected as a team captain his senior season.
- Three-time All-District honoree as a member of the 2-5A first team each of the last two seasons and the 3-5A second team as a sophomore in 2021 ... the Pirates reached the Class 5A Division I area round both his junior and senior seasons after previously advancing to the Division II state semifinals in 2021 ... trip to the fifth round of the playoffs his sophomore year marked the furthest the Pirates had made it in the playoffs in school history ... Cooper fell to the eventual state champion in each of his three seasons.
- Played four different positions up front during his prep career ... the Pirates

pounded teams on the ground in 2022, rushing for 2,872 yards with him playing primarily at guard.

- Dual-sport athlete like many other Texas Tech offensive line signees under Joey McGuire as a member of the Cooper basketball program.
- Received his first collegiate offer by the Texas Tech staff ... consensus three-star recruit by the likes of On3, 24/7Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... ranked as high as No. 52 nationally among interior offensive linemen by Rivals and then No. 54 by ESPN ... member of the Texas 100 by Rivals at No. 80 overall ... listed at No. 65 among interior offensive linemen nationally by 24/7Sports ... graduated early to join the Red Raiders in the spring of 2024 ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Baylor, Kansas and Houston.

PERSONAL

- Holton Hendrix ... born in Lubbock, Texas ... son of Kyle and Hollie Hendrix ... has one sibling, Koleman.
- Hobbies include golfing, hunting, fishing, going to the lake and spending time with family and friends.
- A sports management major at Texas Tech.



Ian
HERSHEY

P/K | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | 4th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Pocatello, Idaho | Highland HS | Arizona State | Idaho State
Career Games: 24 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2025 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Joined the Red Raiders in late May as a spring addition from the transfer portal ... will have two seasons of eligibility remaining with the Red Raiders.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech after spending two seasons at Big 12 counterpart Arizona State and one year at Idaho State ... experience as both a place kicker and punter during his collegiate career ... also saw time as a kickoff specialist at both schools.
- Combined to appear in 24 games over his career with 13 appearances at Arizona State and 11 at Idaho State ... found the uprights on 14-of-23 field goal attempts over his career and 36-of-39 PAT tries ... averaged 38.9 yards per punt between the two schools on 72 attempts with 13 of those being downed inside the 20 yard line.
- **2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE at ARIZONA STATE):** moved into a more prominent role as Arizona State's field goal leader for a program that won the Big 12 title and played in the College Football Playoff ... was 7-for-12 on field goal attempts on the season and 20-of-21 on PAT tries ... three of his five misses on the season came from 40-plus yards ... called on to kickoff 15 times with an average of 54.2 yards per boot and only one attempt that went out of bounds.
- Found the uprights on 2-of-3 attempts in the season opener versus Wyoming (8/31) with successful tries from 24 and 29 yards ... was a perfect 3-for-3 the next week against Mississippi State (9/7) with successful attempts from 27, 46 and 47 yards ... his two makes from 46 and 47 yards marked his two longest successful tries on the season ... closed non-conference play by drilling a 22-yarder against Texas State (9/14) ... unable to do the same on a 51-yard attempt in that same game, his longest try of his Arizona State career.
- Began Big 12 play by making his only attempt against his new school in Texas Tech (9/21) ... the successful 34-yarder put the Sun Devils on the board with 13:10 remaining in the second quarter and the Red Raiders leading 14-3 as a result ... missed his final three attempts on the season with a 38-yard attempt against Kansas (10/5) and tries from 41 and 48 yards at Cincinnati (10/19).
- **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at ARIZONA STATE):** redshirt season ... appeared in four games for the Sun Devils, mainly as a punter ... called on for 16 punts, averaging 39.6 yards an attempt with three of those downed inside the 20 ... averaged 41.7 yards per punt in his Arizona State debut versus Colorado (10/7) with three of his six punts being downed inside the 20 ... recorded his longest punt of the season at 50 yards versus the Buffaloes ... later averaged 38.0 yards per punt on eight attempts at Utah (11/4) and 40.0 yards a punt on two punts versus Arizona (11/25).
- **2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN at IDAHO STATE):** Earned both the kicking and punting jobs as only a true freshman with the Bengals ... appeared in 11 games total, finishing 7-of-11 on field goal attempts while averaging 38.7 yards per punt ... downed 10 of his 56 punt attempts inside the 20 and had 22 attempts fair caught ... averaged 57.8 yards on kickoffs with 14 of his 36 attempts resulting in a touchback and only one that went out of bounds.
- As a field goal kicker, was 4-of-5 from inside 39 yards and 3-of-6 from 40-plus yards ... longest field goal of the season was from 50 yards against Montana (10/1)

... also booted his longest punt of the season against Montana, sailing one of his six attempts 67 yards ... found the uprights from 40-plus yards twice against Cal Poly (10/15) with successful tries from 44 and 47 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Highland High School in his hometown of Pocatello, Idaho ... averaged 40.9 yards per punt at the prep level and was 19-for-23 on field goals as a senior with a long of 58 yards.
- Helped push Highland to the Idaho Class 5A state final his senior year with a successful 40-yard field goal as time expired ... previously set the Idaho state record with a 58-yard field goal in a quarterfinal win over Rocky Mountain High School ... delivered the game-winning field goal in that victory as well with a successful 45-yard attempt with 3:25 remaining in regulation.
- Earned a five-star rating by Chris Sailer Kicking and was rated the No. 36 kicking prospect in the country by the outlet out of high school.

PARTICIPATION	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	11/0	4/0	9/0	24/0

* at Idaho State | * at Arizona State

CAREER STATS

FIELD GOALS	G	Made	Att	Lg	Pct
2022 (USU)	11	7	11	50	63.6
2023 (ASUJ)	4	0	0	-	-
2024 (ASUJ)	9	7	12	47	58.3
TOTALS	24	14	23	50	60.9

FGs (Dis.)	F6M-FGA	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
2022 (USU)	7-11	0-0	3-3	1-2	2-4	1-2	0-0
2023 (ASUJ)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2024 (ASUJ)	7-12	0-0	4-4	1-3	2-4	0-1	0-0
TOTALS	14-23	0-0	7-7	2-5	4-8	1-3	0-0

SCORING	G	TD	Rush	Pass	Retn	PAT	2PAT	FG	Total	Avg/G
2022 (TTUJ)	11	0	0	0	0	16	0	7	37	3.4
2023 (TTUJ)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2024 (TTUJ)	9	0	0	0	0	20	0	7	41	4.5
TOTALS	24	0	0	0	0	36	0	14	78	3.3

2024 GAME-BY-GAME FG STATS (@ ARIZONA STATE) (Made), Missed, <i>Blocked</i>							
Opponent	Att. 1	Att. 2	Att. 3	Att. 4	Att. 5	Totals	Long
Wyoming	(29)	(24)	38	-	-	2-of-3	29
Mississippi State	(27)	(47)	(46)	-	-	3-of-3	47
at Texas State	51	22	-	-	-	1-of-2	22
at Texas Tech	(34)	-	-	-	-	1-of-1	34
Kansas	38	-	-	-	-	0-of-1	-
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	0-of-0	-
at Cincinnati	48	41	-	-	-	0-of-2	-
at Oklahoma State	DNP						
UCF	DNP						
at Kansas State	DNP						
BYU	DNP						
at Arizona	DNP						
vs. Iowa State	-	-	-	-	-	0-of-0	-
vs. Texas	-	-	-	-	-	0-of-0	-
Totals						7-of-12	47

2022 GAME-BY-GAME FG STATS (@ IDAHO STATE) (Made), Missed, <i>Blocked</i>									
Opponent	Att. 1	Att. 2	Att. 3	Att. 4	Att. 5	Totals	Long		
at UNLV	-	-	-	-	-	0-of-0	-		
at San Diego State	-	-	-	-	-	0-of-0	-		
Central Arkansas	(23)	43	-	-	-	1-of-2	23		
at Northern Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	0-of-0	-		
Montana	(22)	(50)	-	-	-	2-of-2	50		
at Montana State	-	-	-	-	-	0-of-0	-		
Cal Poly	42	(47)	(44)	-	-	2-of-3	47		
Northern Arizona	32	(24)	-	-	-	1-of-2	24		
at UC Davis	(35)	-	-	-	-	1-of-1	35		
at Weber State	-	-	-	-	-	0-of-0	-		
Idaho	51	-	-	-	-	0-of-1	-		
Totals							7-of-11	50	

PUNTING	G	No.	Yards	Lg	Avg
2022	11	56	2,169	67	38.7
2023	4	16	634	50	39.6
2024	9	0	0	-	-
Totals	24	72	2,803	67	38.9

2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ IDAHO STATE)

Opponent	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20
at UNLV	7	327	46.7	65	0	0	3	2	1
at San Diego State	11	400	36.7	46	0	1	2	0	1
Central Arkansas	4	142	35.5	45	0	0	0	0	1
at Northern Colo.	2	89	44.5	49	0	0	0	0	0
Montana	6	257	42.8	67	0	0	4	1	3
at Montana State	3	102	34.0	39	0	0	2	0	1
Cal Poly	5	191	38.2	48	0	0	3	0	0
Northern Arizona	3	91	30.3	43	0	0	0	0	1
UC Davis	7	279	39.9	52	0	0	1	1	1
at Weber State	7	260	37.1	43	0	0	6	0	0
Idaho	1	31	31.0	31	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	56	2,169	38.7	67	0	1	22	4	10



Jackson HILDEBRAND

OL | 6-2 | 295 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
San Antonio, Texas | Alamo Heights HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action as a true freshman ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio, Texas ... elected a team captain his senior season ... helped push Alamo Heights to the regional semifinal round of the Class 5A Division II playoffs as a senior ... previously part of a Mules program that advanced to the same round his junior year as well.
 - Three-year varsity letterwinner on the offensive line ... Alamo Heights was the champion of District 14-5A each of those two seasons ... recognized as an All-District 14-5A first team honoree as both a junior and senior ... credited with 150 knockdowns between those two seasons with 80 as a senior and 70 his junior year.
 - Honored as a three-time Academic All-District honoree for his work in the classroom ... competed for the track and field program in the shot put and discus as well as with the lacrosse team.
 - Graduated early and joined the Red Raiders in the spring of 2024 ... **CHOSE TEXAS**
- TECH OVER:** Air Force, Army, Houston, Fordham, Incarnate Word and San Diego.

PERSONAL

- Jackson Hildebrand ... son of David and Carey Hildebrand ... is the oldest of three children ... has a sister, Harly and a brother, Hudson ... father was a three-year starter and all-conference guard for Air Force (1998-2000).
- Enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time.
- An energy commerce major at Texas Tech.



Adam HILL

RB | 6-1 | 230 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Albany, Texas | Albany HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action as a true freshman ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Albany High School located approximately 35 miles northeast of Abilene, Texas ... played for one of the top Class 2A programs in Texas after helping lead Albany to back-to-back state championships ... two-way player throughout his high school career as both Albany's running back and top linebacker.

- Earned Offensive MVP honors in the state title game as a senior after carrying 24 times for 132 yards and a pair of touchdowns ... added two tackles, including a sack, on the other side of the ball.
- Finished with 2,641 rushing yards and 51 touchdowns his senior year alone, while adding a team-leading 16.5 sacks and more than 90 tackles defensively ... previously totaled 102 rushing yards and a touchdown in Albany's 2022 state championship victory, while also catching three passes for 71 yards ... notched four tackles as well, including a shared stop behind the line of scrimmage, to push Albany to its first state title since 1961.
- Named the District 6-2A MVP following his junior season ... was also a first team All-State honoree by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) as a defensive lineman.
- Member of the school's basketball and track and field programs ... was the Class 2A state champion in the 300-meter hurdles both his senior and junior seasons ... set a personal record in the 300-meter hurdles state title race clocking a 38.05 ... won the race in 38.75 seconds his junior season ... took silver as a senior in the state meet in the shot put with a 53'-0.25" toss ... also qualified for the state meet in the 110-meter hurdles his junior and sophomore seasons, finishing as the state runner-up both times ... logged a 14.36-second personal record as a junior.
- Ranked as a three-star prospect by 247Sports ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Louisiana Tech.

PERSONAL

- Adam Hill ... born in Abilene, Texas to parents Kevin and Kimberly Hill ... the youngest of four kids, having two older sisters, Rachel and Alli, and one older brother, Ryan.
- Comes from a football family as his father played collegiately and also coached ... Kevin was inducted into the Howard Payne Hall of Fame in 2008 after a four-year career where he was a two-time all-conference wide receiver (1991-92).
- A sport management major at Texas Tech.



A.J. HOLMES JR.
DL | 6-3 | 300 | Jr. | 4th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Houston, Texas | Westfield HS | Houston
Career Games: 29 / Career Starts: 16

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2025 (JUNIOR)

- Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... will have two seasons of eligibility at Texas Tech.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech after spending first three years of collegiate career at the University of Houston ... the Cougars competed in the AAC his first season (2022) before the program joined the Big 12 the following year ... familiar with new defensive system at Texas Tech after playing under defensive coordinator Shiel Wood while at Houston in 2024.
- Saw action in 29 total games during Houston career with 16 starts ... called up to start for the Cougars as only a true freshman before becoming a regular up front ... registered 67 tackles (37 solo) for his career, including 13.5 for a loss and 4.5 sacks ... combined to play in 1,256 defensive snaps as a Cougar according to Pro Football Focus, creating 52 total pressures during that span.
- **2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at HOUSTON):** regular on the defensive front as a sophomore, starting in all 12 games at defensive tackle ... led all Houston defensive linemen with 639 defensive snaps according to Pro Football Focus ... recorded 40 tackles and 8.5 tackles for loss, both career highs for a single season ... had 2.0 sacks as part of that total to go along with seven quarterback hurries ... posted multiple tackles in 10 of 12 games overall to join seven other Cougars with at least 40 tackles on the season.
- Credited with 639 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, the most in his college career ... ranked second on the team with 26 total pressures per PFF with 20 of those coming from quarterback hurries ... ranked third among Big 12 interior defenders and led all 2027 NFL Draft-eligible FBS interior defenders in quarterback hurries according to PFF ... his 26 pressures ranked tied for fifth among all Big 12 interior defensive linemen and led all 2027 NFL Draft-eligible FBS interior defenders.
- Recorded at least a share of a tackle for loss in seven of nine Big 12 contests overall, including a career-high 2.0 at Arizona (11/15) late in the season ... performance was part of four tackles, which also included a solo sack for a seven-yard loss ... posted 1.5 tackles for loss in back-to-back weeks at Cincinnati (9/21)

- and versus Iowa State (9/28) ... started a stretch of four-consecutive games with at least one tackle for loss after recording one tackle behind the line of scrimmage at both TCU (10/4) and Kansas (10/9) ... performance versus Iowa State included his first sack of the season for a seven-yard loss ... capped the season with a career-high seven tackles versus Baylor (11/23).
- **2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at HOUSTON):** became a regular contributor as a redshirt freshman, appearing in all 12 games with three starts ... compiled 21 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks across 12 games ... was third on the team with his 4.5 tackles for loss ... combined for nine of 21 stops over final three games of the season.
- Led all UH defensive linemen with 461 defensive snaps according to Pro Football Focus ... ranked eighth among all Big 12 interior defensive linemen with 20 quarterback pressures and ranked ninth in the conference with 15 quarterback hurries per PFF ... his 68.9 overall defensive grade by PFF was tops among Big 12 freshmen interior defenders.
- Talled single-game season highs in tackle for loss (2.5) and sacks (1.5) versus Cincinnati (11/11) ... had a single-game season high of four tackles in games versus UTSA (9/2) and Cincinnati (11/11) ... recorded multiple stops in six different contests with two tackles versus TCU (9/16), Sam Houston State (9/23) and Oklahoma State (11/18) as well as three in the regular-season finale at UCF (11/25) ... both tackles versus Sam Houston resulted in losses, including one for a sack.
- **2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN/HOUSTON):** redshirt season ... appeared in four regular-season games as well as the Independence Bowl as only a true freshman ... recorded six tackles overall with one shared stop that went for a loss ... credited with 156 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus ... received a 77.4 overall grade by the publication, which led all AAC true freshman interior defensive linemen (minimum 150 snaps) ... earned his first career start late in the season versus Temple (11/12), finishing with three tackles and a forced fumble in the win ... graded out at 83.3 overall by PFF against the Owls with an 82.4 grade as a pass rusher, which ranked second on the team ... previously made his debut versus USF (10/29) with two stops, including his first career tackle for loss and quarterback hurry ... followed with another tackle the next week at SMU (11/5).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Westfield High School in his hometown of Houston ... among the top high school prospects from the Houston area ... was a three-year letterwinner at Westfield, which was also the alma mater of Ed Oliver, who starred at Houston before being selected ninth overall in the 2019 NFL Draft.
- Named the District 14-6A Most Valuable Player as a senior after logging 96 tackles, 54 solo tackles and 26 tackles for loss over 12 games ... added 16 sacks and averaged 8.0 tackles per game that season ... contributed two takeaways by returning an interception for a touchdown and recovering one fumble over the course of the 2021 season.
- Recorded 13 tackles, 6.0 tackles for loss and one sack as a junior in 2020 ... averaged 6.5 tackles per game that season from his spot on the interior defensive line ... as a sophomore, posted 16 tackles (nine solo), including 5.0 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks to go along with a fumble recovery.
- Consensus three-star prospect coming out of high school by the likes of 247Sports, On3, ESPN and Rivals ... ranked as high as No. 47 by ESPN among interior defensive linemen ... was a top-100 recruit in the state of Texas by both 247Sports and ESPN, ranking No. 87 and No. 89, respectively, by both publications ... chose Houston over similar offers from the likes of TCU, Virginia, Minnesota and Colorado, among others.

PERSONAL

- Anthony Holmes Jr. ... son of Anthony Holmes Sr. and Carlisha Holmes ... nickname is A.J., short for Anthony Junior ... named after his father.
- Anthony Holmes Sr. played linebacker and running back at Northwestern State (2003-06) and was a 2A All-State honoree in high school.
- Enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time... would like to pursue being a trainer or a coach after football.
- A leadership studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	5/1	12/3	12/12	29/16

* at Houston



Maurion HORN

CB | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | 4th Yr. | 2L
Broken Arrow, Okla. | Broken Arrow HS
Career Games: 23 | Career Starts: 13

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HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Broken Arrow High School in his hometown of Broken Arrow, Okla. ... two-way player splitting time as a running back and defensive back during prep career ... helped lead Broken Arrow to the state semifinals both his sophomore and senior seasons and the state quarterfinals as a junior in 2020 ... the Tigers won the Class 6A Division I state title his freshman year.

• Tabbed the District 1-6A Offensive Player of the Year as a senior after recording 1,349 rushing yards in 12 games, averaging 112.4 yards per game ... ran for 1,079 yards and 13 total touchdowns as a junior, while adding 36 tackles and five pass deflections.

• Participated in the 2022 Under Armour All-American Game ... selected to play in the Oklahoma Coaches Association All-Star Game following senior year.

• Member of the school's basketball program following the completion of football season.

• Consensus four-star recruit by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN ... recognized as the No. 27 cornerback in the 2022 class and the No. 5 player in the state of Oklahoma by ESPN ... member of the ESPN300 list at No. 220 overall ... ranked 10th nationally among athletes by Rivals and No. 5 in the state of Oklahoma ... was the No. 16 athlete in the country and No. 7 player in Oklahoma by 247Sports.

CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER: Arkansas, Baylor, Iowa State, Kansas, Michigan State, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Texas and USC.

PERSONAL

• Maurion Horn ... son of Maurice Horn and Deshawna Horn ... has three siblings, Maurice Jr., Maurico, and Amani.

• An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION

	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
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GP/GS	0/0	10/0	13/13	23/13
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CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Bldk	INT
2022	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	10	3	1	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	13	31	25	56	3.0	6	5	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	23	34	26	60	3.0	6	5	0	0	0	0

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
Abilene Christian *	6	5	11	10-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Washington St. *	0	0	0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
North Texas *	1	0	1	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
Arizona State *	2	2	4	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati *	3	2	5	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Arizona *	6	4	10	1-0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Baylor *	4	1	5	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU *	0	1	1	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State *	3	5	8	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
Colorado *	1	0	1	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
at Oklahoma St. *	2	1	3	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
West Virginia *	3	2	5	1-0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas *	0	2	2	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	25	56	3-0-6	0-0	0	0	0	5



▲ As only as sophomore, **MAURION HORN** started all 13 games at cornerback during the 2024 season. The reliable DB ranked second on the team in defensive snap count (806), while his 59.2 reception rate percentage ranked as the third-lowest on the team.

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

• Turned into a regular starter for the Red Raiders as only a sophomore ... joined safety C.J. Baskerville as the only other defensive back to start in all 13 games and one of four defensive players on the team to do so ... one of only seven players on both sides of the ball to start in all 13 games overall.

• Finished fourth on the team with 56 total tackles (31 solo), including 3.0 that went for a loss ... trailed only linebackers Jacob Rodriguez (127) and Ben Roberts (83) as well as Baskerville (78) on the tackle leaderboard ... recorded 44 of his 56 tackles during Big 12 play, which was also fourth on the team ... notched multiple stops in nine different games with five or more tackles in six contests.

• Totaled five pass breakups on the season to go along with a quarterback hurry ... four of his five pass breakups came during a three-game stretch to start November during Big 12 play ... targeted a team-leading 76 times in the passing game with opponents completing 45 of those attempts per Pro Football Focus ... his 59.2 reception percentage was third on the team among defensive players with at least 20 targets, trailing only Brenden Jordan (57.6) and Bralyn Lux (58.5).

• Credited with 806 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which ranked second on the team behind only Baskerville (895) ... inserted for an additional 84 snaps on special teams, mainly as part of the field goal block team ... also saw time sparingly on punt returns and as part of kickoff coverage.

• Opened the season with a career-high 11 tackles in the overtime win over Abilene Christian (8/31) ... performance included his first career tackle for loss, which came late in the third quarter on an attempted screen pass ... combined for only one stop the next two games with only a quarterback hurry at Washington State (9/7) and a tackle and pass breakup in the victory over North Texas (9/14).

• Began Big 12 play by combining for nine tackles in wins over Arizona State (9/21) and Cincinnati (9/28) with four against the Sun Devils and five versus the Bearcats ... followed with his second double-digit tackle performance of the season at Arizona (10/5), which included one stop for a one-yard loss midway through the second quarter that resulted in a 3-and-out.

• Credited with five stops two weeks later against Baylor (10/19) before being limited to only one at TCU (10/26) ... saw a season-low seven snaps versus the Horned Frogs due to an injury early in the game.

• Listed with eight tackles in Texas Tech's ranked road victory at Iowa State (11/20) to go along with a pass breakup ... kicked off three-consecutive games with a pass breakup with one versus Colorado (11/9) and two at Oklahoma State (11/23).

• Combined for nine tackles over the final three regular season games with one against Colorado, three at Oklahoma State and five versus West Virginia (11/30) ... recorded final tackle for loss on the season versus the Mountaineers to start a 3-and-out drive late in the second quarter that gave the Red Raiders the ball back with time to score for a 35-3 halftime lead ... wrapped sophomore season with two tackles in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27).

2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

• Made the two-deep at cornerback as a redshirt freshman ... appeared in 10 games overall either in the secondary or via special teams ... missed three of the first four games of the season despite ending preseason camp listed as a backup at corner ... saw action in eight of nine games during Big 12 play as well as the Radiant Technologies Independence Bowl versus Cal (12/16).

• Credited with four tackles on the season with three of those coming in the regular-season finale at Texas (11/24) ... other stop was in the non-conference finale against Tarleton State (9/16).

• Listed with playing in 116 snaps defensively by Pro Football Focus with the bulk coming against Tarleton State (32), TCU (40) and Texas (27) ... also utilized for 96 snaps on special teams as a regular on the kickoff coverage, punt return, punt coverage and field goal block units.

2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

• Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

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TEXAS TECH



Justin HORNE

LB | 6-0 | 225 | So. | 3rd Yr. | 1L
New Orleans, La. | John Curtis Christian HS
Career Games: 11 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Appeared in 10 games as either a reserve linebacker or on special teams ... season was cut short after suffering a knee injury versus Colorado (11/9) that kept him out of the final two games of the regular season and then the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27).
- Finished with four tackles on the season, including a shared sack, which was the first of his career ... sack came against North Texas (9/14) as part of two tackles in the win ... marked the first two tackles of his career ... added stops later in the year at TCU (10/26) and versus Colorado (11/9).
- Credited with 169 snaps on special teams by Pro Football Focus, which ranked fifth on the team ... consistent member of the kickoff return, kickoff coverage and field goal block units ... also saw time on punt returns during the year.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... inserted into one game overall, which came against Cal in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl versus Cal (12/16) ... utilized as part of both the kickoff coverage and punt return units against the Golden Bears ... collegiate debut came in his home state of Louisiana.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended John Curtis Christian High School in New Orleans, La. ... developed into one of the top linebacker prospects in the state of Louisiana as a senior.
- Helped lead John Curtis to the Louisiana Division I state championship as a senior after totaling 144 tackles, 17.0 tackles for loss, 6.0 sacks, five quarterback hurries and three pass breakups over 14 games ... tabbed the District 9-5A Defensive MVP and a first team honoree at linebacker ... two-year starter on defense, totaling 70 tackles as a junior, including 6.0 tackles for loss and a sack.
- Multi-sport athlete as a standout for the track and field program ... in fact, among the fastest athletes not only in Louisiana but the country as the Class 5A state champion in the 110-meter hurdles ... clocked as low as 7.93 in the 60-meter hurdles, 13.85 in the 110-meter hurdles and 38.25 in the 300-meter hurdles.
- Tabbed a three-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals and On3 ... considered the No. 31 recruit in his home state by On3 and the No. 52 linebacker in the country ... listed as the No. 33 prospect in Louisiana by 247Sports and No. 73 nationally among linebackers ... ranked 44th nationally among outside linebackers by Rivals.

PERSONAL

- Justin Bryce Horne ... born in New Orleans to parents Jason and Monica Horne ... has an older brother, Mason.
- Hobbies include karate ... developed the nickname "Sensei" by teammates and coaches due to his affection for karate.
- A kinesiology major at Texas Tech.



Micah HUDSON

WR | 6-0 | 200 | So. | 2nd Yr. | 1L
Temple, Texas | Lake Belton HS
Career Games: 8 / Career Starts: 1

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Appeared in eight games with one start during his lone season as a Red Raider ... battled injuries leading into the season, missing all of spring practices before being cleared during the summer ... held out of the final three games of the regular season due to injury.
- Considered the backup to Caleb Douglas at the "Y" wide receiver position entering the season ... caught eight passes for 123 yards overall with a reception in five different games ... credited with playing in 87 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus with an additional 20 snaps on punt returns.
- Best performance came against North Texas (9/14) with three catches for 43 yards, including a 32-yard grab from Will Hammond that nearly found the end zone ... made his first collegiate reception on a four-yard haul the previous week at Washington State (9/7) ... set up Texas Tech's opening touchdown with a 38-yard strike from Behren Morton at Arizona (10/5) ... the Red Raiders followed with a Tahj

Brooks three-yard touchdown scamper on the next play to take an early 7-0 lead ... had two catches for 38 yards versus Baylor (10/19), including a highlight-worthy grab over a defender that resulted in a 26-yard gain.

- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** named to the preseason true freshman All-America team by 247Sports ... preseason candidate for the Shaul Alexander Freshman of the Year Award presented by the Maxwell Football Club.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Lake Belton High School in Temple, Texas ... easily among the top prospects in the country as part of the 2024 class ... led Lake Belton to the Class 5A playoffs each of his last two seasons.
- Two-time District 4-5A Division I MVP after accounting for more than 3,500 receiving yards and 57 receiving touchdowns over four prep seasons ... explosive with the ball in his hands, averaging 19.1 yards per catch over his career ... easily among the top athletes to run through Lake Belton, finishing with 202 catches for 3,868 receiving yards and 37 touchdowns through the air ... also totaled 1,243 rushing yards and an additional 11 touchdowns over his career ... one of the state's top returners on special teams as well.
- On the receiving end of 70 catches for 1,353 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior ... previously went over the 1,000 yard mark as a junior in 2022, finishing with 1,198 yards and 14 touchdowns through the air on 65 catches ... was a third team All-State honoree by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA).
- Began his career with 22 catches for 466 yards and six touchdowns as a freshman in 2020, which also featured 655 rushing yards and six touchdowns after averaging 16.0 yards per carry ... followed with 45 catches for 851 receiving yards and nine touchdowns as only a sophomore in 2021, placing him on many recruiting radars.
- Named one of 10 finalists for the Mr. Texas Football High School Player of the Year Award presented by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... one of two Red Raider signees to be named as a finalist, joining quarterback Will Hammond ... selected to participate in the Under Armour Next All-America Game in Orlando.
- Recognized for his work in the classroom as a member of the Academic All-District team.
- Standout for the Lake Belton track and field program, competing in the Class 5A state meet as a junior ... part of a 4x200 meter relay that finished third in the state after a school record time of 1:25.59 ... set the Lake Belton school records in the 100 meters (11.54), the 4x100 meter relay and the 4x200 meter relay.
- Consensus five-star recruit by the likes of Rivals, 247Sports, On3 and ESPN ... highest-rated recruit to sign with Texas Tech during the internet ranking era and among the highest ever for the Red Raiders ... ranked among the top-15 prospects in the country by all four publications ... listed as the sixth-best player in the country by Rivals and at No. 9 overall by On3, No. 12 by ESPN and No. 15 by 247Sports ... dubbed the top player in the state of Texas by Rivals, On3 as well as DCTF, and No. 2 overall by 247Sports and ESPN ... listed as the No. 3 wide receiver nationally by both Rivals and On3 as well as fourth by 247Sports and ESPN.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Alabama, Georgia, LSU, Michigan, Michigan State, Texas A&M, Texas, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Baylor, TCU, Cincinnati, Colorado, Houston, among others ... joined the Texas Tech football program in the spring of 2024.

PERSONAL

- Micah Hudson ... parents are Desmond Royal and Patrice Moody ... has one sibling, Mekhi Royal.
- Enjoys art and graphic media outside of football ... a communications studies major at Texas Tech.

2024 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
Abitene Christian		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
at Washington St.	*	1	4	0	4.0	4	0	0	0
North Texas		3	43	0	14.3	32	0	0	0
Arizona State		1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
at Arizona		1	38	0	38.0	38	0	0	0
Baylor		2	38	0	19.0	26	0	0	0
at TCU		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State		DNP							
Colorado		DNP							
at Oklahoma St.		DNP							
West Virginia		DNP							
vs. Arkansas		DNP							
Totals		8	123	0	15.4	38	0	0	0



Lee HUNTER

DL | 6-4 | 330 | Sr. | 5th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Mobile, Ala. | Blount HS | Auburn | UCF
Career Games: 38 / Career Starts: 23

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER AWARDS & HONORS

- All-Big 12 Second Team (2024, Jr.)
- All-Big 12 Honorable Mention (2023, So.)

2025 (SENIOR)

• Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... will have one season of eligibility at Texas Tech ... rated by ESPN as the No. 2-ranked defensive tackle from the transfer portal and No. 20 portal prospect overall ... named the top returning interior defensive lineman in the Big 12 Conference by Pro Football Focus and ranked fifth nationally ... ranks second among returning Power Four conference interior defensive linemen with 49 total pressures the past two seasons combined.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech after originally beginning his collegiate career at Auburn (2021) before playing the last three seasons at UCF (2022-24) ... developed into one of the top interior defensive linemen during his career as a Knight ... two-time All-Big 12 honoree, earning second team accolades as a junior in 2024 as well as an honorable mention selection as a sophomore in 2023.
- Played in 38 career games for the Knights, accumulating 131 tackles (66 solo), 21.5 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks over three seasons ... made 23 starts over that span, all of which came over his final two seasons ... added a pass breakup at the line of scrimmage.
- Led all FBS interior defenders in run-defense stops (58) and tackles for loss or no gain over his final two seasons at UCF, per Pro Football Focus ... combined to play in 1,311 defensive snaps over his career by PFF, grading out at 74.0 overall in 2023 and then 72.1 in 2024 ... recorded 55 total pressures over his UCF tenure, including 49 over his final two seasons, which ranks second among returning Power Four conference interior defensive linemen entering the 2025 campaign.
- **2024 SEASON (JUNIOR at UCF):** tabbed to the All-Big 12 second team after playing in all 12 games with 10 starts ... finished season leading all UCF interior linemen with 45 tackles, including 19 solo stops ... ranked seventh overall on the team for total tackles ... was tied for the team lead with 9.5 tackles for loss, which included one solo sack ... frequently in the backfield with six quarterback hurries as well.
- Credited by Pro Football Focus with 27 total pressures (of the pass of any kind), which ranked second among interior linemen in the Big 12 ... marked the most total pressures thus far in his career ... appeared in 522 defensive snaps, according to PFF, grading out at 72.1 overall by the publication.
- Recorded multiple stops in 10 of 12 games overall and had at least a share of a tackle for loss in nine different contests, including each of the final seven games of the season ... combined for 40 of his 45 tackles on the season over the final nine games after starting with five the first three weeks with one stop against both New Hampshire (8/29) and at TCU (9/14) with three sandwiched in between versus Sam Houston (9/7).
- Tallied five tackles with half-a-tackle for loss against Colorado (9/28) before recording a season-high six tackles in a non-conference bout at Florida (10/5) ... posted three tackles and half-a-tackle for loss versus Cincinnati (10/12) ... received his highest PFF grade (80.4) of the season at Iowa State (10/19) after recording four tackles, including 2.0 tackles for loss and one sack ... posted four tackles versus BYU (10/26), including one solo stop for a loss.
- Performance at Iowa State kicked off four-consecutive games with four tackles after matching that total against BYU (10/26), Arizona (11/2) and at Arizona State (11/9) ... had one tackle for loss versus the Cougars and shared one tackle behind the line of scrimmage against both Arizona schools ... recorded five tackles in each of the final two games of the season at West Virginia (11/23) and against Utah (11/29) ... had one solo tackle for loss against the Mountaineers before posting a season-high 2.5 versus the Utes.
- Named to the Preseason All-Big 12 team in July ... tabbed to preseason national award watch lists for the Outland Trophy, Bednarik Award, Lombardi Trophy and Bronko Nagurski Trophy as well as to the watch list for the 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl All-Star game.
- **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at UCF):** an honorable mention defensive line pick on the All-Big 12 teams chosen by league coaches ... appeared and started in each of the Knights' 13 games his sophomore season ... notched 69 tackles, 11.0 tackles

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for loss and 3.0 sacks in 2023, which marked the most tackles in the country by a defensive tackle, according to Pro Football Focus ... was the third-leading tackler for the Knights overall.

- Credited with 577 defensive snaps on the season by Pro Football Focus, the most in his career at UCF ... publication awarded him with 22 pressures created with one sack, five quarterback hits and 16 additional hurries ... received a 74.0 overall grade, which included a 76.9 grade in run defense ... both grades were the highest of his UCF tenure.
- Registered first career start against Kent State (8/31) in the season opener and led the Knights with eight tackles (five solo), including a sack ... combined for nine stops the next two non-conference games with four tackles at Boise State (9/9) and five versus Villanova (9/16) ... started Big 12 play with six tackles and half-a-tackle for loss against Kansas State (9/23) to go along with a pass breakup at the line of scrimmage.
- Notched a career-high nine tackles versus Baylor (9/30), including one sack for 18 yards ... had two tackles at Kansas (10/7) ... posted five tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack for eight yards, versus Oklahoma (10/21) ... had three tackles versus West Virginia (10/28) ... posted seven tackles, including 1.5 that went for a loss versus Cincinnati (11/4).
- Secured a team-high eight tackles versus Oklahoma State (11/11), including two tackles for loss for five yards ... played key role in holding the nation's leading rusher in Oklahoma State's Ollie Gordon II to 25 yards on 12 carries ... held to a season-low one tackle in his only appearance against his future school in Texas Tech (11/18) ... had six tackles, including 2.0 tackles for loss for six yards, versus Houston (11/25) ... recorded five tackles with a half-a-tackle for loss in the Gasparilla Bowl against Georgia Tech (12/22), his second career bowl appearance.
- **2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at UCF):** appeared in 13 of 14 games during the Knights' final season in the American Athletic Conference ... missed only the season opener versus South Carolina State (9/2) before seeing action in the next 13 games, including the AAC Championship Game and Military Bowl ... finished the season with 17 tackles (nine solo), including one sack ... tallied a tackle against Louisville (9/9) in his first collegiate game ... made two tackles and recorded his first career sack the next week against Florida Atlantic (9/17) ... recorded four more performances with multiple stops the remainder of the season with three tackles at East Carolina (10/22) and against Navy (11/19) and two at Memphis (11/5) and against Duke (12/28) in the Military Bowl.
- **2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN at AUBURN):** redshirt season ... did not play in a game for the Tigers as a true freshman ... transferred to UCF following the departure of former Auburn head coach Gus Malzahn, who later accepted same job with the Knights.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Blount High School in Mobile, Ala. ... one of the top high school prospects to come out of the state of Alabama for the 2021 class ... two-way player during prep career for the Leopards.
- Recorded 54 tackles, 20.0 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks as a senior in 2020 for coach Lev Holly ... also scored a rushing and receiving TD and had nine catches for 149 yards ... earned first team AHSAA All-State honors as a senior and was tabbed the Lineman of the Year for Class 6A by the Alabama Sports Writers Association (ASWA) ... named to AL.com A-List of the top recruits for the 2021 class ... was an Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game selection ... made 77 tackles and 23.0 tackles for loss as a junior in 2019.
- Consensus four-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, ESPN, Rivals and On3 ... rated a top five overall recruit from Alabama by ESPN, 247 Sports, Rivals and PrepStar ... nationally ranked No. 7 among defensive tackle prospects by ESPN and No. 11 by Rivals ... ranked as high as No. 60 nationally by ESPN and was a consensus top-200 prospect in the country by all four publications.
- Chose to attend Auburn out of high school over offers from the likes of Alabama, Ole Miss, Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, Florida State, Georgia, LSU, Texas A&M and Oregon, among others.

PERSONAL

- Lee Hunter ... born and raised in Mobile, Ala. ... son of Shirley Tucker ... has three siblings ... has a daughter, Kaylee, born summer of 2020 ... teammates call him "The Fridge".
- Earned a bachelor's degree from UCF in general studies ... enrolled in post-baccalaureate courses at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	13/0	13/13	12/10	38/23

* at Auburn | * at UCF

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CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2021 (UA)	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 (UCF)	13	9	8	17	1.0	7	0	0	0	0	1
2023 (UCF)	13	38	31	69	11.0	49	1	0	0	0	2
2024 (UCF)	12	19	26	45	9.5	24	0	0	0	0	6
Totals	38	66	65	131	21.5	80	1	0	0	0	9

SACKS	G	UA	A	Total	Yds
2021 (UA)	0	0	0	0.0	0
2022 (UCF)	13	1	0	1.0	7
2023 (UCF)	13	3	0	3.0	27
2024 (UCF)	12	1	0	1.0	5
Totals	38	4	0	5.0	39

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ UCF)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
New Hampshire	*	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
Sam Houston	*	3	0	3	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0	0	0
at TCU		0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	*	1	4	5	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	*	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	*	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	*	2	2	4	1.0-5	2.0-6	0	0	0	2
BYU		3	1	4	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0	0	1
Arizona	*	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0	0	0
at Arizona State	*	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0	0	1
at West Virginia	*	1	4	5	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0	0	1
Utah	*	3	2	5	0.0-0	2.5-5	0	0	0	0
Totals		19	26	45	1.0-5	9.5-24	0	0	0	6

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ UCF)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Kent State	*	5	3	8	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0	0	1
at Boise State	*	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Villanova	*	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Kansas State	*	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
Baylor	*	5	4	9	1.0-18	1.0-18	0	0	0	0
at Kansas	*	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	*	3	2	5	1.0-8	2.5-11	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	*	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Cincinnati	*	2	5	7	0.0-0	1.5-6	0	0	0	1
Oklahoma State	*	5	3	8	0.0-0	2.0-5	0	0	0	0
at Texas Tech	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Houston	*	3	3	6	0.0-0	2.0-6	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech	*	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
Totals		38	31	69	3.0-27	11.0-49	0	0	0	2

2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ UCF)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
South Carolina St.	DNP									
Louisville		0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at FAU		1	1	2	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0
Georgia Tech		0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
SMU		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Temple		0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at East Carolina		3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Memphis		0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tulane		1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Navy		1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Florida		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tulane		1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Duke		2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
Totals		9	8	17	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	1



Trey JACKSON

TE | 6-5 | 240 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Dallas, Texas | South Oak Cliff HS
Career Games: 2 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

• Redshirt season ... scout team member ... appeared in two games as a true freshman against North Texas (9/14) and Baylor (10/19) ... praised for his development coming out of preseason camp in an experienced tight end room.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended South Oak Cliff High School in Dallas, Texas ... part of one of top football programs in the state his final two seasons as the Golden Bears were the Class 5A Division II state champions in 2022 and then the state runner-up his senior season in 2023 ... primarily played wide receiver at the high school level before joining the Red Raiders' tight ends room.

• Averaged more than 20 yards per catch as a senior, finishing with 24 receptions for 505 yards and 10 touchdowns through the air ... named to the All-District 6-5A first team as a junior and a senior ... was on the receiving end of a 15-yard touchdown strike in the state title victory, cutting South Oak Cliff's deficit to only 17-12 heading into the half ... catch was later showcased on ESPN as part of its "You Got Moss'd" segment ... was one of six receptions for 63 yards on the season, which all went for touchdowns.

• Dual-sport athlete as a member of the basketball and track and field programs as well ... garnered first-team All-District 11-5A honors on the hardwood his junior season ... competed in both the high jump and triple jump for the track program ... graduated in the top 10 percent of his class and was a member of the National Honor Society ... earned his degree early to join the Red Raiders in the spring of 2024.

• Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of Rivals, ESPN, 247Sports and On3 ... ranked as high as No. 41 among tight ends nationally by ESPN ... was also listed as the No. 51 tight end prospect in the country by On3 and at No. 62 by 247Sports ... was No. 55 overall by the Dallas Morning News on its top recruits in the DFW metroplex ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** SMU, North Texas, Utah, UTSA and Texas State, among others.

PERSONAL

• Trey Jackson ... born in Dallas, Texas ... parents are Andrew Jackson and LaPia Wilson.

• Enjoys playing basketball and traveling to see new places when not on the football field.

• An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.



Will JADOS

OL | 6-7 | 305 | Sr. | 5th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Westerville, Ohio | Westerville Central HS | Miami (OH)
Career Games: 39 / Career Starts: 39

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2025 (SENIOR)

• Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... will have one season of eligibility at Texas Tech.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

• Spent first four years of collegiate career at Miami of Ohio before transferring to Texas Tech following the 2024 season ... arrives having started in 39 games over the past three seasons for the RedHawks after initially redshirting his first year on campus.

• Played an impressive 2,222 career snaps according to Pro Football Focus ... was Miami's starting left tackle each of the past three seasons ... allowed only nine sacks over his career in 1,124 pass-blocking opportunities.

• **2024 SEASON (JUNIOR AT MIAMI-OH):** started in all 13 games at left tackle for a Miami program that finished 9-4 overall and played in the MAC title game ... did not participate in the bowl game having already entered the transfer portal ... credited with 728 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which ranked fourth on the team despite missing the bowl game ... allowed only one sack over 421 pass-blocking opportunities on the season ... quickly picked up offers from Oklahoma State,

Pittsburgh, UTEP, Wake Forest and Texas Tech after entering the transfer portal following the season.

- **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at MIAMI-OH):** earned second team All-MAC honors after starting in all 14 games ... helped push the RedHawks to a MAC title and an 11-3 overall record ... part of an offensive line that surrendered only 24 sacks on the season and ranked tied for 30th nationally and second in the MAC with only 4.71 tackles for loss allowed per game ... credited with 789 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, the most in his Miami career ... publication awarded him 16 pressures allowed all season, the fewest in his career ... total included three sacks allowed over 352 pass-blocking opportunities.
- **2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at MIAMI-OH):** became a regular starter for the RedHawks as only a redshirt freshman ... started in all 12 games played, only missing the RedHawks' bowl game ... credited with 705 offensive snaps played by Pro Football Focus ... allowed five sacks on the season, according to the publication, over 351 pass-blocking opportunities.
- **2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN at MIAMI-OH):** redshirt season ... did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Westerville Central High School in Westerville, Ohio ... helped push Central to a 7-2 record as a senior and a 4-1 mark in the OCC-Ohio ... the Warhawks advanced to the Division I, Region 3 final that season.
- Played on both sides of the ball during prep career ... voted as a team captain as a senior, eventually earning third team All-State honors ... also recognized as a first team All-District honoree as a senior.
- Considered a three-star prospect by both ESPN and Rivals coming out of high school ... ranked as high as No. 52 among prospects in his home state of Ohio by Rivals ... chose Miami over interest from the likes of Toledo, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Bowling Green, Kent State, Akron, West Virginia and Kentucky.

PERSONAL

- Will Jados ... born in Columbus, Ohio ... grew up in Westerville, Ohio ... mother is Tracy Jados ... father is Andy Jados ... both parents were collegiate athletes - mother played volleyball at Mount Union and father played basketball at Ohio Dominican ... has two siblings, Drew Jados and Maren Elliott.
- Earned his degree in information technology from Miami (Ohio) ... enrolled in post-graduate courses at Texas Tech during final season.

PARTICIPATION	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	12/12	14/14	13/13	39/39

* at Miami (OH)



Bryson JONES

WR | 6-3 | 190 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Frisco, Texas | Lone Star HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Frisco Lone Star High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... big play threat as one of the top wide receiver prospects in the state of Texas ... helped lead Lone Star to a 12-2 record and an appearance in the Class 5A Division I state quarterfinals as a senior ... previously helped push the Rangers to the area round of the playoffs his junior season.
- Tabbed to the All-District 5-5A first team as a senior ... previously earned first team All-District 6-5A honors as a junior after catching 64 passes for 1,092 yards and 15 touchdowns ... averaged an impressive 17.1 yards per catch en route to earning honorable mention All-State accolades by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA).
- Member of the Lone Star track and field program in addition to football ... advanced to the Class 5A state meet as a senior as a member of the 4x200-meter relay ... clocked at 10.79 in the 100-meters his senior year, a personal best.
- Listed as a four-star prospect by both ESPN and Rivals and a three-star recruit by On3 and 247Sports ... consensus top-100 player in the state of Texas by all four publications ... ranked as high as No. 53 nationally among wide receivers by ESPN ... considered the No. 52 prospect in Texas by ESPN and at No. 56 by 247Sports, No. 58 by Rivals and at No. 64 by On3 ... named one of the top 100 recruits in the DFW area for the 2025 class by the Dallas Morning News.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Arkansas, Baylor, Boston College, Cal, Houston, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan State, Oklahoma State, Ole Miss, Penn State, Pittsburgh, SMU, TCU, Tennessee, Texas A&M, Utah and Wisconsin, among others.

PERSONAL

- Bryson Alexander Jones ... son of Victor Jones and Anglea Tillis ... one of three siblings with two sisters in Kennedy and Asia.
- Father works for Frisco ISD and once coached Texas Tech wide receivers coach Justin "Juice" Johnson in high school.
- Plans to major in computer science at Texas Tech.



Lloyd JONES III

QB | 6-4 | 215 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Hitchcock, Texas | Hitchcock HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Hitchcock High School, a coastal 3A program located just outside Galveston in the greater Houston area ... guided by head coach Craig Smith while his father Lloyd Jones Jr. coached on the Hitchcock football staff as well ... led team to an 8-1 regular season record and a 4-0 first-place finish in district play as a senior, advancing to the regional round of the playoffs after a 42-3 win in bi-district play and a 56-14 win in the area round ... Hitchcock's impressive 10-game winning streak came to a halt in the regional round.
- Finished senior season with 1,682 passing yards and 24 touchdowns to go along with 283 rushing yards and seven scores on the ground ... illustrious tenure at Hitchcock ended with 8,164 career passing yards and 107 passing touchdowns to go along with 1,685 career rushing yards and 29 rushing touchdowns over four seasons ... became the 79th Texas high school football player to throw 100 touchdown passes in a career ... closed his prep career as the Hitchcock High School all-time leader for touchdowns.
- Tabbed the District 12-3A Co-MVP as a senior and was an honorable mention All-State selection by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) ... earned All-District 12-3A Co-Offensive MVP honors and All-State honorable mention accolades as a junior after compiling just under 3,400 total yards and 48 touchdowns ... named the 2023 Galveston County football player of the year after his junior season by the Galveston Daily News ... was a first team All-Galveston County selection following his senior year.
- Registered 2,735 passing yards and 36 touchdowns and 678 rushing yards with 13 scores in prolific junior season ... named the SBLive Texas High School Athlete of the Week for Sept. 26-Oct. 2 after a monster sophomore year performance throwing for 312 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions on 12-of-20 passing to help lead Hitchcock to a 35-30 road win ... accounted for more than 100 career touchdowns going into his senior season.
- Recorded 911 passing yards, 11 passing touchdowns, 195 rushing yards and one rushing touchdown as a freshman ... followed with 2,836 passing yards, 36 passing touchdowns, 457 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns as a sophomore.
- Excelled in both football and basketball at the prep level ... helped lead Hitchcock to back-to-back state titles in basketball during his sophomore and junior seasons ... had 14 points and 21 rebounds in the 2023 state championship game, earning All-State Tournament team honors in the process ... was an area champion in the 4x100 meter relay as a junior in 2024.
- Rated a four-star athlete by both On3 and Rivals and a three-star prospect by 247Sports and ESPN ... tabbed a four-star by the 247Sports composite rankings ... ranked by Rivals as the No. 11 dual-threat quarterback in the nation for the class of 2025 ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Colorado State, North Texas, Texas State and UTSA.

PERSONAL

- Lloyd Wayne Jones III ... son of Lloyd Wayne Jones Jr. and Meredith Renee Jones ... has seven siblings - Katie, Billy, Michael, Brett, Vincent, Pacey and Asha ... goes by the family nickname of "Chubby," which three generations of Jones men have gone by ... born in Texas City, Texas outside of Houston ... calls Hitchcock, Texas home.
- Comes from a family of athletes ... Grandpa - Fred Bolton Jr. (UT-Arlington '68), Father - Lloyd Jones Jr. (LSU '95), Brother - Michael Parker (Southwestern '17), Brother - Pacey Jones (USAF Academy '20).
- A sport management major at Texas Tech.



Brenden JORDAN
S | 6-0 | 205 | Jr. | 3rd Yr. | 2L
Mansfield, Texas | Mansfield HS
Career Games: 26 / Career Starts: 7

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Continued to be a key contributor for the Red Raiders in the secondary as a sophomore ... appeared in all 13 games while making two starts at Texas Tech's "star" position ... two starts came late in the season at Iowa State and in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas.
- Ranked sixth on the team with 36 tackles (18 solo) to go along with three pass breakups in the secondary ... tackle total included 2.5 for a loss and one shared sack ... recorded at least one tackle in all 13 games and had multiple stops in nine different contests ... bulk of tackles - 28 to be exact - came during Big 12 play with multiple stops in seven of nine games overall.
- Contributed to two takeaways with a pair of fumble recoveries on the year, which came during Big 12 play in wins at Arizona and versus West Virginia ... marked the first time to directly impact the game via a takeaway this early in his career ... added three pass breakups in the secondary as well.
- Targeted 33 times in the passing game by opponents per Pro Football Focus with 19 of those resulting in completions ... his 57.7 reception percentage against him marked the lowest on the team among Red Raiders who were targeted at least 10 times ... publication credited him with appearing in 381 defensive snaps, which was ninth overall on the team ... added an additional 100 snaps on special teams, primarily as part of the kickoff return and punt coverage units.
- Combined for five tackles over the three non-conference contests with three versus Abilene Christian (8/31) and one at both Washington State (9/7) and versus North Texas (9/14).
- Opened Big 12 play with four tackles and a pass breakup in the win over Arizona State (9/21) followed by a season-high five stops against Cincinnati (9/28) ... recovered his first career fumble a week later at Arizona (10/5) as part of two tackles ... fumble recovery gave the Red Raiders the ball back at the Arizona 25-yard line, setting up a Tajh Brooks 32-yard touchdown run with 1:53 remaining in regulation to take a 28-19 lead.
- Returned from open date with three tackles against Baylor (10/19) and four at TCU (10/26), including 1.0 tackles for loss and a shared sack ... got to TCU quarterback Josh Hoover at the same time as Charles Esters III to record a seven-yard sack midway through the first quarter to force a punt after disrupting a 3rd-and-9 play ... marked the first sack of his career to that point ... later combined with Chapman Lewis to halt a TCU fourth-down attempt by blowing up rushing attempt for a two-yard loss midway through the second quarter.
- Began the month of November with three tackles in the win at Iowa State (11/2) followed by one stop against both Colorado (11/9) and Oklahoma State (11/23) ... lone tackle versus the Buffaloes went for a three-yard loss late in the third quarter.
- Closed the regular season by matching his season high with five tackles against West Virginia (11/30) to go along with a fumble recovery ... his second fumble recovery of the year came on a Terrell Tilmon strip sack late in the second quarter, giving the Red Raiders the ball back in plus territory to eventually push their lead to 35-3 at halftime following a Tajh Brooks two-yard touchdown run.
- Made his second start of the season in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27), finishing with three tackles, including one for a loss, as well as a career-high two pass breakups.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Became a key contributor for the Red Raiders in the secondary as only a true freshman ... appeared in all 13 games with five starts from Texas Tech's "star" position ... one of three true freshmen to start in a game on the season, joining linebacker Miquel Dingle Jr. and quarterback Jake Strong ... was the only true freshman from that group to make multiple starts ... made three of his five starts late during Big 12 play against the likes of TCU, UCF and Texas.
- Recorded 20 tackles overall (16 solo), including 1.0 for a loss, to go along with a quarterback hurry and pass breakup ... led all true freshmen on the team in tackles. Credited with appearing in 329 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus ... saw sporadic action on special teams as well as part of the kickoff coverage, punt return and field goal block units.
- Made the first start of his career in his collegiate debut at Wyoming (9/2) ... was in the starting lineup again the following week versus Oregon (9/9), finishing with two tackles ... closed non-conference play with four stops the next week in the win over Tarleton State (9/16).

- Utilized heavily on defense beginning midway through Big 12 play with Kansas State (10/14) ... had a season-high six stops against the Wildcats to go along with his first career tackle for loss and pass breakup ... tackle for loss came early in the second quarter, eventually leading to a K-State 3-and-out drive.
- Came close to matching that season high for stops with five tackles to go along with a quarterback hurry in the win over UCF (11/18) ... credited with playing a season-high 65 defensive snaps against the Knights ... hurried quarterback John Rhys Plumlee into an incompletion on UCF's 1st-and-goal play just before halftime as the Red Raiders kept the Knights off the board to keep a 14-14 tie intact ... also had one stop at BYU (10/21) earlier in conference play and two in the regular-season finale at Texas (11/24).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Mansfield High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... considered one of the top defensive backs in the country coming out of high school ... three-year varsity letterwinner where he helped lead Mansfield to its first playoff appearance since 2017 as a senior ... regarded as one of the top tackling safeties in the DFW area.
- Recorded 81 tackles as a senior alone, including four for a loss, to go along with two interceptions and eight pass breakups in the secondary ... ultimately closed his prep career with 141 total tackles (101 solo), averaging 6.4 tackles per game ... selected to play in the 2023 Polynesian Bowl following a successful senior season.
- Missed most of his junior season with an injury ... tabbed the District 11-6A Sophomore Defensive Player of the Year in 2020 after a strong varsity debut ... served as Mansfield's place kicker and punter during prep career in addition to his role in the secondary.
- Standout for the track and field programs as one of the top sprinters in the state ... clocked at a sub-11.0 time in the 100-meter dash during prep career.
- Listed as a four-star prospect by 247Sports and ESPN and a three-star signee by Rivals and ON3.com ... member of the ESPN300 at No. 224 overall nationally ... ranked as high as the No. 13 safety nationally by ESPN and No. 35 in the state of Texas by both ESPN and 247Sports ... tabbed the No. 14 safety in the country by 247Sports ... considered a Rivals Texas 100 prospect as the No. 92 recruit in the state ... ranked as the No. 32 recruit in the DFW area by the Dallas Morning News.
- CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, SMU and USC.

PERSONAL

- Brenden Xavier Jordan ... born in Arlington, Texas, to parents Robert and Koshier Jordan ... has two older sisters, Jessica and Mackenzie.
- An information technology major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	13/5	13/2	26/7

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	INT	QBH
2023	13	16	4	20	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	1
2024	13	18	18	36	2.5	9	3	0	2	0	0
TOTALS	26	34	22	56	3.5	10	4	0	2	0	1

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
Abilene Christian	0	0	3	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Washington St.	0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
North Texas	0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Arizona State	1	3	4	7	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Cincinnati	4	1	5	10	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Arizona	0	2	2	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Baylor	3	0	3	6	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at TCU	1	3	4	8	1.0-5	0-0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	*	1	2	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	1	1	2	0.5-3	0-0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.	0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
West Virginia	3	2	5	10	0.0-0	0-0	0	1	0
vs. Arkansas	*	2	1	3	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	2
Totals	18	18	36	72	2.5-9	0-0	0	2	3

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
at Wyoming	*	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Oregon	*	5	0	5	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Tarleton St.		4	0	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at West Virginia		0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Houston		0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Baylor		0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kansas State		5	1	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	1
at BYU		0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TCU	*	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Kansas		0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
UCF	*	4	1	5	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Texas	*	1	1	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. California		0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		16	4	20	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	1



Quinten JOYNER

RB | 5-11 | 215 | So. | 3rd Yr (1st at Tech)
Austin, Texas | Manor HS
Career Games: 17 / Career Starts: 0

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2025 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

• Joined the Red Raiders prior to spring practices with three seasons of eligibility remaining at Texas Tech ... hails from the same high school former Texas Tech running back Tahj Brooks attended - Manor High School ... chose Texas Tech over an offer from Ohio State upon entering transfer portal.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Spent first two seasons of collegiate career at the University of Southern California ... utilized redshirt during first season with the Trojans ... played in 17 games at USC over two years, seeing action in five games as a true freshman (2023) while playing in all 12 regular season games as a redshirt freshman (2024).
- Combined for 603 rushing yards and four touchdowns on 81 carries over his two seasons as a Trojan ... also caught 13 passes for 96 yards and an additional touchdown ... bulk of statistics came during 2024 redshirt freshman season where he finished second on the team for rushing yards.
- Credited with 264 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus during his two years at USC with 210 of those coming during his 2024 redshirt freshman season ... received an 80.5 overall grade by the publication in 2024, which included a stellar 90.0 grade as a rusher ... accounted for 32 missed tackles forced during his two seasons, resulting in 333 yards after contact.
- **2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at USC):** was the Trojans' second-leading rusher, posting 478 yards on the ground and three rushing touchdowns over 12 games ... missed only USC's appearance in the Las Vegas Bowl after entering the transfer portal ... in addition, posted 12 receptions for 89 yards and one touchdown, producing a season all-purpose yardage total of 567 yards ... the 567 all-purpose yards ranked as the fourth-most by a USC player in 2024.
- Explosive with the ball in his hands with 15 carries of 10 or more yards on the season and five of at least 20 yards ... averaged 7.6 yards per rush on 63 carries ... also caught four passes of at least 10 yards.
- Began the season with four carries for 12 yards and one catch for four yards in a neutral site versus LSU in Las Vegas (9/1) ... posted single-game season highs in carries (10), rushing yards (84) and rushing touchdowns (2) in the Trojans' home opener versus Utah State (9/7) ... matched his season high for carries and came close to his rushing total in the regular-season finale versus Notre Dame with 10 carries for 83 yards ... also caught one pass for 13 yards in what would be his final game at USC.
- Other notable performance came versus Penn State (10/12) with three carries for 82 yards, which included a 75-yard touchdown scamper that was the longest play from scrimmage by a Trojan in 2024 ... marked the longest rushing attempt of his career thus far ... the touchdown came on the first play of USC's second drive, giving the Trojans a 7-3 lead at the time ... found the end zone again in the second quarter on a nine-yard touchdown catch early in the second quarter ... finished with two catches for 12 yards versus the Nittany Lions.
- Previously had three rushes for 23 yards and two catches for six yards on the road at Michigan (9/21) and then six carries for 49 yards and one catch for 10 yards against Wisconsin (9/28) ... had four carries for 44 yards at Minnesota (10/5)

... followed the Penn State performance with three carries for six yards at Maryland (10/19) and then three more carries for 14 rushing yards as well as one catch for 10 yards against Rutgers (10/25) ... began the month of November with six carries for 38 yards at Washington (11/2) ... tallied seven carries for 19 yards and also recorded one catch for five yards versus Nebraska (11/16) ... recorded four carries for 24 yards and tallied two receptions for 20 yards at UCLA (11/23).

• **2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN at USC):** enrolled at USC in the spring of 2023 after graduating a semester early from high school ... saw action in five games as a true freshman - versus San Jose State (8/26), Nevada (9/2), Stanford (9/9), at Notre Dame (10/14) and in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville (12/27).

• Recorded 18 carries for 125 yards (6.9 avg.) with a long of 47 yards and scored one touchdown, while also catching one pass for seven yards ... had five carries for 34 yards (6.8 avg.) against San Jose State to start the season ... recorded four carries for 65 yards (16.3 avg.) and one touchdown against Nevada ... found the end zone for the first time in his career on a 47-yard touchdown scamper with 9:09 remaining in regulation to give USC a 59-14 lead at the time ... also had one reception for seven yards against the Wolf Pack ... followed with five carries for 14 yards (2.8 avg.) versus Stanford and then added two carries for 11 yards against Notre Dame ... had two carries for one yard in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Manor High School just outside of Austin, Texas ... excelled at the same high school that produced Tahj Brooks, who became Texas Tech's all-time leading rusher during the 2024 season.
- Named to the All-District 25-6A first team as a senior after rushing for 1,794 yards and 25 touchdowns on 196 carries (9.2 avg.) ... added five receptions for 73 yards that season en route to earning third team All-State accolades by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) ... contributed to special teams with three kickoff returns for 106 yards (35.3 average) ... was also Manor's punter, booting 14 attempts for 408 yards (29.1 average) with a long of 46 yards.
- Selected as the District 11-5A MVP as a junior after rushing for an impressive 2,494 yards and 31 touchdowns on 223 carries, averaging 11.2 yards an attempt ... was the leading rusher in all of Class 6A ... named a first team All-State selection by the TSWA ... also caught nine passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns to help lead Manor to the area round of the Class 5A Division I playoffs.
- Previously rushed for 613 yards on only 67 carries (9.1 yards per carry) and five rushing touchdowns as a sophomore ... was a first team All-District 11-5A selection in his first season on varsity ... caught five passes for 33 yards as well that season.
- A three-sport athlete having also played baseball and competed in track and field ... ran 11.06 in the 100 meters and threw a shot-put personal record of 49-feet in the spring of 2022 ... ran a 10.99 in the 100 meters and posted a 45-8 shot put at the AAU Junior Olympics Games in May 2021.
- Selected to compete at the 2023 All-American Bowl and the 2023 Polynesian Bowl following his senior season ... considered a four-star prospect by the likes of 24/7Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... ranked as high as No. 4 among running backs in the 2023 class by 24/7Sports and was No. 89 nationally by the publication ... listed at No. 5 among running backs by Rivals and at No. 98 in its national database ... consensus top-100 recruit in Texas by all three publications, ranking as high as No. 17 by 24/7Sports.
- Chose to attend USC out of high school over offers from Oklahoma State, Nebraska, Penn State, TCU, Arkansas, Louisville, Vanderbilt, SMU and others.

PERSONAL

- Quinten Joyner ... born in Austin, Texas but raised in Paige, Texas ... son of Quincy and Kristen Joyner ... is the oldest child of three ... younger brother, Quintaelyn, is a freshman defensive back for the Red Raiders.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	5/0	12/0	17/0
* at USC			

CAREER STATS

RUSHING	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G	
2023 (USC)	5	18	125	1	47	6.9	25.0	
2024 (USC)	12	63	478	3	75	7.6	39.8	
Totals	17	81	603	4	75	7.4	35.5	
RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2023 (USC)	5	1	7	0	7	0.2	7.0	1.4
2024 (USC)	12	12	89	1	13	1.0	7.4	7.4
Totals	17	13	96	1	13	0.8	7.4	5.7

2024 GAME-BY-GAME (@ USC)

Opponent	GS	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG
vs. LSU		4	12	0	6	1	4	0	4
Utah State		10	84	2	32	1	9	0	9
at Michigan		3	23	0	11	2	6	0	7
Wisconsin		6	49	0	15	1	10	0	10
at Minnesota		4	44	0	21	0	0	0	0
Penn State		3	82	1	75	2	12	1	9
at Maryland		3	6	0	4	0	0	0	0
Rutgers		3	14	0	6	1	10	0	10
at Washington		6	38	0	15	0	0	0	0
Nebraska		7	19	0	6	1	5	0	5
at UCLA		4	24	0	21	2	20	0	12
Notre Dame		10	83	0	23	1	13	0	13
vs. Texas A&M		DNP							
Totals		63	478	3	75	12	89	1	13

2023 GAME-BY-GAME (@ USC)

Opponent	GS	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG
San Jose State		5	34	0	13	0	0	0	0
Nevada		4	65	1	47	1	7	0	7
Stanford		5	14	0	11	0	0	0	0
at Arizona State		DNP							
at Colorado		DNP							
Arizona		DNP							
at Notre Dame		2	11	0	10	0	0	0	0
Utah		DNP							
at California		DNP							
Washington		DNP							
at Oregon		DNP							
UCLA		DNP							
vs. Louisville		2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
Totals		18	125	1	47	0	0	0	0



Quintaelyn JOYNER
S | 6-0 | 200 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Austin, Texas | Bastrop HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Played at Bastrop High School under Jake Griedt, a 5A program 30 miles east of Austin, Texas, during junior and senior seasons after attending Manor High School as a freshman and sophomore.
- Bastrop won its district title (11-5A) in 2024, going 7-0 and 9-3 overall, improving from 5-5 in 2023 and 2-8 in 2022 ... the school's district championship was its first since 2009.
- Played quarterback for the Bastrop Bears ... used a dual-threat option in the offense, accumulating eight passing touchdowns and eight rushing touchdowns over his junior and senior seasons.
- During the Bears' 7-0 district title run, he threw for 204 yards and five touchdowns while having 23 carries for 196 yards and seven TDs.
- As a sophomore at Manor while sharing the field with his brother, Quinten, a senior at the time, totaled 963 passing yards and eight passing touchdowns while rushing for 250 yards on 40 carries as the team's starting quarterback.

PERSONAL

- Quintaelyn Joyner ... son of Quincy and Kristen Joyner ... one of three children.
- Oldest brother is Quinten Joyner, a third-year sophomore running back on the Red Raider football team.
- A kinesiology major at Texas Tech.



Chris LEMONS
LB | 6-2 | 220 | So. | 3rd Yr.
Prosper, Texas | Prosper HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Scout team member ... did not see any game action.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Prosper High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... recorded seven solo tackles with three assisted tackles as well as six total hurries ... part of a Prosper program that went 13-2 his senior season, falling in the Class 6A Division I state semifinals ... dual-sport athlete in high school, football and basketball.

PERSONAL

- Chris Lemons ... son of Devin and Nicole Lemons ... brother to Isaac and Gabe ... father is a former linebacker for the Red Raiders.
- Enjoys video games and spending time with family and friends.
- A sport management major at Texas Tech.



Chapman LEWIS
S | 6-1 | 185 | Jr. | 3rd Yr. | 2L
Burleson, Texas | Burleson Centennial HS
Career Games: 23 / Career Starts: 11

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Became a regular starter at safety as only a true sophomore ... started in all 11 games played, missing only two contests midway through Big 12 play due to injury ... held out of the win at Arizona (10/5) as well as the Homecoming contest against Baylor (10/19) two weeks later due to a hamstring injury.
- Finished fifth on the team with 43 tackles (27 solo) to go along with three interceptions, three pass breakups and a fumble recovery ... was second on the team for interceptions, trailing only fellow safety C.J. Baskerville, who had four on the season ... did not have a single interception in 13 career games played before his first of the season at Washington State.
- Posted at least two tackles in all 11 games played with four or more stops in five of those contests ... recorded majority of his season tackle total during Big 12 play with 33 of his 43 overall coming against league opponents ... shared the team high for tackles in one game, which came in the win at Iowa State ... two of his three pass breakups on the season came during the conference slate ... shared two tackles for loss on the season, which both came during Big 12 play.
- Credited with 606 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which ranked fifth on the team despite missing two games and playing only seven snaps against Cincinnati ... saw an additional 46 snaps on special teams, primarily on either the field goal block or kickoff coverage units.
- Publication listed him with being targeted through the air 17 times on the season with 10 of those resulting in completions (58.8 percent) ... his percentage was the third lowest on the team among those with at least 10 targets, trailing only Brenden Jordan (57.6) and Bralyn Lux (58.5).
- Recorded two of his three interceptions on the season during non-conference play, picking off passes at Washington State (9/7) and versus North Texas (9/14) ... spoiled early field position for Washington State by picking off a John Materer pass on the second play of the game ... dove to catch a deflected pass a week later against North Texas that was the third and final interception of a game-changing second quarter ... the Red Raiders scored a few players later on a Jalyn Conyers 10-yard touchdown reception for a 52-7 lead at halftime ... combined for eight tackles during that stretch with two against both ACU and Washington State and then four versus the Mean Green ... also had a pass breakup in the overtime win over ACU, the first of his career.
- Opened Big 12 play with a career-high seven tackles in the win over Arizona State (9/21) to go along with another pass breakup ... matched that total twice later in the season with seven stops at both TCU (10/26) and at Iowa State (11/2).

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**Deante LINDSAY**CB | 6-1 | 185 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Ada, Okla. | Ada HS

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Ada High School, approximately 80 miles southeast of Oklahoma City ... featured as a wide receiver, cornerback, safety and nickelback under the guidance of head coach Wade Boyles.
- Helped lead the Ada Cougars in 2024 to its first district championship since 2017 as a senior ... scored a defensive touchdown, by forcing and recovering a fumble, and returning it 27 yards for a touchdown, in the district-clinching 40-14 win over Sallisaw on senior night ... the Cougars finished the regular season at 7-3 overall ... Ada piled up 631 total yards of offense to win its first-round playoff game, 53-50, over Cushing before falling in the quarterfinals, 30-6, to Bethany to see its season come to and end at 8-4.
- Led Ada with 987 receiving yards and 11 receiving touchdowns on 53 receptions as a senior ... on the defensive side, racked up 53 tackles and one interception as a senior ... caught 36 passes for 859 yards and 13 touchdowns during his junior season, while also making 51 tackles to go along with five interceptions.
- A three-sport athlete that also competed for the basketball and track teams ... was an Oklahoma 4A 300-meter hurdles silver medalist as a junior with a time of 39.97 ... previously ran a personal best time of 39.47 earlier in the year, which ranked 16th in the state ... placed fourth in the state in the 110-meter hurdles that same year with a time of 15.42 ... personal best in the 110-meter hurdles was a 14.99 that was run earlier in the spring of 2024.
- Originally offered by the Texas Tech staff in Feb. 2024 before committing that June ... consensus three-star prospect by the likes of On3, 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... ranked as high as No. 10 in the state of Oklahoma for the 2025 class ... listed as the No. 40 cornerback in the country by On3 ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Boston College, Harvard, Tulsa, UNLV and Utah.

PERSONAL

- Deante Lindsay ... son of Franklin Lindsay and Edna Blue ... siblings are Shaunette Lindsay, Kira Blue, and Hilary Griffen ... father was a three-year starter at defensive back at East Central University.
- Enjoys fishing, hunting, ranching as well as welding in his spare time.
- A management major at Texas Tech.

**Jason LLEWELLYN**TE | 6-5 | 255 | Jr. | 4th Yr. (2nd at Tech) | 1L
Aledo, Texas | Aledo HS | Oklahoma
Career Games: 25 / Career Starts: 0

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE)

- Appeared in 12 games as either a reserve tight end or on special teams during his first season as a Red Raider ... missed only the home date versus Cincinnati (9/28) ... often one of the shield protectors on Texas Tech's punt unit ... credited with one tackle on special teams, which came in the win over North Texas (9/14) ... saw action also on kickoff returns late in the season ... utilized in heavy sets late in the season as a third tight end on running downs.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Joined the Red Raiders following two seasons at the University of Oklahoma ... arrived at Texas Tech with three seasons of eligibility remaining ... played in a total of 13 games as a Sooner either on special teams or as a reserve tight end.
- **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE):** redshirted the 2023 season after playing in only three of the first four games of the season ... saw action against Arkansas State (9/2), Tulsa (9/16) and Cincinnati (9/23).
- **2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN):** played in 10 games as a true freshman in 2022 ... missed only three games that season late in the year against Baylor (11/5), Texas Tech (11/26) and versus Florida State in the Cheez-It Bowl (12/29).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Aledo High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... played for one of the top Class 5A programs in the state of Texas ... helped push Aledo to the

- Contributed to Texas Tech's takeaway efforts as part of his big outings against TCU and Iowa State, recording his second career interception versus the Horned Frogs while recovering a key fumble in the win over the Cyclones ... interception came on TCU's first drive of the second half, giving the Red Raiders the ball back for an eventual Will Hammond rushing touchdown and a 31-14 lead at the time ... also shared a tackle for loss with Brenden Jordan against TCU, causing a key fourth-down stop midway through the second quarter in Texas Tech territory ... performance came after missing the previous two games and most of the Cincinnati victory due to injury.
- Fumble recovery also came at a key moment at Iowa State, halting the Cyclones opening drive of the second half on a key punchout by Jacob Rodriguez ... also recorded his third pass breakup of the season earlier in the road ranked win over the Cyclones.
- Posted two tackles in three games – versus Cincinnati (9/28), Colorado (11/9) and the AutoZone Liberty Bowl against Arkansas (12/27) – while adding three stops at Oklahoma State (11/23) and five in the regular-season finale versus West Virginia (11/30) ... combined with John Curry to stop West Virginia for a two-yard loss on its opening drive, forcing a failed fourth-down attempt in Texas Tech territory to start one of the Red Raiders' best defensive performances of the season.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Saw significant playing time as only a true freshman, appearing in 12 games ... one of four true freshmen on the defensive side of the ball to appear in more than four games ... key backup in the secondary and a member of the kickoff unit on special teams.
- Totaled 14 tackles on the year (9 solo) to go along with a quarterback hurry ... bulk of tackles came during Big 12 play with multiple stops in three games ... credited with 68 snaps on special teams with 61 of those on kickoff duty according to Pro Football Focus ... inserted into 140 defensive snaps as a safety over four games.
- Made his collegiate debut in the second game of the season against Oregon (9/9) ... notched the first two tackles of his career a week later versus Tarleton State (9/16) as part of 24 defensive snaps ... played a season-high 60 snaps in the secondary versus Houston (9/30), recording four tackles in the process ... added a tackle on special teams in the win at Baylor (10/7) ... needed again for significant action defensively versus UCF (11/18), playing in 46 snaps ... made a season-high five tackles in the win over the Knights to go along with a quarterback hurry ... final two tackles on the year came in the regular-season finale at Texas (11/24).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Burleson Centennial High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... talented defensive back who ranked among the best in the state ... helped push Centennial to the Class 5A Division I regional finals his senior year following a 12-2 record ... marked the most wins for Centennial in school history ... previously pushed Centennial to the area round as a junior in 2021.
- Named the Defensive MVP of District 3-5A following a strong senior season ... previously garnered first team All-District 4-5A accolades as a junior safety ... garnered second team All-State defensive honors as a junior as well by the Padilla Poll and was a third team All-State honoree as a senior by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA).
- Key member of the track and field program, competing in the 400 meters, the 1,600-meter and 800-meter relays as well as the triple jump.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and On3.com ... ranked as high as No. 71 among safeties nationally by 247Sports and No. 75 by ESPN ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** TCU, Tulsa, UCLA, Utah, UTSA and Vanderbilt.

PERSONAL

- Chapman Lee Lewis ... son of Equila Lockridge ... has a younger brother, Terrior.
- Mother previously competed in track and field and was a member of the women's basketball program at Alabama A&M University ... stepdad played football at TCU.
- A management major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	12/0	11/11	23/11

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	INT	QBH
2023	12	9	5	14	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2024	13	27	16	43	1.0	2	3	0	1	3	0
TOTALS	23	36	21	57	1.0	2	3	0	1	3	1

Class 5A Division-II state title his junior season ... the Bearcats returned to the regional semifinal round his senior year before narrowly falling to eventual state champion South Oak Cliff.

- An All-District 5-5A first-team selection as a senior after catching 30 passes for 452 yards and seven touchdowns ... also garnered first team All-State honors by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA).
- Earned first team All-District accolades as a junior as well after catching 28 passes for 453 yards and five touchdowns ... recognized as an honorable mention All-State honoree that season by the TSWA ... was a long snapper for Aledo in addition to his role as an All-State tight end.
- Considered a four-star prospect by Rivals and ESPN and a three-star recruit by both 247Sports and On3 ... ranked as the nation's No. 12 tight end by Rivals and at No. 13 by ESPN ... was a Texas top-100 prospect by both publications as well ... chose Oklahoma over offers from Alabama, Auburn, Texas and others.

PERSONAL

- Jason Llewellyn (loo-ELL-in) ... born in Aledo, Texas ... son of Paul and Cynthia Llewellyn ... has one sibling, an older brother - John.
- His father Paul played linebacker at TCU and played five seasons of minor league baseball within the Atlanta Braves organization.
- Hobbies include playing golf, hunting and fishing and playing video games.
- A management major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022*	2023*	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	10/0	3/0	12/0	25/0

* at Oklahoma

CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2022 (OU)	10	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2023 (OU)	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2024 (TTU)	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Totals	25	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0



Jurrien
LOFTIN

OL | 6-5 | 300 | Jr. | 4th Yr.
Aledo, Texas | Aledo HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Did not see any game action as a sophomore ... scout team member.

2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Did not see any game action as a redshirt freshman.

2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Aledo High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... played for one of the most dominant high school programs in the state of Texas ... program claimed the Class 5A Division II state title his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons.
- Member of the state champion team in 2020 ... the Bearcats were a perfect 12-0 his senior year before falling to eventual state champion South Oak Cliff in the regional finals ... honorable mention All-District 5-5A selection as a senior.
- Recognized for work in the classroom as a first-team Academic All-State selection by the THSCA ... two-sport athlete also competing in basketball ... involved in Young Life, FCA and National Honor Society.

PERSONAL

- Jurrien Loftin ... son of Trey and Jennifer Loftin ... older brother of Meagan, Patrice and Darren.
- Hobbies include faith, hunting, fishing and the outdoors.
- Earned his undergraduate degree in economics from Texas Tech ... currently pursuing a doctorate in economics as a graduate student.



Kasen
LONG

DL | 6-5 | 270 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Shallowater, Texas | Shallowater HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action as a true freshman ... mid-year enrollee who moved from the offensive line to the defensive side of the ball late in spring practices ... rotated between the defensive line and outside linebackers room during the season ... named the defensive scout team player of the week following Texas Tech's win at Iowa State.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Local product out of Shallowater High School ... started in the trenches on both sides of the ball for the Mustangs ... initially recruited for the offensive line before beginning his collegiate career on defense.
- Three-time first team All-District honoree on the offensive line ... tabbed to the All-District 2-3A first team as a defensive lineman his senior season after helping push the Mustangs to the area round of the Class 3A Division I playoffs in each of his final two seasons after an appearance in the regional semifinals in 2021.
- An All-State second team honoree as a junior in 2022 by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) and Padilla Poll ... member of the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) 3A Super Elite Team that same season ... entered his senior season as one of the state's top 10 offensive tackles by Dave Campbell's Texas Football.
- Dual-sport athlete like other offensive line signees at Texas Tech under Joey McGuire ... member of the basketball program at Shallowater as well as the track and field program ... competed in both the discus and shot put for track program. Among one of the first prospects to commit to Texas Tech for the 2024 class ... consensus three-star prospect by the likes of Rivals, 247Sports, ESPN and On3 ... ranked at No. 54 nationally by On3 among interior linemen and No. 74 by ESPN ... graduated in Dec. 2023 to join the Red Raiders in the spring of 2024 ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Texas, Oklahoma and TCU.

PERSONAL

- Kasen Long ... son of Kellie Long ... has three siblings, Keynan, Kelsey and Kenzie.
- Hobbies include playing the guitar away from football.
- A management major at Texas Tech.



Trent
LOW

LB | 6-1 | 220 | S-Sr. | 6th Yr. | 2L
Midland, Texas | Midland Lee HS
Career Games: 21 | Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SENIOR)

- Returned from injury to become one of Texas Tech's top special teams performers ... appeared in all 13 games, the most thus far in his Red Raider career ... also one of Texas Tech's reserve linebackers.
- Finished with three tackles with one versus North Texas (9/14) and two at Oklahoma State (11/23) ... both tackles at Oklahoma State came as part of kickoff coverage ... added one kick return for 11 yards early in the season at Washington State (9/7).
- Credited with 180 snaps on special teams by Pro Football Focus, which ranked fourth on the team ... regular member of both the kickoff coverage and return units ... also saw time on punt returns and punt coverage throughout the year.
- **SENIOR DECISION:** elected to return for an extra year of eligibility for the 2020 COVID-shortened season.

2023 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- A promising start to his season was cut short due to injury ... limited to only the season opener at Wyoming (9/2) ... will be eligible for a medical redshirt waiver later in his collegiate career.
- Finished with a career-high four tackles after coming off the bench to play key snaps at linebacker against Wyoming ... recorded his first career sack midway through the second quarter, sharing it with teammate E'Maurion Banks ... sack

came on a 3rd-and-7 to force a Wyoming punt ... had another key third-down tackle later in the quarter to set up another Wyoming punt ... member of the kickoff return, kickoff coverage and punt coverage units against the Cowboys as well.

2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE)

- Made his Red Raider debut by appearing in seven games ... member of the kickoff unit on special teams for each of those seven games.
- Lone special teams tackle came at TCU (11/5) ... had one other tackle on the year at linebacker late in the season-opening win over Murray State (9/3).
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized for his work in the classroom as part of the Academic All-Big 12 first team.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- True redshirt season ... scout team member ... did not see any game action.

2020 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Did not see any game action in first year as a Red Raider ... was an emergency deep snapper late in the season ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A multi-sport athlete out of Midland Lee in nearby Midland, Texas ... played outside linebacker in high school with occasional time on offense in goal line situations. Voted honorable mention All-State for Class 6A in 2019 as well as first team All-District 2-6A ... recorded 90 tackles, 18 tackles for loss and three sacks as a senior ... as a junior, tallied 73 tackles, 21 tackles for loss and nine sacks ... showed a knack for turnovers as well with three fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles in 2018.

PERSONAL

- Trent Low ... son of Sean and Shannon Low ... oldest of four siblings ... has a twin sister and a younger brother and sister.
- Comes from a family of athletes ... father played basketball at Lubbock Christian University, while his mother played at Midland College ... twin sister, Paige, won the Class 6A state titles in discus and shot put.
- Earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Texas Tech ... enrolled in graduate courses at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	0/0	7/0	1/0	13/0	21/0



Garin MALEY

OL | 6-5 | 275 | Fr. | 1st Yr.

La Vista, Neb. | Papillon-La Vista HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Papillon-La Vista High School located just outside of Omaha, Neb. ... one of the first Red Raider signees out of the state of Nebraska in recent years ... helped push the Monarchs to the Class A state quarterfinals as a senior before eventually falling to state runner-up Omaha Westside.
- Two-way player for the Monarchs as both an offensive tackle and a defensive end ... will play on the offensive line for the Red Raiders ... recorded 45 pancake blocks his senior year alone to go along with 43 tackles, 4.0 sacks and an interception defensively ... previously recorded 20 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks as a junior for a program that finished 8-2 overall.
- Member of the school's basketball and track and field programs ... qualified for the state meet as a junior in the shot put, finishing 10th overall.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of On3, 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... listed as one of the top 11 prospects in the state of Nebraska by all four publications, ranking as high as No. 4 by On3 ... highly-regarded by On3 as the No. 28 interior offensive lineman in the country ... also ranked fifth in the state by 247Sports and No. 8 by Rivals and No. 11 by ESPN ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Oregon State, Northern Illinois, Eastern Michigan, Yale, Princeton with interest from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas State, Minnesota and Kansas, among others.

PERSONAL

- Garin Maley ... born in Omaha, Neb., to parents Ryan and Deanna Maley ... an only child.
- Undecided on his major at Texas Tech.



A.J. McCARTY

S | 6-0 | 195 | Sr. | 6th Yr. (3rd at Tech) | LL
Brownwood, Texas | Brownwood | Baylor
Career Games: 43 / Career Starts: 13

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR)

- Became a regular starter in the secondary during second season as a Red Raider ... appeared in all 13 games while making 11 starts at Texas Tech's "star" position ... started in all but the Iowa State road win and the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas.
- Recorded 32 tackles on the season (20 solo), including 6.5 that went for a loss and a shared sack ... ranked second on the team in tackles for loss, trailing only linebacker Jacob Rodriguez (10.5) ... had only one full tackle for loss over 30 career games at both Baylor and Texas Tech prior to the season ... found his way into the backfield for at least a share of a tackle for loss in eight different contests.
- Added two pass breakups in the secondary to go along with two interceptions, both that came during Big 12 play ... returned one of those interceptions for a touchdown, one of two pick-sixes by the Red Raiders on the season ... marked his most-successful season in terms of interceptions after having only one in his career coming into the year ... joined safeties C.J. Baskerville and Chapman Lewis as the three Red Raiders with multiple interceptions on the season.
- Credited with 560 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which ranked sixth on the team and fourth among members of the secondary ... utilized on special teams with an additional 67 snaps, focusing primarily as part of the punt coverage and field goal block units ... also saw time on occasion on the kickoff and punt return teams.
- Combined for eight tackles over the course of non-conference play with a season-high five stops in the overtime win over Abilene Christian (8/31) as well as one at Washington State (9/7) and two against North Texas (9/14) ... performance against ACU included his first of two pass breakups on the season ... one of his two tackles against North Texas went for a three-yard loss, which came on the final play of the opening quarter.
- Started Big 12 play with four tackles in the win over Arizona State (9/21), including a shared sack ... combined with Amier Washington to get to Arizona State quarterback Sam Leavitt on 2nd-and-18, setting up a long third-down attempt, which was ultimately intercepted by C.J. Baskerville to close the Sun Devils' opening drive of the game.
- Followed with three tackles and his first career interception as a Red Raider the next week in the win over Cincinnati (9/28) ... picked off Cincinnati quarterback Brendan Sorsby early in the fourth quarter, racing 51 yards to the endzone to push the Red Raiders to a 41-27 lead ... was the second interception of his career with both being pick-sixes inside Jones AT&T Stadium ... had previously done the same as a member of Baylor's program in 2022 against the Red Raiders ... added a tackle for loss later in the fourth quarter, immediately sending Cincinnati backwards on the first play of its final drive, which ended with a missed game-tying field goal.
- Quiet the next two weeks with a tackle and pass breakup at Arizona (10/5) and another stop versus Baylor (10/19) ... pass breakup versus the Wildcats came at an important time, stopping an Arizona 3rd-and-8 attempt to force a long field goal ... the 48-yard field goal was missed on the next play as the Red Raiders drove the other side of the field to set up a successful Gino Garcia 41-yard field goal to take a 21-19 lead.
- Recorded at least a share of a tackle for loss in five of the final six games of the season, beginning with three stops at TCU (10/26) ... combined with C.J. Baskerville to flush out a TCU rushing attempt for a two-yard loss on its final drive, setting up an eventual punt to give the Red Raiders the ball back with 29 seconds remaining.
- Picked off his second pass of the season the next week at Iowa State (11/2), which came midway through the second quarter to give the Red Raiders the ball near midfield ... added one tackle in the road ranked win over the Cyclones.
- Matched his season high with four tackles in back-to-back games against Colorado (11/9) and at Oklahoma State (11/23) ... recorded a solo tackle for loss in both outings as well as the regular-season finale versus West Virginia (11/30), finishing with two stops in that contest ... closed the season with one tackle - which went for a one-yard loss - in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27).

2023 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Redshirt season ... ineligible during regular season due to NCAA transfer policies ... credited for being one of Texas Tech's top players on scout team.

• Made his Red Raider debut in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl victory over Cal ... was part of the punt coverage unit against the Golden Bears.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

• Transferred to Texas Tech during the summer of 2023 following three seasons at Baylor ... experienced player who joined the Red Raider program having played in 29 career games with two starts ... arrived with two seasons of eligibility remaining with the Red Raiders.

• Totaled 41 tackles (34 solo) over two full seasons, including 1.0 for a loss, to go along with an interception and four pass breakups ... ironically, his lone interception came at Jones AT&T Stadium against the Red Raiders ... credited with 455 defensive snaps during his two seasons, including 439 as a sophomore alone.

• **2022 SEASON (SOPHOMORE):** played in all 13 games with two starts at cornerback ... made 37 tackles, with one going for a loss, adding an interception and three pass breakups ... made season debut with two tackles and a pass break-up versus Albany (9/3) in the season opener ... had two tackles at No. 21 BYU (9/1) ... made six stops against Texas State (9/17) and a season-high nine tackles at Iowa State (9/24) ... broke up a pass and had two tackles in a win over Kansas (10/22) ... made four tackles, broke up a pass and returned an interception 18 yards for a touchdown against the Red Raiders (10/29) ... had three stops at Oklahoma (11/5), one against No. 19 Kansas State (11/12) and three versus No. 4 TCU (11/19) ... had a tackle in the regular-season finale at No. 23 Texas (11/25) and four stops in the Armed Forces Bowl against Air Force (12/22).

• **2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN):** saw action in 13 games during his first full collegiate season ... finished with three tackles, all solo stops, to go along with a fumble recovery and pass breakup ... made the first pass breakup of his career early in the season against Texas Southern (9/11) ... followed with a tackle in each of the next two Big 12 games at Kansas (9/18) and versus Iowa State (9/25) ... other tackle on the season came in the Allstate Sugar Bowl against Ole Miss (1/1) ... recovered a fumble late in the regular season at Kansas State (11/20) ... saw significant action on special teams with 181 snaps, which was second on the team according to PFF ... was primarily on Baylor's kickoff return, punt return and punt coverage units.

• **2020 SEASON (FRESHMAN):** made collegiate debut late in the season, appearing in three Big 12 games on special teams ... inserted for the Kansas State (11/28), Oklahoma (12/5) and Oklahoma State (12/12) contests ... recorded his first career tackle in the season finale against Oklahoma State (12/12).

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Brownwood High School in his hometown of Brownwood, Texas ... an all-around contributor under head coach Sammy Burnett ... helped push Brownwood to an 11-2 record and an appearance in the regional semifinals of the Class 4A Division I playoffs as a senior ... two-way player as both a wide receiver and defensive back at the prep level.

• Recorded 44 receptions for 1,037 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior ... also had 46 tackles and one interception with six breakups that same season ... scored 25 touchdowns during his high school career ..., was a three-time All-District honoree and was selected to the THSCA Academic All-State team.

• Posted 50 receptions for 757 yards and five scores as a junior in 2018 ... was a first team All-District 5-4A selection at slot wide receiver as a junior ... notched 40 receptions for 792 receiving yards with nine touchdowns as a sophomore in 2017 ... named the District 3-4A Newcomer of the Year that season.

• A four-sport athlete at Brownwood, competing also in basketball, baseball and track and field ... earned All-District honors in football, basketball and baseball ... won the 2019 4A state triple jump title with a mark of 47-6.

• Received a Dave Campbell Texas Football ranking of No. 101 in Texas ... ranked by 247Sports as No. 100 in Texas ... ESPN's No. 127 prospect in Texas for the 2020 class.

PERSONAL

• Adonis McCarty Jr. ... goes by the nickname "A.J." ... son of Adonis and Melissa McCarty ... has one brother, Quinten.

• Earned his degree in university studies major from Texas Tech in Dec. 2024 ... enrolled in post-graduate classes during final season as a Red Raider.

PARTICIPATION	2020*	2021*	2022*	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	3/0	13/0	13/2	1/0	13/11	43/13

* indicates seasons at Baylor

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	INT
2020 (BU)	3	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 (BU)	13	3	0	3	0.0	0	1	0	1	0	0
2022 (BU)	13	31	6	37	1.0	1	3	0	0	0	1
2023 (TTU)	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024 (TTU)	13	20	12	32	6.5	14	2	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	43	54	19	73	7.5	15	6	0	1	0	3

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
Abilene Christian	*	2	3	5	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at Washington St.	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
North Texas	*	2	0	2	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0
Arizona State	*	2	2	4	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	*	2	1	3	1.0-1	1-51	0	0	0
at Arizona	*	0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Baylor	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at TCU	*	2	1	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	1-0	0	0	0
Colorado	*	2	2	4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.	*	4	0	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0
West Virginia	*	1	1	2	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	1	1	1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		20	12	32	6.5-14	2-51	0	0	2

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
vs. California	0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0

2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ BAYLOR)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
UAlbany	2	0	2	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at BYU	1	1	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Texas State	4	2	6	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	7	2	9	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma State	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at West Virginia	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	1	1	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
at Texas Tech	4	0	4	0.0-0	1-18	0	0	0	1
at Oklahoma	*	3	0	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kansas State	1	0	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TCU	3	0	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Texas	1	0	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Air Force	*	4	0	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	31	6	37	1.0-1	1-18	0	0	0	3

2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ BAYLOR)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
at Texas State	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Texas Southern	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
at Kansas	1	0	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Iowa State	1	0	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma State	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
BYU	DNP								
Texas	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Kansas State	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Oklahoma State	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	0	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1

2020 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ BAYLOR)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
Kansas State	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma State	0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0



**Braylan
MCDONALD**
S | 6-0 | 195 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Terrell, Texas | Lancaster HS

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**Oliver
MILES III**
S | 6-2 | 190 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
El Campo, Texas | El Campo HS
Career Games: 4 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Lancaster High School, a 6A program located in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex ... played both sides of the ball as a wide receiver and defensive back for Lancaster ... recruited to play defensive back at Texas Tech and projected at safety, specifically ... was also a linebacker and kicker while at Lancaster.
- Helped push Lancaster to the second round of the 6A Division II playoffs as a senior, defeating Harker Heights, 40-35, in the first round before falling to Longview in the second round ... made a key interception in overtime versus Cedar Hill to give Lancaster's offense to opportunity to win the game, 41-35, aiding a 4-3 season record in district play.
- A two-sport athlete at Lancaster, competing on the track and field program as well.
- Consensus three-star recruit by the likes of On3, 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN ... first committed to Washington State before flipping pledge to the Red Raiders in June 2024 ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Boston College, Washington State, Texas State, Bowling Green and UTEP.

PERSONAL

- Braylon McDonald ... parents are Marvin and Chenelcia Spencer ... friends and family call him Bray, short for Braylan ... born in Mesquite, Texas ... calls Terrell, Texas, just outside of Dallas, home.
- An art major at Texas Tech with an interest in graphic design.



**Patrick
MCMATH**
OL | 6-4 | 285 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Katy, Texas | Katy HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Katy High School in the greater Houston area ... graduated early in order to join the Red Raiders in the spring of 2025 ... named a team captain as a senior for a Katy program that finished 10-2 overall.
- Katy finished 9-1 in the regular season with a first-place 8-0 mark in district play his senior year under head coach Gary Joseph ... qualified for the regional round of the playoffs with bi-district and area round wins before a 10-game winning streak was snapped in the regional round.
- A two-time first team All-District honoree after being recognized after both his junior and senior seasons ... selected to the final ballot for the 2024 Whataburger Super Team ... tabbed to the All-District second team as a sophomore ... moved to the offensive line his sophomore year after playing on the defensive line as a freshman.
- Offense averaged nearly 400 total yards per game as a senior thanks to a rushing attack that produced better than 225 yards per game ... chipped in on the scoring posting a two-point conversion rush, catching a pass behind the line of scrimmage on Nov. 8 versus Mayde Creek ... honored on Nov. 6 as part of an offensive line unit as Players of the Week for contributing to 183 passing yards, 239 rushing yards and five touchdowns after a 35-0 win over Tompkins.
- Became the first offensive line commit to the 2024 class, committing to the Red Raiders on June 18, 2024 ... a consensus three-star recruit from the likes of On3, 247 Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... ranked as the No. 41 interior offensive lineman in the nation by ESPN ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Arizona, Baylor, BYU, Houston, Memphis, Pittsburgh, Rice, SMU, Texas State, Tulane and UTSA.

PERSONAL

- Patrick McMath ... born in Houston, Texas ... calls Katy, Texas home ... son of Jeff and April McMath ... has one sibling, Kathleen.
- Enjoys fishing in his spare time.
- A business management major at Texas Tech.

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... played the maximum of four games in the regular season to preserve his redshirt ... also appeared in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl matchup against Arkansas to close the season.
- Made his collegiate debut midway through the season against Baylor (10/19) before seeing time at TCU (10/26) and Iowa State (11/2) as well as at home versus Colorado (11/9) ... did not record a tackle in those appearances ... inserted on special teams in all five games, primarily as part of the punt return unit ... saw brief time on kick returns and kickoff coverage as well.
- Scout team member ... recognized as the defensive scout team player of the week following Texas Tech's season-opening win over Abilene Christian (8/31).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended El Campo High School near the Gulf Coast of Texas, roughly an hour southwest of the greater Houston area ... one of the top overall athletes in the 2024 class, both in football and in track and field.
- Started on both sides of the ball for the Ricebirds as a quarterback as well as a key member of the secondary ... projected as a defensive back at the collegiate level ... limited his senior season due to an injury for an El Campo program that advanced to the area round of the Class 4A Division I playoffs.
- Previously was one of the most dynamic athletes in South Texas his junior season, earning District 12-4A Utility Player of the Year honors ... threw for 237 yards and three touchdowns that season on only 37 attempts ... also rushed for 743 yards and six touchdowns on the ground, while picking off three passes in the secondary ... named a second team All-District selection that season as El Campo's punter ... El Campo finished 9-3 overall his junior season with another appearance in the area round of the playoffs.
- Four-sport athlete at El Campo, starring in baseball, basketball and track and field as well as football ... was the Class 4A state champion in the triple jump as a junior after leaping an impressive 50 feet, 10 inches, the second-longest measurement in UIL 4A history ... that jump would have placed fifth at the Big 12 Outdoor Championships in 2023.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of Rivals, ESPN, 247Sports and On3 ... was a consensus top-100 prospect in the state of Texas by all four publications as well ... ranked as high as No. 34 among cornerbacks nationally by Rivals and at No. 38 by On3 ... listed as the No. 59 recruit in the state of Texas by 247Sports.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Baylor, Houston, Nebraska, North Texas, Notre Dame, Stanford, Tulane, Utah, Vanderbilt, among others.

PERSONAL

- Oliver Miles III ... son of Oliver Miles and Priscilla Miles ... has three siblings, Christian, Kiannah and Riannah.
- A kinesiology major at Texas Tech.

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TEXAS TECH



John Carlos MILLER II
TE | 6-5 | 240 | Sr. | 5th Yr. (2nd at Tech) | 1L
Greensboro, N.C. | Dudley HS | Elon
Career Games: 38 / Career Starts: 21

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER HONORS

- Reese's Senior Bowl watch list (2024, Jr.)
- Shrine Bowl 1,000 watch list (2024, Jr.)
- All-CAA first team (2023, So.)

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Boosted a deep tight end room during his first season as a Red Raider, appearing in all 13 games ... part of a tight end rotation with Mason Sharp and Jalin Conyers that had the entire trio at more than 350 offensive snaps each.
- Caught 10 passes for 122 yards and three touchdowns on the season ... one of only five players with three or more touchdown catches, joining Coy Eakin (7), Caleb Douglas (6), Josh Kelly (5) and fellow tight end Conyers (5) ... now has 10 touchdown receptions for his college career between his time as a Red Raider and at Elon ... recorded a reception in eight different contests.
- Praised for his ability to be a reliable in the passing game as well as an effective run blocker ... part of a Texas Tech offensive front that helped push Tahj Brooks to his second-consecutive 1,500-yard rushing season ... as a team, the Red Raiders were ninth in the country for total offense per game (462.7) and passing yards per game (296.7).
- Received a 70.8 grade as a run blocker by Pro Football Focus and then a 79.1 grade as an extra pass blocker ... did not allow a sack or a pressure in his 22 pass blocking opportunities ... publication credited him with 379 offensive snaps and then four on defense after experimenting as an edge rusher against both Baylor and Iowa State due to numerous injuries to Texas Tech's outside linebacker room.
- Reliable on special teams in addition to his role on the offense ... credited with 188 snaps on special teams as a regular member of the kickoff return, field goal protection and punt coverage units ... saw time on every special team unit during the season, adding punt block duties late in the year.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized prior to the season on the watch lists for the Reese's Senior Bowl and the Shrine Bowl 1,000 list.
- Made his first career catch as a Red Raider in the season opener versus Abilene Christian (8/31), which resulted in seven yards ... his three touchdowns on the season came over the next three weeks with big plays at Washington State (9/7) and then versus North Texas (9/14) and Arizona State (9/21).
- On the receiving end of a 20-yard touchdown pass from Coy Eakin to complete a trick play for the first touchdown late in the second quarter against Washington State ... was his lone catch in the contest ... followed with two catches for 55 yards in the win over North Texas, which included a 45-yard touchdown strike from Behren Morton midway through the second quarter that gave the Red Raiders a 45-7 lead ... was his longest catch of the year and the fourth-longest of his career.
- Combined for five catches for 44 yards during Big 12 play ... had one catch for a five-yard touchdown versus Arizona State (9/21), one for 13 yards against Baylor (10/19), one for five yards against Colorado (11/9) and then two grabs for 21 yards in the win at Oklahoma State (11/23) ... final catch went for a four yard loss in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl against Arkansas (12/27).

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech following three years at Elon (2021-23), giving him two seasons of eligibility with the Red Raiders... appeared in 25 games as a Phoenix while making 21 starts.
- Combined to make 52 catches for 658 yards and seven touchdowns during that span with two additional blocked kicks on special teams ... bulk of his receptions came over the 2022-23 campaigns ... closed his career as Elon's all-time career leader in receiving yards by a tight end ... also the school's tight ends leader for single-game and single-season receiving yards.
- **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE):** started in 10 games on the season as a first team All-CAA selection ... caught 25 passes for 453 yards and four touchdowns, marking the most single-season receiving yards by a tight end in school history ... ranked sixth in the FCS for receiving yards per game by a tight end.
- Hauled in a touchdown pass in each of the final four games of the season ... went over 100 yards for the first time in his career during that stretch with five receptions for 101 yards at Delaware (11/4) ... marked the first 100-yard receiving game all-time by an Elon tight end ... also had two catches for 70 yards the week prior versus Monmouth (10/21) and five catches for 82 yards two weeks before that against N.C. Central (10/7).

- Totaled 50 or more receiving yards in five games overall with four catches for 55 yards at Campbell (9/23) and two for 57 yards in the season finale against Hampton (11/18) ... nearly made it six games with two catches for 49 yards early in the season at Gardner-Webb (9/9) ... credited with 216 yards after catch by Pro Football Focus over his 558 offensive snaps.
- **2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN):** started in all 11 games participated in ... played in each regular season game but missed first round playoff loss to Furman ... closed the season with 26 receptions for 201 yards and three touchdowns ... finished fourth on the team in receptions.
- Hauled in his first receiving touchdown of his career on a 25-yard strike in overtime in a win over Richmond (10/1) ... also had one of his two blocked field goals in that win ... followed with another receiving touchdown the next week against Towson (10/8) ... recorded season highs with four catches for 31 yards at Wofford (9/10) ... also had four receptions at Rhode Island, which also featured his other blocked field goal attempt ... inserted on defense for the final play of the game in the win at William & Mary (9/24), knocking down a Hail Mary pass ... began the season with three receptions for 24 yards at Vanderbilt (9/3).
- **2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN):** redshirt season ... played in each of the final four games of the season ... registered his first career reception in the season finale against Rhode Island (11/20), resulting in four yards.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Dudley High School in Greensboro, N.C. ... two-year varsity starter that earned all-conference honors as a junior ... elected a team captain that same year ... recognized with the Scholar-Athlete Award as a junior ... also competed for the Dudley basketball program.

PERSONAL

- John Carlos Miller II ... born in Greensboro, N.C. ... son of John Carlos I and Noletor Miller ... has one sibling, Joaquin Miller .
- His cousin, Chris Matthews, made a career as a wide receiver in the NFL and CFL after going undrafted out of Kentucky in 2011.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	4/0	11/11	10/10	13/0	38/21

* at Elon

CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2021 (ELON)	4	1	4	0	4	0.3	4.0	1.0
2022 (ELON)	11	26	201	3	25	2.4	7.7	18.3
2023 (ELON)	10	25	453	4	70	2.5	18.1	45.3
2024 (TTU)	13	10	122	3	45	0.8	12.2	9.4
Totals	38	62	780	10	70	1.6	12.6	20.5

2024 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
Abilene Christian		1	7	0	7.0	7	0	0	0
at Washington St.		1	20	1	20.0	20	0	0	0
North Texas		2	55	1	27.5	45	0	0	0
Arizona State		1	5	1	5.0	5	0	0	0
Cincinnati		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
at Arizona		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Baylor		1	13	0	13.0	0	0	0	0
at TCU		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Colorado		1	5	0	5.0	5	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.		2	21	0	10.5	12	0	0	0
West Virginia		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas		1	-4	0	-4.0	0	0	0	0
Totals		10	122	3	12.2	45	0	0	0

2023 GAME-BY-GAME (@ ELON)

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
at Wake Forest	*	1	18	0	0.0	18	0	0	0
at Gardner-Webb	*	2	49	0	0.0	25	0	0	0
N.C. A&T	*	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
at Campbell	*	4	55	0	0.0	26	0	0	0
William & Mary	*	2	7	0	0.0	4	0	0	0
N.C. Central	*	5	82	0	0.0	30	0	0	0

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
Monmouth	*	2	70	1	0.0	65	0	0	0
at Delaware	*	5	101	1	0.0	70	0	0	0
at Richmond	*	2	14	1	0.0	9	0	0	0
Hampton	*	2	57	1	0.0	53	0	0	0
Totals		25	453	4	0.0	70	0	0	0

2022 GAME-BY-GAME (@ ELON)

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
at Vanderbilt	*	3	24	0	0.0	15	0	0	0
at Wofford	*	4	31	0	0.0	10	0	0	0
Gardner-Webb	*	2	22	0	0.0	14	0	0	0
at William & Mary	*	2	21	0	0.0	20	0	0	0
Richmond	*	1	25	1	0.0	25	0	0	0
Towson	*	3	13	1	0.0	8	0	0	0
at Rhode Island	*	4	29	0	0.0	9	0	0	0
at New Hampshire	*	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	*	2	4	0	0.0	4	0	0	0
UAlbany	*	2	5	0	0.0	5	0	0	0
at Hampton	*	3	27	1	0.0	16	0	0	0
Totals		26	201	3	0.0	25	0	0	0

2021 GAME-BY-GAME (@ELON)

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
at James Madison		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Villanova		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
at Towson		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island		1	4	0	0.0	4	0	0	0
Totals		1	4	0	0.0	4	0	0	0



Peyton MORGAN

S | 6-0 | 180 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Round Rock, Texas | Pflugerville Weiss HS
Career Games: 2 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in two games late in the season at Oklahoma State (11/23) and against Arkansas (12/27) in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl ... scout team member.
- Made a tackle in each game as part of Texas Tech's punt unit ... also saw time on punt returns at Oklahoma State.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended his hometown Pflugerville Weiss High School in the Austin area ... one of the highest-rated defensive backs to sign with the Red Raiders in recent memory.
- Helped lead Weiss to a 9-2 record his senior season and a playoff appearance after totaling 88 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss and five forced fumbles ... described as a ball-hawk with nine interceptions his senior season alone, including one returned for a touchdown, to go with 10 pass breakups ... was the state's leader in interceptions midway through the season ... unanimous All-District 12-6A selection his senior season.
- Previously a second team All-District honoree as a junior in 2022 after recording 85 tackles, a tackle for loss, five interceptions and nine pass breakups.
- Four-year varsity letterwinner, seeing time as a wide receiver as a freshman before moving to the secondary a year later ... caught four passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns in his limited time on varsity as a freshman.
- Followed with a breakout season his sophomore year with 58 tackles, one tackle for loss, five interceptions and a forced fumble ... combined for 220 tackles, 17 interceptions and 21 pass breakups over his prep career.
- Dual-sport athlete that also competed for the Weiss track and field program ... competed in the Class 6A regional meet in both the 110 and 300-meter hurdles his final two years ... advanced to the regional meet also in the 4x200-meter relay as well as the long jump and triple jump as a sophomore as well.
- Received his first collegiate offer by the Texas Tech staff ... considered a four-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and On3 and a three-star recruit by ESPN ... top-100 recruit by On3, coming in at No. 82 overall and No. 7 among safeties nationally ... was a top-50 recruit in the state of Texas by On3, 247Sports and Rivals as well ... listed as high as No. 17 in Texas by On3 followed by No. 37 by Rivals and No. 42

by 247Sports ... was No. 20 among safeties nationally by Rivals and No. 26 overall by 247Sports ... part of the Rivals 300 at No. 227 overall among recruits in the 2024 class ... listed as the 16th-highest rated recruit to sign with Texas Tech since 247Sports launched in 2000.

• **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Arizona, Arizona State, Baylor, California, Colorado, Houston, Kansas, Kansas State, Minnesota, Ole Miss, Nebraska, SMU and TCU, among others.

PERSONAL

- Cai Peyton Morgan ... prefers to use Peyton as first name ... born in Austin, Texas ... calls Round Rock, Texas home ... parents are Brett Morgan and Chaka Price-Morgan ... has three siblings, Chase, Paige and Price.
- His mother previously played basketball collegiately at Murray State, while his father was a wide receiver at Spokane Falls College ... he and his older brother, Price, both joined the Red Raider football team in 2024 ... his Godfather, Jerome Madison, played football for Missouri.
- Enjoys playing sand volleyball and playing video games outside of football.
- A leadership studies major at Texas Tech.



Price MORGAN

WR | 5-11 | 190 | R-Jr. | 4th Yr. (2nd at Tech)
Round Rock, Texas | Pflugerville Weiss HS | Central Missouri
Career Games: 22 / Career Starts: 0

13

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action during his first season as a Red Raider ... scout team member.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech after playing two seasons at Central Missouri University ... joined the Red Raiders with two seasons of eligibility remaining (as well as a redshirt season).
- Combined for 57 catches for 538 yards and six touchdowns over 22 games as a Mule, the bulk of which came as a sophomore in 2023.
- **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE):** appeared in all 13 games as a sophomore for a Central Missouri team that advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division-II playoffs ... named an honorable mention selection to the 2023 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) postseason team after catching 50 passes for 487 yards and six touchdowns.
- Helped lead Central Missouri to an 11-win season, its most victories since 2019 ... caught at least one pass in all 13 games, including a career-high seven for 62 yards and a touchdown against Fort Hays State (11/4) ... had three or more receptions in 10 games that season ... started the season with a touchdown catch in four of the first six contests ... ranked tied for third on the team in receptions and touchdown catches as well as fifth for receiving yards.
- **2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN):** saw action in nine games as a true freshman ... caught seven passes for 51 yards as a reserve wide receiver ... best performance came via two catches for 26 yards at Emporia State (10/8) midway through the season.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended his hometown Pflugerville Weiss High School in the Austin area ... instrumental in securing both the 2021 district and bi-district championships for Weiss.
- A first team All-State and first team All-District honoree in 2021 as a senior ... was recognized as the 2021 Utility Player of the Year ... tabbed second team All-District as a junior in 2020.
- Recorded 115 receptions for 1,725 yards and 19 touchdowns during his high school career ... amassed 2,246 all-purpose yards and scored 22 touchdowns in total after finding the end zone three times as a kick returner.

PERSONAL

- Christian Price Morgan ... prefers to use Price as first name ... the son of Brett and Chaka Price-Morgan ... has three siblings, Chase, Paige and Peyton ... he and his younger brother, Peyton, both joined the Red Raider football team in 2024.
- His mother previously played basketball collegiately at Murray State, while his father was a wide receiver at Spokane Falls College ... his Godfather, Jerome Madison, played football for Missouri.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.



Behren MORTON

QB | 6-2 | 210 | Sr. | 5th Yr. | 3L
Eastland, Texas | Eastland HS
Career Games: 33 / Career Starts: 24

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER AWARDS & HONORS

- Two-time All-Big 12 honorable mention selection (2022-23).
- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award nominee (2024, Jr.).
- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award nominee (2024, Jr.).
- Offensive Player of the Game at 2023 Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl.
- Academic All-Big 12 first team honoree (2022).

IN THE TEXAS TECH RECORD BOOK (ENTERING 2025 SEASON)

- Enters his final season as a Red Raider already ranked sixth in the Texas Tech record book for career completions (574), seventh for career touchdown passes (49), ninth for career pass attempts (931) and 10th for career passing yards (6,209) ... also moved into ninth place for career touchdowns responsible for (56) and 10th for career total offense attempts (passing/rushing) with 1,076 as well as yards of total offense (6,284).
- Will have the opportunity during senior season to become the fourth Red Raider in program history to throw for 10,000 career passing yards, joining a prestigious list that includes Graham Harrell (15,793), Kliff Kingsbury (12,429) and Patrick Mahomes II (11,252).
- Likely to move up the career chart for passing yards in the first few weeks of the 2025 season as he trails the likes of Zebbie Lethridge (6,789), Billy Joe Tolliver (6,756) and B.J. Symons (6,378) by less than 600 yards.
- Recorded four 300-yard passing games in 2024, giving him six now for his career, which ranks at No. 14 all-time in Texas Tech history.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Red Raiders boast a 14-4 record since the start of the 2023 season in games Morton starts and finishes, which includes a 9-3 mark at home ... enters his final season with 33 games played and 24 career starts ... has not thrown an interception in 11 starts thus far in his Red Raider career, including an impressive six times in 2024 ... the Red Raiders are 8-3 in games he starts without an interception with two of those losses coming in games he exited due to injury.

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Began the season as Texas Tech's starting quarterback for the first time in his career ... started in 12 of 13 games, missing only the AutoZone Liberty Bowl matchup versus Arkansas ... became the first Red Raider quarterback to start all 12 regular-season games since Patrick Mahomes II's final season in 2016.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** preseason candidate on the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award watch lists ... recognized as the Davey O'Brien Great 8 Quarterback of the Week twice following wins over North Texas (Sept. 16) and then Oklahoma State (Nov. 26) ... tabbed the Pro Football Focus Offensive Player of the Week and the Earl Campbell Award Player of the Week following the Oklahoma State victory as well.
- Completed 63.3 percent of his passes on the season (295-of-466), throwing for 3,335 passing yards and 27 touchdowns to only eight interceptions ... marked the 17th time in school history a Red Raider had thrown for at least 3,000 yards in a season and the first time since Nic Shimonek in 2017.
- Became the first Red Raider quarterback in school history to throw for 3,000 yards with eight or fewer interceptions ... his eight interceptions on the season marked the fewest for a Red Raider starting quarterback (min. 10 starts) since Zebbie Lethridge only had four (on 261 attempts) in 1997 ... one of 14 quarterbacks nationally and one of only two in the Big 12 Conference to throw for at least 3,000 yards with eight or fewer interceptions.
- Among the nation's leaders, averaging 277.9 passing yards per game on a 139.1 efficiency ... threw for at least 200 yards in 11 of his 12 starts with the lone exception being at TCU where he departed at halftime due to injury ... recorded four 300-yard outings, including two that capped Big 12 play ... averaged 262.3 passing yards per game against conference opponents to help push the Red Raiders to six Big 12 victories for the first time since 2008.
- Responsible for 28 total touchdowns (27 passing, 1 rushing) for a Red Raider offense that ranked ninth in the FBS for scoring at 37.6 points per game ... threw for at least one touchdown pass in 10 of 12 games and had multiple touchdown passes in nine different contests ... combined for 17 touchdown passes during Big 12 play against only five interceptions.

• More than 40 percent of his completions - 131 in total - went for at least 10 yards ... had 47 passing completions go for 20 yards with 21 at 30 yards and eight of 40 or more yards ... boasted two completions of 50 or more yards with a long of 70 early in the season to Coy Eakin against North Texas.

• Credited with 872 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which ranked third on the team ... easily marked his most offensive snaps in a season thus far in his career ... ranked second on the team with a 79.0 overall offensive grade by PFF ... publication gave him a 74.2 adjusted completion percentage which accounts for drops that were on target.

• **IN NCAA RANKINGS:** finished the season seventh in the FBS for completions per game (24.58), eighth for passing yards per game (277.9) and 16th for both total passing yards (3,335) and passing touchdowns (27) ... was also ninth for total passing attempts (466), 11th for completions (295), 28th for points responsible per game (14.2) and 35th for total points responsible for (170) ... ranked 18th in the FBS for most passing completions of 10 yards (131) as well as tied for 19th for completions of both 20 yards (47) and 30 yards (21) ... powered a team that ranked fourth in the country for points per game (37.6) and ninth for both passing offense (296.7) and total offense per game (462.7).

• **IN BIG 12 RANKINGS:** was second in the league for completions per game, third for both passing yards per game and passing touchdowns as well as fourth for total passing yards and completion percentage (.633) as well as fifth for passing efficiency (.139.1) ... ended the season sixth in he conference for points responsible per game and seventh for total points responsible for ... was fifth overall for passing yards of at least 10 yards and 20 yards but moved up to a tie for third for passes of at least 30 yards ... directed a Red Raider offense that led the league in scoring and total offense and also ranked third for passing yards per game.

• **Abilene Christian (8/31):** threw for at least 300 yards for the third time in his career in the season-opening win over the Wildcats ... completed 30-of-42 passes for 378 yards and a career-high five touchdowns ... marked the first time a Red Raider quarterback threw for five touchdowns in a game since Alan Bowman had the same amount in the 2020 Big 12 opener against Texas ... three of his five touchdown passes came on completions of 35 yards or longer, finding Coy Eakin for 35 yards in the first quarter, Jalin Conyers for 36 yards before halftime and then Josh Kelly for 35 yards midway through the third quarter ... converted a 3rd-and-11 in overtime, hitting Caleb Douglas on a 14-yard touchdown strike for what ended up being the game-winner.

• **at Washington State (9/7):** followed with another 300-yard outing after completing 34-of-58 passes for 323 yards and a touchdown versus the Cougars ... lone touchdown was a 12-yard pass to Cameron Dickey with 9:21 remaining in regulation ... threw two interceptions in the loss, one of only two multi-interception games on the season.

• **North Texas (9/14):** needed only 15 completions to record 273 passing yards and four touchdowns in the rout over the Mean Green ... combined for five touchdowns in the win with his four through the air and then his lone rushing score on the season ... found the end zone via his legs on a 10-yard keeper with 9:30 remaining in the second quarter that pushed Texas Tech's lead to 38-7 at the time ... recorded explosive passing plays of 70, 45 and 42 yards, marking his most of 40 or more yards in his career ... found Coy Eakin on a 70-yard touchdown strike to open the second quarter, marking the longest completion of his career ... was 15-of-19 overall for a 79.0 completion percentage before being benched for second half due to the large lead ... his four touchdown passes pushed his season total to 10 through three games, the most for a Red Raider over that stretch since Patrick Mahomes II in 2016.

• **Arizona State (9/21):** led the Red Raiders to a win in their Big 12 opener after completing 24-of-44 passes for 201 yards and two touchdowns ... both touchdown passes came on Texas Tech's first two drives as he found Jhonn Carlos Miller II from 5 yards out and then Josh Kelly on a 20-yard strike.

• **Cincinnati (9/28):** pushed the Red Raiders to back-to-back home wins to start Big 12 play after completing 19-of-29 passes for 251 yards and two touchdowns ... had his best rushing performance of the season as well, carrying only three times for 46 yards, including a career-long 26 yard scamper ... rush attempt set up a 49-yard touchdown pass to Coy Eakin three plays later to tie the game at 17-17 in the second quarter ... was the second touchdown pass to Eakin in the win as the two connected on a 7-yard strike late in the first quarter.

• **at Arizona (10/5):** powered the Red Raiders to their first 3-0 start in Big 12 play since 2013 with an efficient performance, featuring 17-of-29 on completions for 214 yards ... marked his fourth-consecutive game without an interception as the Red Raiders were 4-0 during that stretch ... set up a Gino Garcia 41-yard field goal to take a 21-19 lead late in the fourth quarter with a 32-yard completion to Caleb Douglas ... previously set up another Garcia field quarter just before halftime after hitting Douglas on three-consecutive passes for 2, 57 and 19 yards on a drive that started with only 31 seconds remaining.



▲ **BEHREN MORTON** enters 2025 as healthy as he's been since his redshirt freshman year after undergoing elective surgery. Morton, who boasts a 14-4 record over the past two seasons in games he starts and finishes, ranked eighth in the FBS a year ago in passing yards per game (277.9).

- **Baylor (10/19):** threw for three touchdowns as part of 33-of-49 passes for 286 yards in Homecoming contest against the Bears ... saw his streak of 158-consecutive pass attempts without an interception end in the loss ... found Caleb Douglas for two of his three touchdown passes as the two connected from 12 yards out in the first quarter and then from 7 yards late in the fourth quarter.

- **at TCU (10/26):** departed the game at halftime due to injury, finishing only 13-of-22 for 137 yards ... was the second time on the year to not have a passing touchdown ... his three interceptions through the first eight games of the season were the fewest by a Red Raider starting quarterback since Zebbie Lethridge had the same amount in 1997.

- **at Iowa State (11/2):** returned to the field the next week to lead the Red Raiders to their first road win over a top-10 team since Texas Tech shocked No. 1 Oklahoma midway through the 2011 season ... completed 21-of-40 passes for 237 yards and two touchdowns in the win ... both touchdown passes went to Josh Kelly, beginning with a 35-yard strike to cap Texas Tech's opening drive and then another from 19 yard out late in the third quarter ... accurate to start the game after completing 12 of his first 13 passes to push the Red Raiders to an early 10-3 lead ... was 4-of-7 for 42 yards to lead the Red Raiders on the game-winning drive with less than two minutes remaining, which included a key 8-yard pass to Kelly to convert 4th-and-7 ... the Red Raiders capped the drive with a Tahj Brooks 5-yard touchdown run with 20 seconds remaining.

- **Colorado (11/09):** finished 24-of-40 for 275 yards and two touchdowns against the Buffaloes with both scoring tosses going to Jalin Conyers ... hit Conyers on a 17-yard scoring strike to cap Texas Tech's opening drive and then connected with him again on a 21-yard touchdown to cut the deficit to 34-27 with 2:12 remaining in regulation.

- **at Oklahoma State (11/23):** closed the regular season with back-to-back 300-yard performances, beginning with a career-high 401 yard passing outing in the win over the Cowboys ... was the first 400-yard game by a Red Raider since Tyler Shough threw for 436 yards in the 2022 regular-season finale against Oklahoma ... threw for four touchdowns in the win, marking the third time on the season with four or more scoring tosses ... in doing so, became the first Red Raider quarterback since Nic Shimonek in 2017 to record four or more touchdown passes three times in a single season ... his 37 completions marked a season high ... got off to a hot start, completing 14-of-18 passes in first quarter alone for 135 yards and two touchdowns, which went to Caleb Douglas (9 yards) and Mason Tharp (8 yards) ... ended the game 6-of-7 for 65 yards to lead the Red Raiders to a season-high 56 points, their most in a Big 12 road game since defeating Kansas, 65-19, in 2017.

- **West Virginia (11/30):** led the Red Raiders to their sixth Big 12 victory after completing 28-of-41 passes for 359 yards and two touchdowns in a rout of the Mountaineers ... was his fourth 300-yard game of the season and sixth of his career ... helped the Red Raiders eclipse the 50-point mark for a second-straight Big 12 game for the first time since 2003 ... the Red Raiders also scored 29 points in the second quarter, their most all-time in a Big 12 game ... had touchdown passes to Mason Tharp (1 yard) in the second quarter and 31 yards to Caleb Douglas shortly after halftime before departing the game midway through the fourth quarter.

- **vs. Arkansas (12/27):** did not play in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus the Razorbacks after undergoing shoulder surgery immediately after the regular season ... the timing of the surgery was intended to speed up his recovery to have him back for summer workouts.

2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Solidified himself as Texas Tech's quarterback of the future by the end of his sophomore season ... appeared in 10 games overall with eight starts behind center, all in Big 12 play or in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl ... began the season as Texas Tech's backup quarterback ... became Texas Tech's starter by the second game during Big 12 play against Houston.

- Battled through a shoulder injury throughout the majority of the season, which was suffered soon after entering the game for Tyler Shough against West Virginia ... limited in practice throughout the end of September through October due to the injury ... was closer to 100 percent health-wise late in Big 12 play following Texas Tech's open date.

- Still managed to complete 182-of-293 passes on the season (62.1 percent) for 1,757 yards and 15 touchdowns ... also rushed 46 times for three yards but found the end zone four times via his legs ... led the team with 1,760 yards of total offense ... averaged 175.7 passing yards per game, a clip that increased to 190.9 yards in games he started.

- The Red Raiders were 6-1 overall on the season in games he started and did not leave due to injury.

- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection by the conference coaches ... named the Offensive Player of the Game of the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl ... tabbed an honorable mention Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Player of the Week candidate on Oct. 10 for his performance at Baylor.

- **IN BIG 12 RANKINGS:** closed the year ranked seventh in the league for completion percentage (.621) and completions per game (18.2) as well as ninth in passing touchdowns (15).

- **Tarleton State (9/16):** made his season debut off the bench versus Tarleton State to close non-conference play, finishing 8-of-13 overall for 72 yards and two touchdowns ... both touchdowns came in the second half with a 15-yard strike to Myles Price with 3:50 remaining in the third quarter and then a 5-yard toss to Jordan Brown to start the final quarter.

- **at West Virginia (9/23):** called upon to replace Shough in the first half of the Big 12 opener against West Virginia, finishing 13-of-37 for 158 yards and a touchdown ... was injured on his first drive but fought through to give the Red Raiders a chance to tie the game late in the fourth quarter ... pulled the Red Raiders to a 13-10 deficit with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Jerand Bradley to start the fourth quarter.

- **Houston (9/30):** made his first start of the season in the win over the Cougars, completing 14-of-22 passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns ... performance came despite missing the entire week of practice recovering from an injury ... both touchdown passes came in key moments as the Red Raiders tied the game at 21-21 on a 25-yard strike to Loic Founonji and then pushed their lead to double digits (42-28) in the fourth quarter on an 11-yard toss to Myles Price.

- **at Baylor (10/7):** efficient again a week later at Baylor, leading the Red Raiders to another victory on 19-of-26 passing for 180 yards and a career-high three touchdowns at the time ... found Coy Eakin on a 13-yard touchdown strike on the opening drive of the game before connecting with Baylor Cupp on a pair of touchdowns in the second and third quarters ... accounted for four touchdowns overall in the blowout win thanks to a 10-yard scamper to score the Red Raiders' final touchdown late in regulation.

- **Kansas State (10/14):** departed the game at halftime due to injury after completing 14-of-21 passes for 125 yards while also rushing six times for eight yards and a touchdown ... found the end zone on a one-yard keeper early in the second quarter for Texas Tech's first touchdown ... the Red Raiders were only down 17-14 at the half when he departed the game, which ultimately ended with a 38-21 K-State victory ... injury forced him to miss the road trip to BYU (10/21) a week later.

- **TCU (11/2):** returned after the open date with possibly his best start of the season in the win over TCU ... completed a season-high 28 passes (of 36) for 282 yards and two touchdowns, while also rushing for another score ... overall health improved due to the open week, allowing for more passing opportunities ... both touchdowns came via explosive plays, the first on a 25-yard strike to Myles Price late in the second quarter and then the other via a 44-yard bomb to a speedy Drae McCray early in the final frame ... opened the game with a nine-yard rushing touchdown to give the Red Raiders an early 7-0 lead ... marked his third-consecutive game with a rushing touchdown.

- **at Kansas (11/11):** accurate again in the win in Lawrence, finishing 19-of-25 for 176 yards, which included 63 yards alone during a memorable final drive ... powered

a 63-yard scoring drive with only 26 seconds remaining in regulation to set up the game-winning 30 yard field goal from Gino Garcia ... started drive with 16-yard pass to Jerand Bradley followed by a 14-yard strike to Myles Price over the middle and a Red Raider timeout past midfield ... capped drive with beautiful throw to Bradley again down the right side for 33-yard gain to set up Garcia's game-winner.

- UCF (11/18): led the Red Raiders to another win a week later with 256 passing yards and a pair of touchdowns on 21-of-34 attempts ... helped bring the Red Raiders back from a 14-0 deficit with a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter, connecting with Drae McCray on a 15-yard touchdown strike and then Mason Tharp on a 19-yard touchdown up the seam.
- at Texas (11/24): rushed for his final touchdown in a tough regular-season finale, finishing 19-of-36 for 88 passing yards overall ... touchdown came on a two-yard carry late in the first quarter.
- vs. California (12/16): bounced back to garner Offensive Player of the Game honors in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl win over Cal ... matched his career high at the time with three touchdown passes in the victory as part of 27-of-43 attempts for 259 yards ... all three touchdown passes came in the first half en route to pushing the Red Raiders to their third-consecutive bowl victory ... the win pushed the Red Raiders to a 6-1 record on the season in games he started and finished.

2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Displayed the potential that made him the highest-rated quarterback signee in program history ... appeared in nine games overall with four starts behind center ... four starts all came during Big 12 play over a stretch against Oklahoma State, West Virginia, Baylor and TCU ... missed the final three games of the regular season due to injury ... in games he didn't start, was often utilized with special packages to compliment his athleticism.
- Completed 96-of-169 passes on the season (56.8 percent) for 1,117 yards and seven touchdowns ... part of a Texas Tech offense that became only the second FBS program since 1996 to have three different quarterbacks throw for at least 1,000 yards in a season ... averaged 233.8 passing yards in games started and 285.3 passing yards per game in starts where he finished the game.
- Recorded two 300-yard games on the season, the first of his career ... of his 96 completions, 48 went for at least 10 yards, while 14 were for 20 or more yards ... also had six completions for at least 30 yards, two for 40 yards and one for 50 yards.
- Credited with 325 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, including 316 at quarterback ... also the backup field goal holder on special teams.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** honorable mention All-Big 12 selection by the conference coaches ... recognized for work in the classroom as part of the Academic All-Big 12 first team.
- **IN BIG 12 RANKINGS:** closed the season ranked tied for 12th in the league for passing touchdowns and 14th in total passing yards ... was 11th in the league for most passing completions of 10 yards or longer (48).
- **Murray State (9/3):** came off the bench in the season opener to complete 7-of-10 passes for 97 yards and a touchdown ... found Mason Tharp on a 21-yard scoring strike early in the fourth quarter that marked the first touchdown pass of his career.
- **at North Carolina State (9/17):** called off the bench in Texas Tech's first road game of the season with 85 passing yards on 4-of-7 passing to go along with two rushes for 20 yards ... entered more in a wide receiver role the previous week against Houston (9/10) and then against Texas (9/24) for only one snap.
- **at Oklahoma State (10/8):** earned the first start of his career against the Cowboys in what was one of the most-impressive starting debuts in recent memory ... completed 39-of-62 yards for 379 yards and two touchdowns, while also rushing 17 times for 53 yards and another score ... marked the 10th time since 1999 where a Red Raider has thrown for 300 yards in his first career start ... became only the eighth Texas Tech freshman to start at quarterback during the Big 12 era, joining the likes of Kliff Kingsbury (1999), Seth Doege (2009), Baker Mayfield (2013), Davis Webb (2013), Patrick Mahomes II (2014), Alan Bowman (2018) and former teammate Donovan Smith (2021) ... his 379 passing yards were the third-most for a Red Raider making his starting debut against a conference opponent during the Big 12 era ... his 62 passing attempts marked the second-highest total for a Red Raider in a starting debut during the Big 12 era ... also marked the most attempts for an FBS freshman making his starting debut since Jared Goff had 64 on Aug. 31, 2013, in Cal's season-opening loss to Northwestern ... only the second Red Raider in Big 12 era and only freshman quarterback to make his first career start against a ranked opponent ... led the Red Raiders on an 11-play, 75-yard scoring drive to start the game, capping it with a 27-yard touchdown pass to Jerand Bradley ... later added a nine-yard touchdown run of his own late in the first quarter, marking his first time to find the end zone on the ground.

- **West Virginia (10/22):** followed with 325 passing yards and two touchdowns two weeks later in the win over the Mountaineers ... completed 28-of-45 passes en route to becoming the eighth Red Raider in the Big 12 era to throw for at least 300 yards in each of his first two career starts ... joined a list of prominent quarterbacks such as Nic Shimonek (2017), Davis Webb (2013), Baker Mayfield (2013), Taylor Potts (2009), Graham Harrell (2006), Cody Hodges (2005) and Sonny Cumbie (2004).
- **Baylor (10/29):** limited to only 11-of-34 passing for 152 yards and a touchdown versus the Bears ... cut Baylor's lead to only seven points with an eight-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter, his second and final rushing touchdown of the year.
- **at TCU (11/5):** suffered an injury early in his start at TCU (11/5), departing early in the second quarter ... was 7-for-10 for 79 yards and a touchdown to that point, which included a 47-yard scoring strike over the middle to Bradley.
- **vs. Ole Miss (12/28):** did not return from injury until the TaxAct Texas Bowl win against the Rebels ... part of one of the most creative scoring plays likely in college football that season after motioning as a receiver to under center, only for the snap to go through his legs to Tyler Shough for a rushing touchdown early in the win.

2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in two games overall as a backup quarterback at Kansas (10/16) and again against Oklahoma State (11/20) ... completed 1-of-3 passes for no yards and rushed twice for 15 yards against the Cowboys ... member of the dress roster throughout the entire season.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Eastland High School in his hometown of Eastland, Texas ... one of the top quarterbacks in the country throughout prep career ... totaled more than 8,800 passing yards during his three seasons to go along with 84 passing touchdowns and only 15 interceptions ... considered an accurate passer with a roughly 64 percent completion rate ... proved to be a threat on the ground as well with more than 1,200 rushing yards and 24 rushing touchdowns.
- One of 11 quarterbacks nominated for the 2020 National High School Quarterback of the Year Award that is presented by the National Quarterback Club ... semifinalist for the 2020 Mr. Texas Football award presented by the Texas Bowl and Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... was a preseason candidate for High School All-America honors from Sports Illustrated.
- Named MVP for District 5-3A his senior season after throwing for 3,613 yards, 37 touchdowns and only six interceptions, while adding 893 yards and 19 touchdowns on the ground ... averaged 6.9 yards per carry while also completing 68.6 percent of his passes ... nearly led Eastland to 100 points in a game his senior season after accounting for 10 total touchdowns (5 passing, 5 rushing) in a 91-71 victory over Panhandle.
- Tabbed the District 3-3A Division I Offensive MVP as both a sophomore and junior ... became one of the top young quarterbacks in the state in 2018 after throwing for 2,435 yards and 18 touchdowns with only four interceptions ... followed with 2,766 passing yards and 29 touchdowns with only five interceptions a year later as a junior.
- Helped lead Eastland to the state quarterfinal round his senior year ... the Mavericks made the playoffs in each of his three seasons with a regional finals appearance in 2018.
- Member of Eastland's basketball program as well ... was a first team All-District 6-3A honoree on the hardwood his junior year ... did not play as a senior after enrolling at Texas Tech to start the spring semester.
- One of 20 quarterbacks from across the country invited to the prestigious Elite 11 Finals in 2020.
- Consensus four-star prospect by the likes of Rivals, ESPN and 247Sports ... became the highest-rated quarterback by 247Sports to ever sign with the Red Raiders ... listed in the ESPN300 at No. 198 overall ... tabbed the No. 21 pocket passing quarterback nationally by ESPN and the 33rd-best player in the state ... ranked as the No. 6 pro-style quarterback in the country and No. 17 player in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... was the No. 12 dual-threat quarterback nationally and No. 44 player in the state by Rivals.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Baylor, Kansas, Nevada, SMU, Texas, TCU, Texas A&M, Tulsa, USC, Washington State and Wisconsin.

PERSONAL

• Behren Morton ... son of James and Suni Morton ... has two older sisters, McKayla and Maggie ... both parents are graduates of West Texas A&M University.
• Father was his high school coach throughout tenure in Eastland ... born in Lubbock as his father was the head football coach at Lubbock Monterey for 11 years before accepting the same position at Midland Lee in 2009 and then Eastland in 2016 ... father was a 2009 inductee into the West Texas A&M Hall of Champions for his time as a standout running back for the Buffs ... was later signed by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for two seasons.
• Earned his degree in university studies from Texas Tech in May 2025 ... enrolled in post-graduate courses at Texas Tech during final season as a Red Raider.

PARTICIPATION	2021	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	2/0	9/4	10/8	12/12	33/24

CAREER STATS

PASSING	G	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/G	Effic
2021	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	33.3	0.0	33.3
2022	9	96	169	6	1,117	7	55	56.8	124.1	118.9
2023	10	182	293	8	1,757	15	49	62.1	175.7	123.9
2024	12	295	466	8	3,335	27	70	63.3	277.9	139.1
Totals	33	574	931	22	6,209	49	70	61.7	188.2	130.3

RUSHING	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G
2021	2	2	15	0	17	7.5	7.5
2022	9	42	79	2	15	1.9	8.8
2023	10	46	3	4	14	0.1	0.3
2024	12	55	-22	1	26	-0.4	-1.8
Totals	33	145	75	7	26	0.5	2.3

2024 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Yds	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	Lg
Abilene Christian	*	30	42	5	0	378	36	2	-5	0	3
at Washington St.	*	34	58	1	2	323	42	4	7	0	7
North Texas	*	15	19	4	0	273	70	2	-1	1	10
Arizona State	*	24	44	2	0	201	21	3	-15	0	4
Cincinnati	*	19	29	2	0	251	49	3	46	0	26
at Arizona	*	17	29	0	0	214	57	4	-23	0	1
Baylor	*	33	49	3	1	286	32	6	3	0	7
at TCU	*	13	22	0	0	137	44	3	-3	0	1
at Iowa State	*	21	40	2	2	237	35	8	6	0	8
Colorado	*	24	40	2	1	275	35	11	-36	0	9
at Oklahoma St.	*	37	53	4	1	401	34	8	3	0	12
West Virginia	*	28	41	2	1	359	41	1	-4	0	0
vs. Kansas		DNP									
Totals		295	466	27	8	3,335	70	55	-22	1	26

2023 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Yds	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	Lg
at Wyoming		DNP									
Oregon		DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tarleton State		8	13	2	1	72	15	3	11	0	7
at West Virginia		13	37	1	0	158	26	8	-12	0	4
Houston	*	14	22	2	0	161	34	4	10	0	7
at Baylor	*	19	26	3	1	180	24	2	-1	1	10
Kansas State	*	14	21	0	0	125	31	6	8	1	10
at BYU		DNP-injured									
TCU	*	28	36	2	0	282	44	5	-4	1	9
at Kansas	*	19	25	0	1	176	33	7	-11	0	9
UCF	*	21	34	2	1	256	49	3	10	0	8
at Texas	*	19	36	0	3	88	15	5	-2	1	14
vs. California	*	27	43	3	1	259	41	3	-6	0	7
Totals		182	293	15	8	1,757	49	46	3	4	14

2022 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Yds	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	Lg
Murray State		7	10	1	1	97	24	3	-15	0	2
Houston		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at NC State		4	7	0	1	85	38	2	20	0	13

Opponent	GS	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Yds	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	Lg
Texas		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Kansas State		DNP									
at Oklahoma St.	*	39	62	2	1	379	36	17	53	1	15
West Virginia	*	28	45	2	0	325	55	8	17	0	8
Baylor	*	11	34	1	3	152	39	6	6	1	14
at TCU	*	7	10	1	0	79	47	6	-2	0	4
Kansas		DNP-injured									
at Iowa State		DNP-injured									
Oklahoma		DNP-injured									
vs. Ole Miss		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		96	169	7	6	1,117	55	42	79	2	15



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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Made his Red Raider debut by appearing in nine games as a redshirt freshman ... saw action as a reserve outside linebacker ... missed four games during middle of Big 12 play due to injury.
- Totaled six tackles on the season, which came over five different games ... recorded a season-high two stops in the win at Arizona (10/5) ... also had single-tackle performances against Abilene Christian (8/31), North Texas (9/14), Colorado (11/9) and at Oklahoma State (11/23).
- Credited with playing in 81 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus ... reached double digits for snaps in four different games - Abilene Christian (26), North Texas (14), West Virginia (13) and Arizona (11).

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action following a season-ending injury during preseason camp.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Round Rock High School in the Austin area ... explosive defensive lineman who helped lead Round Rock to a pair of nine-win seasons ... played every spot along the defensive line and occasionally at tight end during prep career.
- Selected to the final ballot for the Whataburger Super Team presented by Dave Campbell's Texas Football as a senior ... named the District 25-6A Defensive Lineman of the Year as a junior after being credited with 57 tackles, including 11.0 for a loss and one sack ... broke up four passes and had two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble that season.
- Member of the Round Rock track and field program, competing in the shot put and discus ... launched throws of 42-1 in the shot put and 109-4 in the discus as a junior.
- Tabbed a four-star prospect by ON3.com and a three-star signee by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN ... ranked 36th among defensive linemen nationally by ON3 and as the No. 57 player in the state of Texas ... rated the No. 39 defensive tackle in the country by Rivals and at No. 43 by ESPN ... listed as the No. 53 prospect in the state of Texas by Dave Campbell's Texas Football.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Baylor, Colorado, Houston, SMU, TCU, Texas and UTSA.

PERSONAL

- Ansel Tseh Nedore ... goes by the nickname "Ans" ... born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to parents Thomas and Brenda Kamanda.
- A marketing major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	9/0	9/0



Cheta
OFILI

OLB | 6-4 | 240 | R-R | 2nd Yr.
Rowlett, Texas | Sachse HS
Career Games: 1 / Career Starts: 0

32

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

• Redshirt season ... appeared in one game as a true freshman, which came in the regular-season finale against West Virginia (11/30).

• Scout team member ... recognized as the defensive scout team player of the week following Texas Tech's victory over Arizona State in its Big 12 opener.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Sachse High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolplex ... one of the top edge rushers in the country for the 2024 class ... helped push Sachse to the Class 6A playoffs each of his final two seasons.

• Named an All-District 9-6A first-team selection as a senior after logging 55 tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss and 7.0 sacks ... added three pass breakups from the trenches and a fumble recovery that went for a touchdown ... was previously a second team All-District 9-6A selection as a junior in 2022 following 43 tackles and 3.0 sacks.

• Multi-sport athlete at Sachse as a member of the track and field program ... competed in both the shot put and discus as well as the 100 and 200 meters as well as the 4x200-meter relay despite his standing on the defensive line.

• Consensus four-star prospect by the likes of Rivals, 247Sports, ESPN and On3 ... a top-300 recruit by On3, ESPN and Rivals and a Texas top-100 prospect by all four publications ... ranked as high as No. 140 among recruits nationally by On3 as well as No. 210 by ESPN and No. 224 by Rivals ... the No. 25 recruit in Texas by On3 and the No. 14 edge player in the country.

• Listed as high as 12th nationally among edge players by Rivals ... one of the top prospects at that position, also ranking 19th nationally by 247Sports and 24th by ESPN ... tabbed as the No. 34 recruit in Texas by ESPN, No. 36 by Rivals and No. 41 by 247Sports ... ranked 35th overall among DFW recruits in the 2024 class by the Dallas Morning News ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Arizona State, California, Ole Miss, Purdue, SMU, Vanderbilt, among others.

PERSONAL

• Cheta Ofili ... born in Dallas, Texas ... calls Rowlett, Texas home ... parents are Oni and Nkiru Ofili ... has two siblings, Amechi and Ngozi.

• A psychology major at Texas Tech.



Holden
PHILLIPS

QB | 6-1 | 210 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Lubbock, Texas | Frenship HS

16

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

• Local product out of Frenship High School ... guided by head coach Jay Northcutt and helped steer a 10-2 campaign in 2024.

• Led the state (Division 6A) with 4,438 passing yards as a senior in 2024 in what was his only varsity season with significant time at quarterback ... waited behind future college players such as Donovan Smith (Texas Tech/Houston), Chad Pharies (Angelo State) and Hudson Hutcheson (Kansas State).

• Completed 261-of-349 pass attempts for 4,438 yards, 57 touchdowns and seven interceptions as a senior for the 10-2 Tigers ... those were the best marks in school history for completion percentage (74.8%) and passing touchdowns in a single season ... named the 2024 Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's big-school football player of the year.

• Took advantage of his opportunity early, throwing for 508 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions in the 2024 season opener, a 48-46 loss to state-ranked Trophy Club Nelson.

• A three-sport athlete as a standout on the baseball and basketball teams.

• Originally a college baseball commit for Angelo State that was set to graduate in May but altered to a commitment to the Red Raider football team in December ... graduated early, foregoing the remainder of the basketball season and upcoming baseball season ... joined the Red Raiders alongside Frenship teammate Leyton Stone, who he connected with for 70 passes for 1,488 yards and 29 touchdowns during the 2024 season.



Brice
POLLOCK

CB | 6-0 | 195 | Jr. | 3rd Yr. (1st at Tech)
Snellville, Ga. | Shiloh HS | Mississippi State
Career Games: 23 / Career Starts: 15

14

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

2025 SEASON (JUNIOR)

• Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... will have two seasons of eligibility at Texas Tech and a redshirt available, if needed ... listed at No. 85 overall in ESPN's final rankings of the top transfer portal prospects and ninth overall among cornerbacks.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

• Spent his first two seasons of collegiate career at Mississippi State ... previously was recruited by and played for Texas Tech cornerbacks coach Darcel McBath as a true freshman with the Bulldogs in 2023.

• Saw significant action both seasons, playing in a total of 23 career games while making 15 starts ... collected 72 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, 10 pass breakups, one forced fumble and one interception over two seasons for the Bulldogs ... led all MSU freshmen in tackles (24) in 2023 ... first career interception came at No. 5 Georgia in 2024 ... credited with 973 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus over his two seasons with the Bulldogs and an additional 156 snaps on special teams.

• **2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE):** started in all 12 games at cornerback as a sophomore ... recorded 48 tackles, 1.0 tackles for loss, one interception, one forced fumble and nine pass breakups on the season ... finished eighth on the team for tackles and was the team leader for pass breakups ... had a tackle in all 12 games and multiple stops in 11 of 12 contests overall.

• Credited with 720 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which led the team ... received a 68.6 overall grade for the season by the publication ... was targeted 43 times in the passing game with 23 of those resulting in completions (53.5 percent) ... utilized for an additional 82 snaps on special teams, mainly as part of the field goal block and punt return units.

• Combined to make 11 tackles during non-conference play with four stops versus Eastern Kentucky (8/31), a career-high six at Arizona State (9/7) and only one versus Toledo (9/14) ... added pass breakups against both Eastern Kentucky and Toledo as well ... pass breakup versus Toledo started a streak of four-consecutive contests of batting down a ball.

• Started SEC play with four tackles against Florida (9/21) followed by six at Texas (9/28) ... received an 82.0 grade by PFF as a tackler versus Texas, his highest in that category during the season ... finished with a 71.5 overall grade versus the Longhorns.

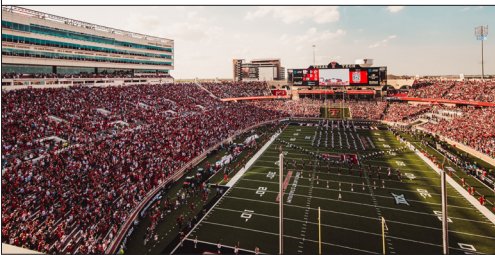
• Recorded his first career interception two weeks later at Georgia (10/12) to go along with four tackles ... interception came on Georgia's first drive of the game, giving the Bulldogs the ball near the red zone ... Mississippi State responded with a field goal to take an early 3-0 lead ... forced a fumble on Georgia's next drive that rolled out of bounds ... became the first Bulldog to record an interception and forced fumble in the same game since Collin Duncan did so on Nov. 7, 2020, against Vanderbilt ... added a pass breakup in the loss for the fourth-consecutive game as well.

• Followed with four tackles in back-to-back games against Texas A&M (10/19) and Arkansas (10/26) ... notched three tackles to go along with a season-high two pass breakups in the win over UMass (11/2) ... combined for four pass breakups over the final four games with one against both Missouri (11/23) and at Ole Miss (11/29) as well.

• Matched his career high with six tackles in the Egg Bowl versus Ole Miss ... previously had four tackles against Missouri and two stops earlier in the month at Tennessee (11/9) ... one of his two stops versus the Vols went for a three-yard loss, marking his lone tackle for loss of the season and the second of his career ... read a screen pass perfectly to drop Tennessee behind the line of scrimmage on third down midway through the third quarter.

• **2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN AT MISSISSIPPI STATE):** appeared in 11 games while making three starts as only a true freshman ... recorded 24 tackles (13 solo) on the season to go along with one pass breakup ... led all Mississippi State freshmen in tackles ... earned his two starts late in SEC play at Auburn (10/28) and Texas A&M (11/11).

• In coverage for 130 snaps on the year, which ranked sixth among SEC freshmen according to Pro Football Focus ... earned a rush defensive grade of 77.3, which ranked fifth among SEC freshmen by PFF ... credited with making 253 defensive snaps on the season by the publication, while being targeted 15 times in the passing game with 10 being completions



▲ Of the five Big 12 schools with stadium capacities of 60,000-plus in 2024, Texas Tech (97.33) and BYU (101.25) averaged a capacity crowd of 95 percent or greater.

- Recorded a season-high five tackles in three different games – versus Western Michigan (10/7), Kentucky (11/4) and at Arkansas (10/21) ... performance versus Western Michigan represented his first extensive playing time on defense, playing 43 snaps at the wide corner position (53 total snaps) ... received his highest Pro Football Focus grade on the season at Arkansas, receiving an 80.6 overall as well as a 78.8 in coverage ... played a season-high 63 snaps versus the Razorbacks ... shared a tackle for loss against Kentucky, the first of his career.
- Followed with two tackles in his second career start at Texas A&M and then three a week later versus Southern Miss (11/18) ... previously began the season with one stop against both Southeastern Louisiana (9/2) and LSU (9/16).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Shiloh High School in Snellville, Ga. ... one of the top prospects out of the state of Georgia his senior year under head coach Tino Ierulli ... two-way player as both a defensive back and wide receiver.
- Totaled 61 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, a sack, two quarterback hurries, two interceptions and 11 pass breakups and a fumble recovery as a senior ... caught 11 passes for 196 yards and four receiving touchdowns on the offensive end, while also adding a 42-yard rush as a senior ... earned All-County recognition as a junior after recording 58 tackles, 12 pass breakups and four interceptions.
- Member of the track and field program during his prep days ... ran the first leg on the Class 6A state championship 4x100-meter relay team ... clocked personal-best 11.19 in the 100-meter dash and 23.03 in the 200-meter dash.
- Regarded as a four-star prospect by 247Sports and a three-star recruit by ESPN. Rivals and On3 ... ranked as high as No. 38 among cornerbacks nationally by 247Sports ... was No. 37 among recruits from the state of Georgia by the publication as well ... chose Mississippi State over similar offers from Pittsburgh, N.C. State, Michigan State, North Carolina, Georgia Tech, Penn State, Ole Miss, Wake Forest and Duke, among others.

PERSONAL

- Brice Gabriel Pollock ... son of Brandon and Bridget Pollock ... father played football at Duke (1993-95) and recorded five career interceptions.
- A leadership studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	11/3	12/12	23/15

* at Mississippi State

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	INT
2023 (MSU)	11	13	11	24	0.5	1	1	0	0	0	0
2024 (MSU)	12	24	24	48	1.0	3	9	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	23	37	35	72	1.5	4	10	1	0	0	1

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ MISSISSIPPI STATE)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
E. Kentucky	*	0	4	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at Arizona State	*	3	3	6	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Toledo	*	0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Florida	*	4	0	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at Texas	*	4	2	6	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at Georgia	*	4	0	4	0.0-0	1-0	0	0	1
Texas A&M	*	3	1	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Arkansas	*	0	4	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
UMass	*	1	2	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	2
at Tennessee	*	1	1	2	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0
Missouri	*	1	3	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at Ole Miss	*	3	3	6	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Totals		24	24	48	1.0-3	1-0	0	0	9

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ MISSISSIPPI STATE)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
Southeastern La.	0	1	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Arizona				DNP					
LSU	1	0	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0	0		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Alabama	0	2	2		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	3	2	5		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Arkansas	5	0	5		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at Auburn	*	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kentucky	2	3	5		0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0
at Texas A&M	*	1	1	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Southern Miss.	*	1	2	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ole Miss	0	0	0		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	13	0	24		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1



Jacob PONTON
OL | 6-8 | 305 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Dripping Springs, Texas | Dripping Springs HS
Career Games: 4 / Career Starts: 1

70

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... scout team member ... appeared in four games overall as a true freshman with one start, which came in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27).
- Made his collegiate debut in the second half of Texas Tech's rout of North Texas (9/14) ... graded out at 85.3 by Pro Football Focus over his eight offensive snaps against the Mean Green ... inserted at left tackle twice during Big 12 play against both Colorado (11/9) and West Virginia (11/30).
- Filled in as the starter at left tackle in the bowl game, playing 71 total snaps versus Arkansas ... one of three true freshman to start that game offensively, joining quarterback Will Hammond and running back J'Koby Williams ... allowed only one pressure - a quarterback hurry - over 36 pass blocking opportunities against the Razorbacks in a strong debut ... credited with 101 offensive snaps on the season by PFF.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Dripping Springs High School in the Austin area ... one of the top offensive line prospects in the country due to his size and athleticism ... played primarily at right tackle as a junior before moving to the left side his senior season.
- Helped push Dripping Springs to the Class 6A Division II regional finals each of his final two seasons ... the Tigers finished 11-3 overall, reaching the 11-win mark for only the fifth time in program history ... recognized on the All-District 26-6A first team each of his final two seasons.
- Received his first collegiate offer from the Texas Tech staff ... considered a four-star prospect by On3 and a three-star recruit by Rivals, ESPN and 247Sports ... listed as one of the nation's top offensive linemen by On3, ranking as high as No. 15 among offensive tackles nationally and No. 31 among prospects in the state of Texas ... publication also listed him at No. 176 among all recruits nationally.
- A top-100 recruit in Texas by both 247Sports and Rivals as well ... ranked No. 52 at offensive tackle by 247Sports and No. 97 overall among Texas recruits ... also No. 64 among offensive tackles in the country by Rivals as well as No. 98 among prospects in Texas ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Houston, Texas State and Tulsa.

PERSONAL

- Jacob Ponton ... son of Michael and Carri Ponton ... has three siblings.
- A interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.



**Bryce
RAMIREZ**
LB | 6-2 | 235 | S-Sr. | 7th Yr. | 3L
Missouri City, Texas | George Ranch HS
Career Games: 27 / Career Starts: 3

3

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SENIOR)

- Emotional leader for the Red Raiders as one of five team captains named prior to spring practices by head coach Joey McGuire ... marked second-consecutive season to be in a leadership role with the Red Raiders ... continued to wear the No. 3 jersey, which is designated for the Red Raider on both sides of the ball who best represents the attributes of "The Brand"
- Limited to only seven games after missing the final six contests due to a complication from his previous 2022 injury ... was in the midst of one of his best seasons to that point as part of the linebacker rotation and on special teams ... started on three special teams assignments in kickoff coverage, punt coverage and the field goal block unit.
- Totaled 17 tackles on the season (12 solo) to go along with an interception and a quarterback hurry ... tackle count also included one stop behind the line of scrimmage ... was four tackles shy of his career high for a season at the time of his injury ... recorded at least one tackle in all seven games played and had multiple stops in four of those contests.
- Credited with 110 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus and an additional 105 snaps on special teams ... publication credited him with three pressures overall, a hurry at Washington State and a quarterback hit and another hurry at Arizona.
- Set a season high with five tackles in the non-conference finale against North Texas (9/14), which included his first career interception ... shared the team high for tackles in the rout alongside fellow inside linebacker John Curry ... interception came on a dropped pass by the Mean Green, which fell into his diving arms with 9:43 remaining until halftime ... marked the second of three interceptions for the Red Raiders in the second quarter, which was followed by a Behren Morton 10-yard touchdown run two plays later for a 38-7 lead ... received a 91.4 overall grade by Pro Football Focus in the win, his highest of the season.
- Combined for nine stops over the course of Texas Tech's three-game winning streak to start Big 12 play ... started that stretch with three tackles versus Arizona State (9/21), two against Cincinnati (9/28) and four at Arizona (10/5) ... added a quarterback hurry at Arizona, which came on third down to end the Wildcats' opening drive with a punt.
- Closed the season with one tackle in the Homecoming game against Baylor (10/19) ... previously had single tackle performances to start the season against Abilene Christian (8/31) and at Washington State (9/7) during non-conference play.
- **NCAA WAIVER:** granted an NCAA waiver prior to the AutoZone Liberty Bowl to extend his eligibility through the 2025 season ... medical waiver was for his 2022 junior season that was cut short due to injury ... the 2025 football season will mark his seventh as a Red Raider.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized for his work in the classroom as part of the Academic All-Big 12 first team ... marked the fourth time in his career to be honored for his academic efforts.

2023 SEASON (SENIOR)

- Completed his inspirational comeback to the field by appearing in 11 games with two starts ... awarded the No. 3 jersey prior to the season for being the Red Raider who best represented the attributes of "The Brand" ... member of the team captains circle and a key voice in the locker room ... missed two games during Big 12 play due to injury.
- Flexible position wise, rotating between the inside linebacker and outside linebacker rooms during the season ... totaled 21 tackles to go along with one quarterback hurry on the season ... had at least one tackle in 10 of 11 games with multiple stops in five contests overall.
- Credited with 285 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus as well as an additional 32 on special teams ... saw time on kickoff coverage, punt return and the field goal block unit on special teams ... publication awarded him five total pressures on defense with one quarterback hit and four hurries.
- Returned to the field for the first play of the season opener as part of kickoff coverage, which was captured by a national audience on CBS ... made one tackle against the Cowboys, which came late in the second quarter.
- Made one tackle as well against Tarleton State (9/16) and at West Virginia (9/23) and Baylor (10/7) during front half of the season ... credited with two stops during that stretch against Oregon (9/9) and Houston (9/30).

- Set a new career high with seven tackles to go with a quarterback hurry at BYU (10/21) ... returned from injury against the Cougars, one of two missed games on the year with the other being UCF (11/18) ... his quarterback hurry midway through the first quarter set up an eventual BYU punt.
- Followed with two tackles in the win over TCU (11/2) and three at Kansas (11/1) ... closed the regular season with one tackle at Texas (11/24) ... part of a Red Raider defense that pushed Texas Tech to its third-straight bowl victory with its win over Cal (12/16) in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** named to the watch list for the Comeback Player of the Year award through the College Sports Communications (CSC) prior to the season ... the information technology major was honored after the season as an Academic All-Big 12 second team honoree.

2022 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Limited to only two games as a junior due to an early season-ending injury ... totaled four tackles overall with three coming in an overtime win at Houston (9/10) and one other at N.C. State (9/17) ... injury came at an unfortunate time as he had just been praised for his ability to effectively give the Red Raiders another pass rush option besides Tyree Wilson.
- Suffered a catastrophic injury in the first half of the N.C. State game that forced him to remain in Raleigh for several days to recover from leg surgery ... despite suffering such a significant injury, was back on the sideline and walking later in the season ... praised by teammates and coaches alike for his positive outlook following the injury.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** named to the Academic All-Big 12 second team for a second-consecutive season.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Appeared in seven games as a sophomore, typically on special teams ... inserted into each of the final seven games of the season ... totaled three tackles overall, all as part of the kickoff coverage unit ... ranked tied for fourth on the team for special teams tackles.
- Made a career-high two stops against Kansas State (10/23) and recorded his only other tackle in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Mississippi State (12/28).
- One of four Red Raiders surprised with a scholarship prior to the season by then head coach Matt Wells.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized for work in the classroom as part of the Academic All-Big 12 second team.

2020 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Did not see game action as a redshirt freshman ... listed as a backup at the Sam linebacker position entering the season ... was a member of the dress roster for the majority of the season ... scout team member.

2019 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... earned a spot on the roster via walk-on try-outs ... did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended George Ranch High School in Richmond, Texas ... a standout from the outside linebacker and strong safety hybrid positions for the Longhorns ... was an Academic All-District honoree his senior season ... originally signed to play at Southwestern University prior to enrolling at Texas Tech.

PERSONAL

- Bryce Ramirez ... son of Nestor and Alice Ramirez ... has a sister, Aniya Ramirez.
- Earned a bachelor's degree in information technology at Texas Tech ... currently working toward a master's in personal financial planning.

PARTICIPATION	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	0/0	7/0	2/1	11/2	7/0	27/3

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2019	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	7	2	1	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	2	4	0	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	11	14	7	21	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2024	7	12	5	17	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	27	32	13	45	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	2

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Abilene Christian	1	0	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Washington St.	1	0	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
North Texas	4	1	5		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
Arizona State	2	1	3		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	1	1	2		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Arizona	2	2	4		0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	1
Baylor	1	0	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU	DNP-injured									
at Iowa State	DNP-injured									
Colorado	DNP-injured									
at Oklahoma St.	DNP-injured									
West Virginia	DNP-injured									
vs. Arkansas	DNP-injured									
Totals	12	5	17		0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	1	1

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
at Wyoming	0	1	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	2	0	2		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Tarleton State	1	0	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at West Virginia	0	1	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Houston	2	0	2		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Baylor	1	0	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Kansas State	DNP-injured									
at BYU	*	3	4	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
TCU	*	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Kansas	3	0	3		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
UCF	DNP-injured									
at Texas	0	1	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. California	0	0	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	7	21		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1

2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Murray State	DNP									
Houston	3	0	3		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at NC State	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0	4		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0

2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
at Kansas	0	0	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Kansas State	1	1	2		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	0	0	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Iowa State	DNP									
Oklahoma State	0	0	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Baylor	0	0	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi St.	1	0	1		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	1	3		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0



Marcus
RAMON-EDWARDS

S | 6-3 | 225 | So. | 3rd Yr.
Lubbock, Texas | Trinity Christian HS
Career Games: 4 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Made his Red Raider debut by appearing in four games as a redshirt freshman ... inserted on special teams in all four games, which came against North Texas (9/14), Arizona State (9/21), at Arizona (10/5) and versus West Virginia (11/30). Member of the punt return, kickoff coverage and field goal block units throughout the year ... inserted on defense in the second half of wins over North Texas and West Virginia ... credited with 21 combined defensive snaps between those two games.
- Credited with three tackles in the win over the Mountaineers, the first of his career ... recorded one of those tackles as part of his duties on kickoff coverage.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Local product out of Trinity Christian High School in Lubbock ... three-year letterwinner for the Lions as a standout at running back and in the secondary.
- A first team TAPPS All-State honoree at running back as a senior and a second team honoree in the secondary ... named the MVP on the All-TAPPS Division III District 1 postseason teams for both his junior and senior seasons ... was a first team honoree as both a running back and defensive back.
- Rushed for 1,778 yards and 27 touchdowns as a junior en route to leading the Lions to the TAPPS Division III state title game ... was the first state championship appearance in school history ... followed by pushing the Lions to the state semifinals his senior season after totaling 1,541 rushing yards and 31 touchdowns ... named to the Lone Star Varsity Super Team as a first team selection by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.
- Two-sport athlete as a standout for the Runnin' Lions basketball program ... known as one of the most athletic athletes on the court with an array of high-flying dunks during prep career ... helped push the Runnin' Lions to the state semifinals as a junior ... tabbed the district Defensive Player of the Year twice in his career ... two-time second team All-State honoree.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and On3 ... listed as the No. 55 safety prospect in the county by On3 and the No. 115 player in the state of Texas ... ranked 83rd among safeties nationally by 247Sports.

PERSONAL

- Marcus Jeremyiah Ramon-Edwards ... born in Abilene, Texas, to parents Marcus and Teanequa Ramon ... oldest of three siblings - Javion and Jayden ... had a cousin who played football collegiately at Colorado State.
- A public relations and strategic communications major at Texas Tech.



▲ **BRYCE RAMIREZ** is one of the unquestioned leaders for the Red Raiders, serving as a team captain each of the past two seasons. Ramirez returns this season as a seventh-year senior and one of two Red Raiders to wear the coveted No. 3 jersey.

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TEXAS TECH



Braylon
RIGSBY

OLB | 6-2 | 275 | So. | 3rd Yr. | 1L
Woodville, Texas | Woodville HS
Career Games: 13 / Career Starts: 1

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Ben
ROBERTS

LB | 6-3 | 240 | Jr. | 4th Yr. | 2L
Haslet, Texas | Eaton HS
Career Games: 28 / Career Starts: 25

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Praised for his development throughout the season that led him to be a significant contributor late in the year ... saw action in 12 of 13 games overall with one start, which came in the non-conference finale versus North Texas ... missed only the Homecoming date with Baylor midway through the season.
- Recorded 18 tackles overall (5 solo), including 3.0 that went for a loss ... added three quarterback hurries and a pass breakup near the line of scrimmage ... had at least one tackle in nine of his 12 games played with multiple stops in five of those contests ... bulk of his tackles - 13 to be exact - came during the final month of the season as well as the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas.
- Credited with 306 defensive snaps on the season by Pro Football Focus as both an interior defensive lineman and outside linebacker ... size allowed him to switch back and forth between position roles throughout the season ... publication credited him with 15 total pressures - two via quarterback hits and 13 by hurries - which ranked tied for fifth on the team.
- Combined for three stops during non-conference play with two at Washington State (9/7) and one against North Texas (9/14) ... performance in Pullman included his first career tackle for loss, which came on Washington State's final drive of the fourth quarter ... was the first multi-tackle outing of his career as well ... added his first quarterback hurry of the season against the Mean Green, which forced an incomplection and 3-and-out by North Texas on its opening drive of the second half.
- Began a strong final month of the season with three tackles in the win at Iowa State (11/2) ... matched that total again a week later against Colorado (11/9), notching his second tackle for a loss on the season in the process ... tackle for loss came on Colorado's fourth offensive play of the game, setting up an eventual punt to help the Red Raiders get off to an early 10-0 lead.
- Followed with a career-high four tackles at Oklahoma State, marking his third-straight game with multiple stops ... contributed to two third-down stops of Oklahoma State running back Ollie Gordon II, keeping him to a four-yard gain in the second quarter for a punt and then another four-yard reception in the third quarter to set up a missed field goal attempt ... stopped a screen for his final tackle for loss on the year in the fourth quarter, dropping Brennan Presley for a one-yard loss.
- Concluded the season with one tackle in the regular-season finale against West Virginia (11/30) and then two stops in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27) ... had a quarterback hurry in both games as well as a pass breakup against the Razorbacks ... pass breakup stopped a third-down attempt to start the fourth quarter, leading to a punt near midfield.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in one game on the season against Tarleton State (9/16), making one tackle ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Woodville High School in his hometown of Woodville, Texas ... two-way starter who helped push Woodville to the area round of the Class 3A Division I playoffs each of his final two seasons ... four-year varsity letterwinner.
- Tallied 61 tackles, including 15.0 for a loss and 3.0 sacks, en route to being named the District 10-3A Defensive Lineman of the Year as a junior in 2021 ... led Woodville to a 7-4 record that season.
- Tabbed the District 9-3A MVP following his senior season after a 9-3 record ... posted 79 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, 3.0 sacks and an interception during final prep season ... also got his hands on four kicks for key blocks ... previously recognized on the All-District 10-3A second team as only a sophomore.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and On3 ... tabbed the No. 53 defensive tackle in the country by ESPN for the 2023 class ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Kansas State, Louisiana-Lafayette and Washington State.

PERSONAL

- Braylon Isaac Rigsby ... son of Charity Rigsby.
- A leadership studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	1/0	12/1	13/1

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER AWARDS & HONORS

- Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year (2023, R-Fr.)
- All-Big 12 honorable mention selection (2023, R-Fr.)
- Associated Press All-Big 12 second team (2023, R-Fr.)
- Second team Freshman All-American by The Athletic (2023, R-Fr.)

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Continued to be a mainstay at linebacker for the Red Raiders as only a sophomore ... started in all 13 games, joining fellow linebacker Jacob Rodriguez and defensive backs C.J. Baskerville and Maurion Horn as the only players on the defensive side of the ball to do so ... one of seven players overall on the team to start in all 13 games.
- Ranked second on the team with 83 tackles (38 solo), including 4.5 that went for a loss ... has combined for 190 tackles now through his first two seasons as a Red Raider, the third-highest total among Big 12 players during that span (2023-24) ... trails only the combined tackles totals of Baylor's Matt Jones (195) and Iowa State's Beau Freyler (191) over the past two seasons ... total ranks 12th overall nationally among players who have played both seasons at the power-four level.
- Tied for third on the team for tackles for loss, trailing only Rodriguez (10.5) and defensive back A.J. McCarty (6.5) ... shared the team high with three forced fumbles and was the overall team leader with six credited quarterback hurries ... had at least a share of the team high for tackles in four different games overall.
- Recorded at least two tackles in all 13 games and had five or more stops in 10 of those contests ... posted two double-digit performances to begin Big 12 play and finished with five or more tackles in seven of nine conference games overall ... combined to make 61 of his 83 tackles on the season during Big 12 play, which ranked second on the team behind only Rodriguez ... in fact, his 61 stops against league opponents topped the season totals on the team outside Rodriguez (127) and C.J. Baskerville (78).
- Credited with 657 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which ranked fourth on the team and second in the linebacker room, trailing only Rodriguez ... publication credited him with 18 pressures - five via quarterback hits and 13 on hurries ... also saw time on special teams with 120 snaps as a regular member of the field goal block unit ... inserted late in the season on kickoff coverage and occasionally throughout the year on kickoff returns, punt coverage and punt returns.
- **IN BIG 12 RANKINGS:** ended the season ranked 15th in the league for total tackles (83) and 16th for tackles per game (6.4) ... was tied for third in the league alongside Rodriguez with three forced fumbles.
- Recorded seven tackles, including one for a loss, and forced a fumble in each of the first two games of the season against Abilene Christian (8/31) and at Washington State (9/7) ... his forced fumble in overtime win over ACU came on



▲ Following a redshirt year as a true freshman, **BEN ROBERTS** has played in all 26 games over the past two seasons and enters 2025 owning 25-consecutive starts. He was one of four Red Raider defensive players to start in all 13 games in 2024.

the final play of the first quarter but was ultimately recovered by the Wildcats ... play resulted in a two-yard loss and tackle for loss ... fumble at Washington State, similarly, was recovered by the Cougars early in the first quarter ... blew up a Washington State rush attempt on its opening play of the second quarter, eventually leading to a 3-and-out drive.

- Closed non-conference play with three tackles in the win over North Texas (9/14) ... was one of only three times on the season to not finish with at least five tackles ... other two occurrences were in November with two stops versus Colorado (11/9) and four in the regular-season finale against West Virginia (11/30).
- Began conference play with consecutive double-digit performances with 11 stops in the win over Arizona State (9/21) and 12 the next week against Cincinnati (9/28) ... matched his career high with 2.0 tackles for loss in the win over Cincinnati, including one to start the third quarter that resulted in his third forced fumble of the season ... Jacob Rodriguez picked up the fumble, setting up a Texas Tech scoring drive to take a 31-24 lead ... big game against the Bearcats also included his first quarterback hurry of the season, which resulted in a pick-six interception by A.J. McCarty to extend Texas Tech's lead to 41-27 early in the fourth quarter.
- Posted at least five tackles in each of the first six conference games after following with five stops at Arizona (10/5), six against Baylor (10/19) and then seven in back-to-back weeks at TCU (10/26) and Iowa State (11/2) ... road win over the Cyclones also featured two quarterback hurries and a shared tackle for loss ... first of two hurries led to another McCarty interception in the second quarter.
- Added seven tackles again in the win at Oklahoma State (11/23) to go along with another quarterback hurry ... ended the season with five tackles and a quarterback hurry in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27) ... hurry started an eventual 3-and-out drive for the Razorbacks early in the fourth quarter.

2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Ranked among the top freshmen in college football during his first full season as a Red Raider ... started the season as a backup linebacker only to turn in one of the top seasons by a freshman in school history ... appeared in all 13 games with 12 starts after moving into starting rotation the second week of the season ... only game to not start was the season opener at Wyoming.
- Ended the year as the Red Raiders' leading tackler with 107 tackles (55 solo), including 6.5 for a loss and 0.5 sacks ... marked the most tackles by Red Raider freshman dating back to 1980 ... finished tied for second on the team in tackles for loss, trailing only Jaylon Hutchings (7.5) ... added two forced fumbles, an interception and three quarterback hurries.
- Shared the team high in tackles in six different games, including five times during Big 12 play ... reached double digits in tackles six times with five of those coming against Big 12 opponents.
- Credited with 775 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which ranked second on the team behind only Dadrion Taylor-Demerson (815) ... highly regarded by the publication, grading out at 79.6 in run defense and 85.8 as a tackler, which was second on the team in both categories behind only C.J. Baskerville ... had an overall grade of 68.5 for the season by the website ... created 12 pressures overall according to PFF's analysis.
- Among the Red Raiders' most active participants on special teams with 102 snaps on the season ... saw most time on field goal block and punt coverage units but also inserted for punt return and kickoffs sparingly ... had the most special teams snaps among Red Raiders considered to be regular starters.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** named the Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year by the conference coaches, becoming the first Red Raider in program history to win the award ... an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection as well by the conference coaches ... garnered second team All-Big 12 honors by the Associated Press ... tabbed a second team Freshman All-American by The Athletic ... marked the first time a Red Raider had collected Freshman All-America accolades since Austin McNamara in 2019 and the first time for a linebacker since Brian Duncan in 2007.
- **IN TEXAS TECH RECORD BOOK:** his 107 tackles on the season marked the most tackles by a Red Raider freshman dating back to 1980 ... only the second Red Raider freshman during that span with at least 100 tackles in a season, joining Donald Harris, who had 104 stops in 1987.
- **IN NCAA RANKINGS:** closed the year ranked 40th nationally in total tackles (107) and 45th in total tackles per game (8.2) ... shared the FBS high among freshmen for total tackles with Caleb Downs of Alabama ... ranked second nationally among freshmen in tackles per game, trailing only Dillon Thieneman of Purdue who averaged 8.8 stops a contest over 12 games.
- **IN BIG 12 RANKINGS:** led all freshmen in the league and ranked tied for third overall with 107 total tackles ... trailed only the totals of Nickolas Martin of Oklahoma State (140) and Jason Johnson of UCF (114) ... again led all freshmen and was tied for third in tackles per game (8.2) ... average bumped up to 9.2 tackles

per game during Big 12 play, which ranked tied for third overall ... also tied for third in the league with 83 total stops against conference foes, trailing Nickolas (99) and Johnson (84).

- Came off the bench for one tackle in the season opener at Wyoming (9/2), which went for a one-yard loss in the fourth quarter ... marked the first tackle of his collegiate career.
- Made his first career start the next week against Oregon (9/9), finishing with 12 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, a shared sack and forced fumble (went out of bounds) ... marked his first career game with double-digit tackles and his first of six outings on the season ... closed non-conference play with four stops in the win over Tarleton State (9/16).
- Reached double-digits again in each of the first two Big 12 contests and four of the first five overall, finishing with 11 tackles at West Virginia (9/23) and 10 versus Houston (9/30) ... performance versus the Mountaineers included a shared tackle for loss and his first career interception, which came midway through the second quarter.
- Only game during that stretch without double-digit tackles was at Baylor (10/7), finishing with seven stops, including a career-high 2.0 for a loss ... first of those two TFLs resulted in a 16-yard loss and a fumble, which was recovered by Baylor ... other tackle for loss came on a 4th-and-1 attempt midway through the second quarter.
- Back in double digits each of the next two weeks with 11 stops versus Kansas State (10/14) and 10 at BYU (10/21) ... posted six tackles in each of the next two home games in wins over TCU (11/2) and UCF (11/8) ... had a nine-tackle performance sandwiched in between those two outings at Kansas (11/11) ... reached double digits for the final time in the regular-season finale at Texas (11/24), notching a career-high 13 stops to go along with a quarterback hurry.
- Instrumental in the Red Raiders victory over Cal (12/16) in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl thanks to seven tackles, including 1.5 for a loss ... stuffed Cal's second drive of the game with a key fourth down stop near the goal line ... added his second tackle for loss on Cal's first play of the second half alongside Charles Esters III.

2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in two games overall, which came during Big 12 play in consecutive road trips to Kansas State (10/1) and Oklahoma State (10/8) ... utilized in both of those games as part of the kickoff return and kickoff coverage units ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Eaton High School in his hometown of Haslet, Texas ... moved to linebacker at the college level after playing safety in high school ... helped lead Eaton to its winningest season in school history as a junior as part of a 9-4 team ... season was capped by a run to the regional finals, which was the furthest in program history.
- Garnered first team All-District 4-6A honors as a senior after recording 74 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks over 10 games ... versatile contributor for Eaton, serving as the punt returner as well with 21 attempts for an average of 13.4 yards ... longest punt return came via a 52-yard explosive play midway through the season ... previously tabbed the preseason District 4-6A Defensive MVP by Dave Campbell's Texas Football prior to the season.
- Also a first team All-District 4-6A honoree again as a junior after logging 100 tackles and four interceptions ... was an honorable mention All-State selection that season by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA).
- One of the top prospects out of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex in the 2022 class ... consensus three-star prospect by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN ... listed as the No. 77 recruit in the DFW area and the No. 8 safety overall for the 2022 class by the Dallas Morning News ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Air Force, Army, Navy, North Texas, SMU, Tulsa, Utah State and Wyoming.

PERSONAL

- Ben Roberts ... son of John Roberts and Carrie Roberts ... has one older brother Lowell.
- Hobbies include hunting, fishing, and golfing outside of football.
- His career goals include becoming a physical therapist ... majoring in kinesiology at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	2/0	13/12	13/13	28/25

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2022	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	13	55	52	107	6.5	30	0	2	0	0	3
2024	13	38	45	83	4.5	11	0	3	0	0	6
Totals	28	93	97	190	11.0	41	0	5	0	0	9

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Abilene Christian	*	4	3	7	0.0-0	1.0-2	1	0	0	0
at Washington St.	*	7	0	7	0.0-0	1.0-2	1	0	0	0
North Texas	*	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	*	2	9	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	*	4	8	12	0.0-0	2.0-5	1	0	0	1
at Arizona	*	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
Baylor	*	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU	*	3	4	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	*	2	5	7	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0	0	2
Colorado	*	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.	*	3	4	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
West Virginia	*	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	*	1	4	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
Totals		38	45	83	0.0-0	4.5-11	3	0	0	6

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
at Wyoming		0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	*	5	7	12	0.5-2	1.5-7	1	0	0	0
Tarleton State	*	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at West Virginia	*	4	7	11	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	1	0
Houston	*	8	2	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Baylor	*	5	2	7	0.0-0	2.0-19	1	0	0	0
Kansas State	*	5	6	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at BYU	*	5	5	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
TCU	*	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Kansas	*	8	1	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
UCF	*	2	4	6	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0	0	0
at Texas	*	6	7	13	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
vs. California	*	2	5	7	0.0-0	1.5-3	0	0	0	1
Totals		55	52	107	0.5-2	6.5-30	2	0	1	3

2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
at Kansas State		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0



Sean
ROBINSON
TE | 6-5 | 215 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Greenbrae, Calif. | Cibolo Steele HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Steele High School in Cibolo, Texas ... joins Red Raider greats such as current Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Terence Steele and NFL wide receiver Antoine Wesley as former Steele products to sign with Texas Tech.
- Starred mainly at wide receiver for the Knights, who advanced to the Class 6A Division II regional finals his senior year ... two-way player that also contributed as a defensive end and outside linebacker as well ... previously helped push Steele to the state semifinals his junior season.
- Carried 20 times for 400 yards and five touchdowns his senior year while also catching three passes for 86 yards and two touchdowns ... added 26 tackles defensively, including 4.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks, while adding 10 hurries and an interception en route to earning All-District 29-6A second team accolades.
- Previously earned honorable mention All-District 27-6A accolades as a sophomore and junior ... caught three passes for 64 yards as a junior and then four receptions for 119 yards and two touchdowns his sophomore year ... combined for 14 tackles those two seasons, including two for a loss ... selected to play in the 2025 San Antonio All-Star Game after his season year.
- Participated in track and field in high school, competing in the 100-meter (10.4), 200-meters (21.6) and the long jump (24 feet, 3 inches).
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of On3, 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... considered a top-100 recruit in the state of Texas by both 247Sports and ESPN ... ranked as the No. 38 wide receiver prospect in the country by both of those publications ... listed as the No. 76 recruit in Texas by 247Sports and No. 88 by ESPN ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Arizona, Oklahoma State, UTSA, Houston, Nebraska, Tulane, North Texas and Texas State.

PERSONAL

- Sean Jacob Robinson ... goes by the nickname "Rambo" to friends and family ... born in Greenbrae, Calif., to parents Jernieral and Shannon Robinson ... has a brother, Jalen ... both parents served in the military ... his father was a Purple Heart recipient.
- Comes from an athletic family with numerous family members who played either collegiately or in the NFL such as T.J. McDonald (49ers/Cardinals), Tim McDonald Jr. (Rams/Dolphins), Tevin McDonald (Raiders), Clifton Smith Jr. (Buccaneers/Dolphins), Chevin Calloway (SMU, Arkansas), Omarr Smith (San Jose State) ... also related to NBA legend and former national champion at Indiana, Isaiah Thomas.
- A nutrition and dietetics major at Texas Tech.



Jacob RODRIGUEZ

LB | 6-1 | 235 | Sr. | 5th Yr. (4th at Tech) | 2L
Wichita Falls, Texas | Rider HS | Virginia
Career Games: 42 / Career Starts: 17

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER HONORS

- Big 12 Preseason Defensive Player of the Year (2025, Sr.)
- All-Big 12 First Team (2024, R-Jr.)
- Associated Press All-Big 12 First Team (2024, R-Jr.)
- Phil Steele Honorable Mention All-America Team (2024, R-Jr.)
- AutoZone Liberty Bowl Defensive Player of the Game (2024, R-Jr.)
- Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl Defensive MVP (2023, Jr.)

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Developed into one of the top linebackers in college football as a junior ... team captain and leader for the Red Raider defense ... started in all 13 games at inside linebacker, joining fellow linebacker Ben Roberts as well as defensive backs C.J. Baskerville and Maurion Horn as the only defensive players to do so ... one of seven players on the team to start in all 13 games.
- Team leader with 127 total tackles (77 solo) and 10.5 tackles for loss, including 5.0 sacks ... marked the most tackles by a Red Raider in a single season since Lawrence Flurgence set an NCAA FBS record with 193 stops in 2002 ... ranked among the national leaders all season in both total tackles and solo tackles ... recorded 97 of his 127 tackles on the season and 7.5 tackles for loss, including all 5.0 sacks, during Big 12 play ... had at least one tackle in all 13 games and finished with 10 or more in seven different games ... finished with nine stops in two other games as well ... shared at least one tackle for loss in eight different games, including six during Big 12 play and another in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas.
- Played a part in a team-leading six takeaways on the season with three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and an interception on the season ... will enter his final season among the nation's top linebackers in terms of takeaways with six forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and a pair of interceptions during his career, many of which that have come in key moments ... added four pass breakups either near the line of scrimmage or in pass coverage as well.
- Shared the team high for forced fumbles with fellow linebacker Ben Roberts, who became the first set of teammates to knock loose three or more fumbles in a season since Eli Howard and Justus Parker in 2017 ... will enter the 2025 season ranked second among active Big 12 players in career forced fumbles, trailing only his new teammate in David Bailey (7) ... marks the most forced fumbles in a career by a Red Raider currently since Pete Robertson had eight over his tenure from 2012-15.
- Had at least a share of the team high for tackles in seven games overall, including five times during Big 12 play ... was the sole leader for tackles for loss in four games, three that came against conference opponents.
- Credited with playing in 740 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which ranked third on the team and led the linebacker room ... was the highest-graded defensive player on the team by the publication after receiving an 82.5 overall grade, which included a 87.8 grade as a pass rusher ... overall grade ranked 15th in the FBS and was second in the Big 12, trailing only Kansas State's Austin Romaine (90.8) ... publication listed him with 22 total pressures on the season - 6 sacks, three quarterback hits and 13 other hurries - which ranked tied for 25th nationally among linebackers.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** named to the All-Big 12 first team by the conference coaches and Associated Press ... became only the third inside linebacker to garner All-Big 12 first team accolades by the conference coaches, joining Dakota Allen (2018) and Jordyn Brooks (2019) ... tabbed an honorable mention All-America selection by Phil Steele following the season ... was also part of Phil Steele's All-Big 12 first team as well as the All-Texas first team compiled by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... earned two weekly awards during the season after being tabbed the Chuck Bednarik National Player of the Week on Oct. 8 following Texas Tech's win at Arizona as well as the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week on Nov. 4 following the win at Iowa State ... recognized as the visiting team Defensive Player of the Game for the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, marking the second-consecutive season to be honored for a bowl performance ... preseason candidate as part of the Shrine Bowl 1000 watch list.
- **IN NCAA RANKINGS:** among the national leaders in both tackle categories, finishing as high as third for both solo tackles (77) and solo tackles per game (5.9) ... was also tied for seventh for total tackles (127) and 12th for total tackles

per game (9.8) ... in takeaway categories, ranked tied for 14th in forced fumbles and tied for 19th with two fumble recoveries ... his 97 tackles versus conference opponents were the fourth-highest total in the FBS, trailing only Buffalo's Shaun Dolac (106), UCLA's Carson Schweginger (102) and Buffalo's Red Murdock (100) ... averaged 10.0 tackles per game in Texas Tech's six road or neutral site games, which was tied for 14th overall nationally ... boosted the Red Raiders' strong November run with 11.75 tackles per game during the month, which was tied for seventh in the FBS.

• **IN BIG 12 RANKINGS:** led the conference in four categories: total tackles (127), total tackles per game (9.77), solo tackles per game (5.9) and total solo tackles (77) ... was tied for second in the league with two fumble recoveries and was tied for third with his three forced fumbles ... also ranked tied for seventh for tackles for loss (10.5), 11 for total sacks (5.0) and 13th for sacks per game (0.38) ... led the league with 97 tackles against conference foes and a 10.78 average.

• Began the season with 13 tackles, including 2.0 for a loss, to go along with a forced fumble and pass breakup in the overtime win over Abilene Christian (8/31) ... marked a career high for tackles at the time, a mark that would be snapped again later in the season ... halted ACU's second drive of the game with his first forced fumble of the season that was recovered by De'Braylon Carroll, setting up a two-play touchdown drive for an early 15-0 lead ... his 2.0 tackles for loss in the win marked a career high as well.

• Combined for eight stops over the two remaining non-conference games with seven tackles at Washington State (9/7) and one stop in the win over North Texas (9/14) ... added his first of five quarterback hurries on the year against North Texas to end the first defensive drive of the second half with a failed third-down conversion, resulting in a punt.

• Kicked off Big 12 play with nine tackles in the win over Arizona State (9/21), including one for a loss ... stopped an Arizona State drive with a two-yard loss on first down early in the second quarter, which set up an eventual field goal.

• Reached double digits for tackles in six of the next seven games with 11 versus Cincinnati (9/28), 12 versus Baylor (10/19) and at Oklahoma State (11/23), 13 at both Arizona (10/5) and Iowa State (11/2) and then a career-high 17 stops against Colorado (11/9) ... only exception during that stretch was five stops at TCU (10/26) ... had at least a share of a tackle for loss in four of those six games in double digits.

• Recovered a key fumble to quickly halt Cincinnati's first drive of the second half, the second of his career at the time ... the Red Raiders went 38 yards from there, finding the endzone on a Tahj Brooks 2-yard touchdown run to take a 31-24 lead ... part of 11 tackles, included one for a loss, and a quarterback hurry in the win over the Bearcats that moved Texas Tech to 2-0 in Big 12 play.

• Tabbed the Chuck Bednarik Award National Defensive Player of the Week following his performance at Arizona, which included a key sack, a forced fumble and a pass breakup that led to an interception ... first career sack came on the second play of the game for Arizona, sending the Wildcats back 16-yards for an eventual punt ... knocked a pass attempt into the air near the line of scrimmage just before halftime, falling to defensive lineman Quincy Ledet Jr., who returned the interception 20 yards to the Arizona 30-yard line ... the Red Raiders scored six plays later on a Tahj Brooks 9-yard touchdown to take a 15-3 lead ... helped seal the victory by forcing a key fumble with just over two minutes remaining in regulation, knocking loose a completed pass to wide receiver Tetairoa McMillian that was recovered by Brenden Jordan and set up another Brooks touchdown run for a 28-19 lead ... was the highest-graded linebacker by Pro Football Focus for week six among those with 25 defensive snaps, finishing with an initial grade of 92.3 overall.

• An essential part of another road win at Iowa State with 2.5 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks and other perfectly-timed forced fumble ... halted Iowa State's opening drive of the second half by forcing a fumble on a completion to Greg Burke that was recovered by Chapman Lewis ... followed the next drive with his second sack in the win to force a 3-and-out by the Cyclones ... previously found quarterback Rocco Becht for a one-yard loss and a sack late in the second half as part of another 3-and-out drive ... named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week following the performance.

• Snapped his career high with his 17 tackles in the loss to Colorado, finishing with 1.5 tackles for loss, a solo sack and two quarterback hurries ... marked the most tackles by a Red Raider since Krishton Merriweather had the same total at Oklahoma State midway through the 2022 season.

• Again delivered the key play in the win at Oklahoma State with an interception and fumble recovery for a touchdown to go along with his 12 tackles and quarterback hurry ... extended Texas Tech's lead to 56-42 with 4:41 remaining in regulation after racing to fall on an errant snap that went into the endzone for a defensive touchdown ... intercepted the Cowboys with seven seconds remaining to seal the victory and guarantee the Red Raiders their third-consecutive winning record in Big 12 play ... was the second interception of his career.

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▲ **JACOB RODRIGUEZ** was named the Chuck Bednarik Award National Defensive Player of the Week after Texas Tech's road victory at Arizona last season. Rodriguez racked up 13 tackles, one sack, one forced fumble and had a pass breakup that led to an interception. The forced fumble came with under two minutes remaining in the game, knocking loose a completion to Tetairoa McMillian to help seal the win.

- Rounded out the regular season with five tackles and a pass breakup in the rout over West Virginia (11/30) ... outing included his final sack of the season, which resulted in a 10-yard loss midway through the opening quarter ... later chipped in nine tackles in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27), including one for a two-yard loss.

2023 SEASON (JUNIOR)

- Redshirt season ... member of the captains circle entering the season ... projected to make a big impact at linebacker before suffering a significant injury in the first game of the season at Wyoming (9/2) ... limited to only five games played with four starts ... missed eight games total, including seven-straight after the Wyoming contest.
- Part of Texas Tech's three wins in November to reach bowl eligibility but sat out the regular season finale at Texas (11/24) to preserve his redshirt season ... still managed to make 32 tackles on the season (21 solo), including 1.0 for a loss ... turned into a ballhawk of sorts, contributing to three takeaways in his limited role ... recorded two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and an interception, while also adding a quarterback hurry and two pass breakups ... averaged 6.4 tackles per game over his five contests.
- Still managed to play in 249 defensive snaps on the season according to Pro Football Focus ... was among Texas Tech's highest-graded players by the publication, finishing at 76.3 overall, which led the linebacker room.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** tabbed the Defensive MVP of the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl.
- Began the season with two tackles prior to his injury midway through the first quarter at Wyoming (9/2) ... injury came in the aftermath of him stripping Wyoming running back D.Q. James and recovering the fumble for Texas Tech's second takeaway of the quarter ... the Red Raiders responded with a 54-yard field goal from Gino Garcia to take a 17-0 lead on the ensuing possession.
- Unable to return until November in the win over TCU (11/2) ... notched six tackles off the bench against the Horned Frogs ... followed with four stops at Kansas (11/11), including one for a loss, as part of his highest-graded performance of the season (79.2) by PFF ... set a new career high with 12 tackles against UCF (11/18), his final outing of the regular season ... was his first time to reach double digits in tackles at that point in his career ... added his first of two pass breakups on the season and a quarterback hurry against the Knights.
- Named the Defensive MVP of the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl against Cal (12/16) after recording eight tackles, a forced fumble and an interception ... both takeaways came in the fourth quarter to push the Red Raiders to their third-consecutive bowl victory over a power-five opponent ... punched the ball loose on Cal's first drive of the quarter, which was recovered by Malik Dunlap near the Red Raider sideline ... stepped in front of a pass on Cal's next possession for his first career interception ... key part of a Texas Tech defense that shut out the Golden Bears over the final three quarters.

2022 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Made a successful transition from the offensive side of the ball to the linebacker room during debut season as a Red Raider ... appeared in 12 of 13 games as a key contributor at linebacker as well as on special teams.
- Totaled 29 tackles (17 solo), including 3.0 that went for a loss ... inserted often on passing downs, reaching the backfield with three quarterback hurries and a forced fumble ... recorded at least one tackle in 11 of his 12 games played and had multiple stops in eight of those contests.
- Credited with playing in 153 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus as well as an additional 158 snaps on special teams ... ranked sixth on the team for total special teams snaps ... saw action on nearly all of Texas Tech's special teams units, namely kickoff return, kickoff coverage as well as punt return and punt coverage ... recorded two of his tackles on the year via kickoff coverage ... one of five players with multiple special teams tackles.
- Opened his Red Raider career with four tackles, including one for a loss, in the season-opening win over Murray State (9/3) ... tackle for loss came on a 3rd-and-2 play to start the fourth quarter that forced the Racers to punt ... notched four tackles again in the non-conference finale at N.C. State (9/17), sharing one of those for a loss.
- Started Big 12 play with one tackle in back-to-back games against Texas (9/24) and at Kansas State (10/1) ... followed with two tackles at Oklahoma State (10/8) to go along with a pair of quarterback hurries.
- Put together possibly his best performance of the year in the win over West Virginia (10/22) with four stops, a quarterback hurry and a forced fumble ... created his first career takeaway late in the third quarter with a forced fumble that was recovered by Tyrique Matthews ... gave the Red Raiders the ball at the 50, setting up an eventual SaRodrick Thompson touchdown to break the game open with a 38-10 lead.
- Set a career high with five tackles the next week against Baylor (10/29) ... closed the regular season with two tackles at TCU (11/5) and against Kansas (11/12) as well as one stop at Iowa State (11/19) ... one of his two tackles at TCU was a shared TFL that set up a 3-and-out by the Horned Frogs early in the second half ... injured late in the win at Iowa State, forcing him to miss the regular-season finale against Oklahoma (11/26) ... returned for the TaxAct Texas Bowl win over Ole Miss (12/28), finishing with three tackles and a tackle for loss.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Transferred to Texas Tech after one season at the University of Virginia ... appeared in 12 games for the Cavaliers as a true freshman, playing an assortment of positions ... was utilized at quarterback - a position he played in high school - as well as wide receiver, tight end and running back.
- Made his collegiate debut in the season opener versus William & Mary, rushing three times for 31 yards, including 24 yards on his second career carry ... totaled 10 carries on the season for 56 yards overall, while adding eight receptions for 65 yards ... longest catch of the year went for 17 yards at North Carolina (9/18) ... totaled 24 receiving yards at Miami (9/30).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Rider High School in Wichita Falls, Texas ... was a four sport athlete in high school with basketball, baseball, and track and field as well as football ... played quarterback and safety for head coach Marc Bindel in a highly-successful three-year run for the Raiders.
- Rider made two trips to the Class 5A Division II state semifinals during his career, which came during his sophomore and senior campaigns ... reached the state quarterfinal round his junior season ... part of the winningest senior class in school history with 11 playoff victories following his senior year ... impressive for a school that has produced recent standouts like JT Barrett (Ohio State), Eric Ward (Texas Tech) and Aaron Taylor (Nebraska), among others.
- Passed for 7,085 yards and 68 touchdowns, while adding 3,051 yards and 38 touchdowns on the ground during his prep career ... tabbed the District 3-5A MVP as a senior and was the District Co-MVP as a junior ... completed 199-of-344 pass attempts as a junior for 3,003 yards and 33 touchdowns, while rushing 149 times for 1,247 yards.
- Completed 99-of-185 passes for 1,602 yards and 12 touchdowns as a sophomore ... was a factor on the ground that season with 183 attempts for 1,301 yards, earning District 3-5A Offensive Newcomer of the Year honors in the process ... was also a free safety for the Rider defense in addition to his role at quarterback.
- Ranked as a four-star prospect in the 2021 class by ESPN and a three-star recruit by both Rivals and 247Sports ... part of the ESPN300 as the No. 3 dual-threat quarterback and the No. 31 player in the state of Texas ... was the No. 40 athlete in the country by 247Sports and the No. 87 player in Texas ... received 16 scholarship offers, choosing Virginia over the likes of Baylor, Houston, Iowa State, Kansas State and Texas Tech.

PERSONAL

- Jacob Rodriguez ... son of Joe and Ann Rodriguez ... both parents graduated from Mankato State University ... younger brother of Katie, Nicole, Joshua, and Jeremiah.
- Married his wife, Emma, in July 2023 in Houston ... wife is currently a helicopter pilot on active duty in the U.S. Army.
- Career goal is to join the coaching profession following the completion of his playing time.
- Earned his bachelor's degree in general studies from Texas Tech in Dec. 2024 ... enrolled in post-baccalaureate courses at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2021	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	12/0	12/0	5/4	13/13	42/17

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2021 (UAA)	12	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 (TTU)	12	17	12	29	3.0	7	0	1	0	0	0
2023 (TTU)	5	21	11	32	1.0	1	2	2	1	0	1
2024 (TTU)	13	77	50	127	10.5	63	4	3	2	0	5
Totals	42	116	73	189	14.5	71	6	6	3	0	6

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Abilene Christian	*	9	4	13	0.0-0	2.0-13	1	0	0	0
at Washington St.	*	7	0	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
North Texas	*	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
Arizona State	*	2	7	9	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	*	7	4	11	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	1	0	1
at Arizona	*	5	8	13	1.0-16	1.0-16	1	0	0	0
Baylor	*	7	5	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU	*	1	4	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	*	9	4	13	2.0-6	2.5-7	1	0	0	0
Colorado	*	13	4	17	1.0-10	1.5-11	0	0	0	2
at Oklahoma St.	*	7	5	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	1	1
West Virginia	*	4	1	5	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	*	5	4	9	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0	0
Totals		77	50	127	5.0-42	10.5-63	3	2	1	5

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
at Wyoming	*	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1	0	0
Oregon		DNP-injured								
Tarleton State		DNP-injured								
at West Virginia		DNP-injured								
Houston		DNP-injured								
at Baylor		DNP-injured								
Kansas State		DNP-injured								
at BYU		DNP-injured								
TCU		4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Kansas	*	3	1	4	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0	0	0
UCF	*	7	5	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
at Texas		DNP								
vs. California	*	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0	1	0
Totals		21	11	32	0.0-0	1.0-1	2	1	1	1

2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Murray State		0	4	4	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0	0
Houston		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at NC State		2	2	4	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
Texas		1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Kansas State		1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.		1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	2
West Virginia		4	0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0	0	1
Baylor		3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU		0	2	2	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
Kansas		2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State		1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma		DNP-injured								
vs. Ole Miss		2	1	3	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0	0	0
Totals		17	12	29	0.0-0	3.0-7	1	0	0	3

2021 GAME-BY-GAME (@ VIRGINIA)

Opponent	GS	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG
William & Mary		3	31	0	24	0	0	0	0
Illinois		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at North Carolina		3	14	0	7	3	23	0	17
Wake Forest		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miami (FL)		1	5	0	5	2	24	0	16
at Louisville		1	1	0	1	2	13	0	9
Duke		2	5	0	4	0	0	0	0
Georgia Tech		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at BYU		0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5
Notre Dame		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Pittsburgh		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia Tech		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		10	56	0	24	8	65	0	17



Howard
SAMPSON

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OL | 6-8 | 340 | Jr. | 4th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Houston, Texas | Humble HS | North Texas | North Carolina
Career Games: 16 / Career Starts: 12

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2025 (SENIOR)

- Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... Texas native returning to the Lone Star State ... will have two seasons of eligibility at Texas Tech ... rated by ESPN as the No. 2-ranked offensive tackle from the transfer portal and No. 18 portal prospect overall.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech after playing two seasons at North Texas (2022-23) and then the 2024 campaign for North Carolina ... played in four games at UNT ... in sophomore season at North Carolina, started all 12 games for the Tar Heels at left tackle, making him one of the top offensive line targets in the transfer portal. ... Credited with 911 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus between his time at UNT and North Carolina ... bulk of those snaps - 824 in fact - came as a sophomore in 2024 ... combined to allow only seven sacks in 463 pass-blocking opportunities over his career.
- 2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at NORTH CAROLINA): tabbed an honorable mention All-ACC selection by the conference coaches in its postseason awards ... started all 12 games at left tackle before entering the transfer portal prior to the Tar Heels' bowl game ... logged over 800 snaps according to Pro Football Focus ... received a 70.3 overall grade by the publication and a 73.3 grade as a pass blocker ... surrendered five sacks over 423 opportunities ... blocked for Omarion Hampton, who ranked second in the FBS in rushing yardage ... made first career start on Aug. 29 at Minnesota.
- 2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at NORTH TEXAS): played in two games as a redshirt freshman with the Mean Green ... saw action in each of the final two games of the season which was at Tulsa (11/18) and at home against UAB (11/25) ... combined to play in 83 snaps over those two games, all at left tackle.
- 2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN at NORTH TEXAS): redshirt season ... played in two games as a true freshman ... made collegiate debut against Texas Southern (9/10) and also saw snaps later in the season against FIU (11/5).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Humble High School just north of Houston ... named a second team All-District selection as a senior ... helped Humble to 11 wins and an appearance in the regional semifinals of the Class 6A Division II playoffs his sophomore season.
- Listed as a three-star prospect by 247Sports for the 2022 class ... overlooked recruit who ranked 228th in the state and at No. 172 among offensive tackles nationally by the publication ... chose North Texas out of high school over offers from Grambling, Texas Southern and Texas State.

PERSONAL

- Howard Sampson III ... son of Renetta and Howard Sampson II.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	2/0	2/0	12/12	16/12

* at North Texas | * at North Carolina



**Vinny
SCIURY**
OL | 6-4 | 295 | R-Sr. | 6th Yr. (2nd at Tech)
Massillon, Ohio | Perry HS | Toledo
Career Games: 41 / Career Starts: 35

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SENIOR)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in only two games, both starts, before suffering a season-ending injury at Washington State (9/7) ... was Texas Tech's starter at left guard up until that point.
- Credited with 138 offensive snaps over those two games by Pro Football Focus ... did not allow a single sack over 85 pass-blocking opportunities and surrendered only two pressures - both hurries ... received an 87.8 grade by the publication as a pass blocker for the season opener versus Abilene Christian (8/31).

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech as a mid-year transfer from Toledo ... played three seasons for the Rockets in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) and had one season of eligibility with the Red Raiders (redshirt available as well) upon his arrival.
- Appeared in 39 career games for Toledo as a fixture at left guard ... joined the Red Raiders after starting 33 consecutive games for Toledo at left guard dating back to the 2021 season ... credited with 2,376 offensive snaps during his Toledo career by Pro Football Focus.
- Regarded as one of the top interior offensive linemen in the transfer portal for the 2023 class ... rated the No. 4 interior offensive lineman in the portal according to On3.com ... also received interest from Auburn while in the portal.
- **2023 SEASON (JUNIOR):** started in 13 games as a junior en route to pushing Toledo to an 11-3 record, a MAC regular-season title and bowl appearance ... missed Toledo's appearance in the Arizona Bowl ... named to the All-MAC first team as part of a Toledo offensive line that led the MAC and ranked tied for fourth nationally for fewest sacks allowed (11) ... awarded a pass-blocking grade of 86.7 by Pro Football Focus, which ranked tied for ninth in the FBS among offensive guards ... credited with 838 offensive snaps by PFF, which ranked fifth on the team ... allowed only nine pressures on 378 passing opportunities, giving up two sacks, a quarterback hit and six other hurries.
- **2022 SEASON (SOPHOMORE):** started in all 14 games for a Toledo program that won the MAC title and the Boca Raton Bowl ... part of a Toledo offense that ranked second in the MAC in scoring offense (31.3) and was third in rushing offense (177.6 yards per game) and passing efficiency (133.0) ... credited with 1,037 offensive snaps by PFF, easily the most in his career ... allowed only two sacks over 543 passing opportunities according to PFF.
- **2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN):** appeared in 11 games overall, eventually moving into the starting rotation as the starting left guard over the final six games ... part of a Toledo offense that led the MAC in scoring (33.4 points per game) and was fourth in total offense (435.8 yards per game) ... credited with appearing in 497 offensive snaps by PFF, giving up only one sack over 242 opportunities ... recognized for work in the classroom as an Academic All-MAC honoree.
- **2020 SEASON (FRESHMAN):** appeared in only one game as a true freshman, which came late in the season at Eastern Michigan (11/18) ... was a mid-year enrollee out of high school, arriving at Toledo in spring of 2020.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Perry High School in Massillon, Ohio ... two-way starter for Perry as both an offensive lineman and a defensive tackle.
- Helped push Perry to a 9-3 record as a senior captain in 2019 ... recognized as a first team All-Ohio selection as a senior.
- Listed as a three-star prospect according to 247Sports ... received interest out of high school from Michigan State, Iowa State, Indiana, Rutgers and Purdue, among others, but committed to Toledo over Ohio, Kent State and Bowling Green.
- Had interest from schools to play on both sides of the ball but preference was to be an offensive guard.

PERSONAL

- Vincent Clyde Sciury ... parents are Daniel and Tracy Sciury ... has one older brother, Frank ... his uncle, Dan Hackenbracht, played safety at Michigan State from 1993-97.
- Earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies at Toledo ... enrolled in post-baccalaureate courses at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2020*	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	1/0	11/6	14/14	13/13	2/2	41/35

* at Toledo



**Daniel
SILL**
OL | 6-5 | 310 | So. | 3rd Yr.
College Station, Texas | A&M Consolidated HS
Career Games: 1 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Appeared in one game during his second season as a Red Raider ... made his collegiate debut in the season opener versus Abilene Christian (8/31) ... began the season as a backup at right guard before ending the year as the primary backup at right tackle ... scout team member.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended A&M Consolidated High School in his hometown of College Station, Texas ... started at both tackle spots during high school career ... helped push A&M Consolidated to a 9-3 record and an appearance in the area round of the Class 5A Division I playoffs as a senior.
- Garnered first team All-District 11-5A accolades as a senior ... named to the final ballot for the Whataburger Super Team presented by Dave Campbell's Texas Football for 2022 ... previously recognized as a first team All-District 10-5A honoree as a junior after pushing A&M Consolidated to Class 5A Division II regional semifinals.
- Praised for his work in the classroom as a second team Academic All-State honoree by the THSCA ... was an Academic All-District selection as a junior and a member of the National Honor Society.
- Rated a four-star recruit by On3.com, ranking 15th nationally among offensive tackles and No. 39 among players from the state of Texas ... considered a three-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN ... listed at No. 58 among offensive tackles in the country by ESPN and No. 92 among Texas prospects ... tabbed the No. 75 offensive tackle in the country by both 247Sports and Rivals ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Baylor, Rice, Stanford, Utah and Washington State.

PERSONAL

- Daniel Robert Sill ... born in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to parents Scott Sill and Kelly Colleen McDonald ... has two siblings, Oliver and Elizabeth.
- A kinesiology major at Texas Tech.



**Dylan
SINGLETON**
DL | 6-5 | 290 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
New Iberia, La. | Loreauville HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Loreauville High School in his hometown of New Iberia, La. ... the fifth Louisiana native to sign with Texas Tech under Joey McGuire and the lone one for the 2025 class ... two-way player for the Class 2A school, starring on the offensive line and as a defensive lineman.
- Helped lead Loreauville to the Division III state quarterfinals as a senior ... recorded 73 tackles, including 27.0 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks defensively as a senior ... also contributed to the team's takeaways with two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries, while also knocking down six passes from the line of scrimmage.
- Member of the school's basketball and track and field programs ... was an All-District 8-2A honoree in basketball as a junior.
- The first offensive or defensive lineman to commit to Texas Tech as part of the 2025 class ... consensus three-star prospect by the likes of On3, 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... listed as one of the top prospects in the state of Louisiana, ranking as high as No. 20 by On3 ... was also No. 55 nationally among defensive linemen by On3 ... ESPN considered him the No. 31 prospect in Louisiana ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Houston, Louisiana-Lafayette and Louisiana Tech.

PERSONAL

- Dylan Singleton ... son of the late Edward and Astrid Singleton ... has a brother, Edward, and a sister, Chaniya ... late father was a football student-athlete at LSU.
- A leadership studies major at Texas Tech.



Eddy SMITH

OLB | 6-6 | 275 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Pearland, Texas | Pearlard Dawson HS
Career Games: 1 / Career Starts: 0

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

• Redshirt season ... appeared in only the regular-season finale against West Virginia (11/30) ... scout team member ... recognized as the defensive scout team player of the week following Texas Tech's win over North Texas (9/14).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Pearlard Dawson High School in the Houston area ... considered one of the top edge rusher prospects in the country after a successful three-year career with the Eagles ... combined for 84 tackles, 14.5 sacks and 28.0 tackles for loss over his prep career ... also totaled six pass breakups in the trenches to go with seven forced fumbles.
- Named to the District 23-6A first team each of his final two seasons ... dominant as a senior with 33 tackles, including 12.0 for a loss and 5.0 sacks ... had 8.0 tackles for loss each of his two previous seasons, notching 22 tackles as a junior in 2022 and 29 stops as a sophomore in 2021 ... breakout sophomore season featured 6.0 sacks, the most in his career ... garnered second team All-District 23-6A accolades following that season.
- Multi-sport athlete as a member of the Pearlard Dawson basketball program and powerlifting team ... one of two Pearlard Dawson standouts to sign with the Red Raiders, joining fellow outside linebacker Charles Anderson Jr.
- Consensus three-star prospect by Rivals, ESPN, 247Sports and On3 ... consensus top-100 recruit in the state of Texas by all four publications ... ranked as high as No. 40 in the country among edge rushers by Rivals ... also listed at No. 45 by ESPN and 247Sports as well as No. 50 by On3 ... tabbed the No. 60 recruit in Texas by 247Sports as well as No. 63 by On3 and No. 71 by ESPN.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Baylor, Colorado, Houston, Indiana, Kansas, Kansas State, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Oregon State, Purdue, SMU, TCU, Utah, LSU, Texas, Texas A&M, among others.

PERSONAL

- Edward Donovan Smith ... prefers first name to be shortened to Eddy ... goes by the nickname "Ghost" ... mother is Aundrell Hays ... has four siblings ... related to Anthony Smith, a running back who graduated from Abilene Christian after the 2022 season ... born in Houston, Texas ... calls Pearlard, Texas home.
- A leadership studies major at Texas Tech.



Wesley SMITH

LB | 5-10 | 220 | Jr. | 4th Yr. | 2L
Midland, Texas | Legacy HS
Career Games: 23 / Career Starts: 0

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE)

- Returned from injury to appear in all 13 games as a redshirt sophomore, establishing a role as a key special teams contributor ... ranked second on the team with 206 special teams snaps according to Pro Football Focus, which trailed only John Curry (272) ... member of the kickoff return and coverage units throughout the season, while also seeing time on punt coverage and punt returns.
- Credited with two tackles on the season, which both came in the Big 12 opener against Arizona State (9/21) ... the Sun Devils were limited to less than 20 yards on both returns that featured a tackle.
- Member of the scout team ... recognized by the coaching staff following the Arizona State victory as the offensive scout team player of the week for his performance mirroring Sun Devil running back Cam Skattebo throughout preparations ... Skattebo was limited to a season-low 60 rushing yards against the Red Raiders.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** named the recipient of the Dare to be Great Award following the season for his commitment in strength and conditioning workouts.

2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Redshirt season ... limited to only three games played due to an injury suffered during non-conference play.

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- Recorded four tackles on the season with three coming against Oregon (9/9) and the other versus Tarleton State (9/16) ... one of his stops against the Ducks went for a one-yard loss, his first tackle for loss of his career ... credited with 32 defensive snaps prior to his injury in the Tarleton State game ... in on seven defensive snaps versus Oregon and then 25 in the win over Tarleton.
- Key member of Texas Tech's special teams as well as part of the kickoff and punt coverage units ... had entered the season as a backup at the Mike linebacker position.

2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- One of only two true freshmen to play in more than four games in 2022 ... appeared in seven games overall, all on special teams.
- Credited with 48 snaps by Pro Football Focus on special teams, generally as part of kickoff coverage ... also saw action briefly on punt return and kickoff return units ... graded out at 71.0 by PFF, which ranked fifth on the team among players who played in four or more games.
- Made his lone tackle on the season in the TaxAct Texas Bowl win over Ole Miss (12/28) as part of kickoff coverage.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Legacy High School in Midland, Texas ... one of the top players in the Permian Basin his final two seasons ... helped push Legacy to the Class 6A Division I area round as both a junior and senior.
- Named the District 2-6A Defensive MVP each of his final two seasons after racking up 252 tackles and 30.0 tackles for loss those two years alone ... was a first team All-District selection those two seasons as well ... recognized as an honorable mention All-State honoree as a senior by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) ... honored as the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Defensive Player of the Year following his senior season in 2021 after registering 133 tackles, 16 tackles for loss and seven sacks.
- Participated as a member of the track and field program in addition to football.

PERSONAL

- Wesley Smith ... son of Jeff and Joann Smith ... has one brother, Jared.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	7/0	3/0	13/0	23/0

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2022	7	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	3	3	1	4	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2024	13	0	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	4	3	7	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0



Dylan SPENCER

OLB | 6-5 | 250 | R-So. | 3rd Yr. | 1L
Orange, Texas | C.E. King HS
Career Games: 8 / Career Starts: 0

85

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Redshirt season ... missed the entire year after suffering a season-ending knee injury during the opening practice of preseason camp ... previously projected for a significant role as part of Texas Tech's outside linebackers room following successful true freshman season.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Flashed potential as a future standout for Texas Tech's defensive front as a true freshman ... appeared in eight games overall, including seven during Big 12 play ... was the backup to Myles Cole at the "edge" outside linebacker position late in the season.
- Registered four tackles on the season with two against Tarleton State (9/16) and the other two versus TCU (11/2) to go along with a quarterback hurry ... credited with 84 defensive snaps and four total pressures by Pro Football Focus.
- Saw most significant action with 12 defensive snaps versus Houston (9/30), 17 against TCU (11/2) and 26 in the win over Tarleton State (9/16) ... one of four freshmen to not utilize a redshirt, joining defensive backs Brenden Jordan, Chapman Lewis and Jordan Sanford.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended C.E. King High School in the Houston area ... consistently in the backfield his final two seasons for one of the top programs in East Texas ... helped push the Panthers all the way to the Class 6A Division II regional finals his senior year ... school combined for 19 wins his two seasons with an appearance in the regional semifinals his junior year in 2021.
- Totaled 75 tackles, including 20.0 for a loss and 9.0 sacks, to go along with an impressive 33 quarterback hurries as a senior ... previously recorded 32 tackles, including 11.0 for a loss and 8.0 sacks, as a junior ... also had two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery that went for a touchdown that season.
- Garnered honorable mention All-District 21-6A accolades as a junior and was a first team honoree as a senior ... committed to Texas Tech two days prior to the start of the early signing period ... multi-sport athlete in high school, basketball, track and football.
- Listed as a four-star prospect by both ESPN and ON3.com and a three-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals ... among the top-100 recruits in the state of Texas by all four publications ... member of the ESPN300 at No. 168 overall ... ranked by ESPN as the No. 25 defensive end in the 2023 class and the No. 28 player from the state of Texas ... was also 44th among defensive ends nationally by ON3 and No. 60 among Texas recruits ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Texas, Arizona State, Baylor, Houston, LSU, SMU, Texas A&M and USC.

PERSONAL

- Dylan Spencer ... son of Chernita Brown ... brother of Alexander, Devin and Jonita.
- Hobbies include playing video games, fishing and hunting outside of football.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	8/0	0/0	8/0

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2023	8	3	1	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	3	1	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Macho STEVENSON
CB | 6-1 | 190 | So. | 3rd Yr. | 1L
Shreveport, La. | Captain Shreve HS
Career Games: 12 / Career Starts: 3

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Appeared in 12 of 13 games during second full season on campus as either a reserve cornerback or special teams member ... made three starts at cornerback with two coming during Big 12 play and the other in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas ... missed only the second game of the season at Washington State (9/7).
- Recorded 23 tackles (13 solo) on the season to go along with two pass breakups and a forced fumble ... credited with at least one tackle in 10 of 12 games overall and had multiple stops in six of those contests ... combined for 16 of his tackles during Big 12 play with approximately half of those coming in his two starts to kick off the league schedule against Arizona State and Cincinnati ... both pass breakups, meanwhile, came during Big 12 play as did his forced fumble.
- Saw action in 310 defensive snaps according to Pro Football Focus, which ranked third among cornerbacks on the team (excludes the "star" position) ... added an additional 68 snaps on special teams, primarily as part of punt returns and the field goal block units ... occasionally utilized on kickoff coverage during the season as well.
- Combined for five tackles during his two games played during non-conference play, finishing with one against Abilene Christian (8/31) and four in the rout over North Texas (9/14).
- Earned his first career start in the Big 12 opener against Arizona State (9/21), finishing with three tackles and a key fourth quarter pass breakup ... forced the Sun Devils to turn the ball over on downs after breaking up a Sam Leavitt pass to Cam Skattebo on fourth down in Texas Tech territory.
- Back in the starting lineup the following week against Cincinnati (9/28), posting a season-high five tackles in the win ... one of those tackles forced a fumble that was ultimately recovered by Cincinnati ... marked the first forced fumble of his career.

- Other pass breakup on the season came at TCU (10/26) to go along with three tackles ... was his highest tackle total the rest of the season, finishing with two stops at Arizona (10/5) and one in three-consecutive games versus Colorado (11/9), Oklahoma State (11/23) and West Virginia (11/30) ... added two tackles in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27) in his third and final start of the season.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport, La. ... boasted blazing speed that has benefited him at the college level ... played primarily at wide receiver in high school before transitioning to the secondary with the Red Raiders.
- Helped push the Gators to a 10-2 season as a junior in 2021 and a second round appearance in the LHSAA Class 5A playoffs ... caught nine passes for 262 yards and five touchdowns that season over nine games ... team advanced to the second round of the playoffs again as a senior.
- Another Texas Tech signee who stars in track and field as well ... clocked as low as 6.94 in the 60 meters, 10.59 in the 100 meters, 21.51 in the 200 meters and 47.18 in the 400 meters ... won the state title in the 400 meters, both indoors and outdoors, as a junior ... was the state runner-up at the 5A level in the 100 meters that same year ... advanced to the state meet as a sophomore, finishing third in the 400 meters ... member of the basketball program as well.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and ON3.com ... listed as the No. 58 cornerback in the country and the No. 19 recruit from the state of Louisiana by 247Sports ... ranked 52nd among cornerbacks nationally by ON3 and at No. 20 among Louisiana recruits ... tabbed the No. 25 recruit in Louisiana by ESPN ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Indiana, Louisiana Tech, Mississippi State, Oklahoma State, UTSA and others.

PERSONAL

- Marquez Stevenson ... goes by the nickname "Macho" ... son of Marcus and Alecima Stevenson ... one of nine children.
- A marketing major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	12/3	12/3

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2023	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	12	13	10	23	0.0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Totals	12	13	10	23	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
Abilene Christian	0	1	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Washington St.	DNP								
North Texas	3	1	4		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Arizona State	1	2	3		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Cincinnati	2	3	5		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Arizona	2	0	2		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Baylor	0	0	0		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at TCU	2	1	3		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at Iowa State	0	0	0		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Colorado	1	0	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.	0	1	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
West Virginia	1	0	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	1	1	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	13	10	23		0.0-0	0-0	1	0	2



Leyton STONE

WR | 6-3 | 200 | Fr. | 1st Yr.
Lubbock, Texas | Frenship HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Local product out of Frenship High School ... among the most-prolific wide receivers in the state of Texas during his final three seasons for the Tigers.
- Helped push Frenship to the area round of the Class 6A Division II playoffs as a senior before narrowly falling to Southlake Carroll ... ended his prep career with four touchdown catches against the highly-ranked Dragons, finishing with eight receptions for 167 yards overall.
- Named the Offensive MVP of District 2-6A as a senior after catching 70 passes for 1,488 yards and 29 touchdowns ... was also a second team All-State honoree by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) ... totaled more than 4,000 yards to go along with 66 touchdowns over his three varsity seasons.
- Previously hauled in 94 passes for 1,658 yards and 23 touchdowns as a junior, averaging an impressive 17.6 yards per catch ... was a unanimous All-District 2-6A selection that season as well as a third team All-State honoree by the TSWA.
- Helped lead Frenship to a 9-3 record and an area round appearance in the Class 6A Division II playoffs both his junior and sophomore seasons ... was one of the breakout starts across the South Plains as a sophomore after recording 64 catches for 1,177 yards and 14 touchdowns ... garnered second team All-District 2-6A accolades that season.
- Member of Frenship's basketball, baseball and track programs during prep career.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of On3, 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... ranked as high as No. 61 nationally among wide receivers by On3 ... listed as a top-100 recruit in Texas by three different publications - On3 (No. 61), 247Sports (No. 77) and ESPN (No. 93) ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Arizona, Baylor and Texas State.

PERSONAL

- Leyton Stone ... son of Tom and Lindsey Stone ... oldest of three siblings with a younger brother, Landry, and sister, Lily ... born in Atlanta, Georgia ... moved to Lubbock at only seven months of age after his father was named Texas Tech's head soccer coach ... father is now the all-time winningest head coach in the history of the Texas Tech soccer program.
- Both parents were collegiate soccer student-athletes with his father at Duke and his mother at the University of Texas ... father was a three-time All-ACC selection and set the Duke records for most career NCAA Tournament goals and game-winning goals in a season ... father scored the game-winning goal for Duke in the 1986 National Championship match.
- Wears No. 17 with the Red Raiders, the same jersey number both his parents had during their respective collegiate careers.
- A sports management major at Texas Tech.



Terrell TILTON

OLB | 6-5 | 240 | Sr. | 5th Yr. (3rd at Tech) | 2L
Arlington, Texas | Mansfield Timberview HS | Oregon
Career Games: 39 / Career Starts: 1

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SENIOR)

- Emerged late in the season as a top pass rusher with several notable performances in Big 12 play ... appeared in 11 games overall with one start, which came in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas ... did not see any game action in the first two games of the season against Abilene Christian (8/31) and at Washington State (9/7).
- Finished with nine tackles, which included 3.5 for a loss, all sacks ... added a quarterback hurry and forced fumble late in the season ... made tackles in five different games against Arizona (10/5), TCU (10/26), Oklahoma State (11/23), West Virginia (11/30) and Arkansas (12/27) in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl ... recorded a sack in three of those contests.
- On the four plays that created his 3.5 sacks, three of those came on third down that forced either a punt or a field goal ... in the lone exception, the sack caused a fumble recovery and takeaway ... the Red Raiders followed with a touchdown on their next drive following his sacks versus TCU and West Virginia - three in total.
- Credited with 130 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus and an additional 60 snaps on special teams, primary on either kickoff return or punt return ... bulk of snaps defensively (103) came over the final four games of the season ... awarded a 71.7 overall grade by PFF after creating 13 pressures with four sacks, two quarterback hits and seven hurries.
- Made one of the biggest plays in the Red Raiders' win at Arizona (10/5) with a late fourth-quarter sack for his lone tackle ... found Arizona quarterback Noah Fifita for an eight-yard loss on 3rd-and-9 to force the Wildcats into a timeout and then a field goal ... the Red Raiders recovered the ensuing onside kick to hold on for a 28-22 victory.
- Shared a sack at TCU (10/26) with Travon McAlpine, which came on 3rd-and-17 early in the second quarter, forcing a TCU punt deep in its own territory ... the Red Raiders scored three plays later on a Tahj Brooks four-yard touchdown run following a 44-yard reception to Caleb Douglas ... recorded two tackles in the win at Oklahoma State (11/23), including one that came as part of kickoff coverage.
- Set a new career high with four tackles in the regular-season finale against West Virginia (11/30) ... total included a career-high 2.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks as well as his first career forced fumble ... first sack ended West Virginia's opening drive of the second quarter, forcing a punt followed by a Tahj Brooks two-yard touchdown run for a 13-3 lead ... later sacked quarterback Garret Greene again just before halftime, knocking the ball out for Brenden Jordan to recover in West Virginia territory ... similar to earlier in the game, Brooks found the end zone from two yards out on the next drive to push Texas Tech's lead to 35-3 at the break ... credited with a career-high 40 defensive snaps in the run.
- Earned his first career start in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl matchup versus Arkansas (12/27) ... made one tackle and created one quarterback hurry over his 26 defensive snaps, the second-highest total of his career.

2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE)

- Appeared in all 13 games during first season as a Red Raider ... considered one of Texas Tech's top special teams performers throughout the season.
- Credited with 212 total snaps on special teams by Pro Football Focus, easily the most on the team ... had 29 more special teams snaps than the next Red Raider, Henry Teeter, with 183 overall ... member of the kickoff return, kickoff coverage, punt return and punt coverage teams.
- Inserted on defense in three different games against Tarleton State (9/16) and Houston (9/3) as well as at Baylor (10/7) ... recorded five tackles overall with two at West Virginia (9/23) and one stop versus Tarleton, Houston and Baylor ... lone tackle against Tarleton went for a two-yard sack, the first tackle for loss or sack of his career.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Transferred to Texas Tech prior to the 2023 spring season after two seasons at Oregon ... arrived with three years of eligibility remaining as a Red Raider after playing in 15 games as a Duck.
- Bounced between both sides of the ball during his Oregon tenure, starting as an outside linebacker as a true freshman before transitioning to the tight end room as a sophomore ... returned to his natural position as an outside linebacker with the Red Raiders.

PREVIEW

RED RAIDERS

STAFF

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HISTORY

RECORDS

TEXAS TECH

- Credited with five tackles at Oregon, which all came during his 2021 true freshman season ... previously played the 2021 season as an outside linebacker under former defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter, who was Oregon's defensive coordinator that season.
- **2022 SEASON (SOPHOMORE):** redshirt season ... appeared in only one game, which came against Eastern Washington (9/10) ... entered the transfer portal immediately following the season.
- **2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN):** saw action in all 14 games as a true freshman, primarily on special teams ... credited with playing in 190 snaps with 184 coming on special teams and the other six on defense ... totaled five tackles overall, including a career-high three versus Stony Brook (9/18) ... other two tackles came against Arizona (9/25) and Utah (11/20) during Pac-12 play.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Mansfield Timberview High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... three-year letterwinner for the Wolves.
- Helped push Timberview to an 8-1 record and a Class 5A playoff appearance as a senior ... was an honorable mention All-State honoree that season by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) and was tabbed the District 5-5A Division II Defensive Player of the Year ... named a finalist for Sports Illustrated All-America honors ... compiled 12.5 sacks and 15 quarterback hurries as a senior to also earn second team All-Area honors by Dallas Morning News.
- Previously recorded 33 tackles, 11.0 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks to go along with a pair of forced fumbles as a junior in 2019 ... finished with a tackle for loss in each of the final six games of that season.
- Recorded 31 tackles and 5.0 sacks as a sophomore in 2018 to go along with two fumble recoveries.
- A track and field standout as well, competing in the hurdles and triple jump ... crowned the District 5-5A champion in the 110-meter hurdles as a sophomore ... was a regional qualifier throughout prep career.
- Considered a consensus three-star prospect by the likes of ESPN, 247Sports and Rivals as part of the 2021 class ... listed as the No. 25 weakside defensive end in his class by Rivals and the No. 61 recruit from the state of Texas ... ranked as the No. 30 edge rusher in the country and the No. 70 prospect from Texas by 247Sports ... top-five weakside defensive end in the state of Texas by both Rivals and 247Sports, ranking at No. 4 by both publications ... rated at No. 28 in the Dallas Morning News' top-50 area recruits.
- Received an offer from Texas Tech coming out of high school before signing with Oregon ... chose the Ducks over other offers from the likes of Arizona, Arizona State, Baylor, Colorado, Kansas, Kansas State, Minnesota, Utah and Washington State, among others.

PERSONAL

- Terrell Tilmon ... son of Stevie and Cashawna Tilmon ... has one brother, Nathan ...
- Hobbies include playing Madden and drawing outside of football.
- An interdisciplinary studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2021*	2022*	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	14/0	1/0	13/0	11/1	39/1

* indicates seasons at Oregon

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	QBH
2021 (UD)	14	1	4	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 (TTU)	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023 (TTU)	13	3	2	5	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2024 (TTU)	11	6	3	9	3.5	25	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	39	10	9	19	4.5	27	0	1	0	0	1



Tyson
TURNER

WR | 6-2 | 215 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Bryan, Texas | Bryan HS
Career Games: 4 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in four games on the season either as a wide receiver or on special teams ... caught one pass for four yards on the season, which came in the second half of Texas Tech's rout over North Texas (9/14).
- Scout team member ... recognized as the offensive scout team player of the week following Texas Tech's win at Arizona (10/5).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Bryan High School in Bryan-College Station, Texas ... one of the most athletic wide receiver prospects in the 2024 class ... three-year varsity letterwinner for the Vikings ... moved from safety to playing primarily wide receiver after his sophomore season.
- Exploded onto the recruiting scene after catching 36 passes for 768 yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior ... was a first team All-District 12-6A honoree following successful debut as a wideout ... followed with 29 catches for 446 yards and four touchdowns as a senior before an injury limited him to only five games.
- Previously caught six passes for 110 yards and a touchdown as a sophomore before moving full-time to the secondary ... recorded five interceptions that season and a fumble recovery for a touchdown en route to earning second team All-District 12-6A accolades.
- One of the state's top high jumpers in addition to his role as a football athlete ... two-time state qualifier in the high jump, finishing fifth at the Class 6A level his sophomore year and then third as a junior in 2023 ... cleared 6'-6" in both of those two meets ... personal best is 6'-10" which ranked 10th in the state of Texas and among the top-40 marks nationally in 2023 ... timed under 40.0 seconds in the 300 hurdles with a personal best of 39.35 seconds to qualify for the regional meet.
- Consensus three-star prospect by the likes of Rivals, ESPN, 247Sports and On3 ... considered a top-100 recruit in Texas by both 247 and On3, ranking as high as No. 78 overall ... came in at No. 98 on On3's ranking of the top players in the Lone Star State ... listed as the No. 36 wide receiver in the country by 247Sports ... joined the Red Raiders for the spring in 2024 ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Air Force, Army, Boston College, Columbia, Louisiana Tech, North Texas, Princeton, Texas State, UTSA, Utah, Yale, among others.

PERSONAL

- Tyson Turner ... son of Damion Turner and Kathy Allen ... stepfather is Jason Allen ... one of eight children.
- A business management major at Texas Tech.



D'Anthis
UPSHAW JR.
OL | 6-5 | 305 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Irving, Texas | Irving HS

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... scout team member ... did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Irving High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... two-way player for Irving, starting on both the offensive and defensive lines ... will concentrate on the offensive side of the ball with the Red Raiders.
- Earned first team All-District 7-6A honors as an offensive lineman as a senior ... was a second-team selection on the defensive line that same year.
- Two-sport athlete as a member of the Irving track and field program ... recorded throws of 52'-11.25" in the shot put and 123'-6" in the discus ... qualified for both the area and regional rounds during prep career.
- Chose to attend Texas Tech over interest from both North Texas and Texas State.

PERSONAL

- D'Anthis Upshaw Jr. ... son of D'Anthis Upshaw Sr. and Venceha Dorris ... has eight siblings in his family.
- Major at Texas Tech is sport management.



Rylan
VAGANA
LS | 6-0 | 215 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Huntington Beach, Calif. | Mater Dei HS
Career Games: 1 / Career Starts: 0

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... served as the backup to senior Jackson Knotts during his final year as a Red Raider ... appeared in only the regular-season finale against West Virginia (11/30).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Calif. ... ranked as the top high school long snapper in the 2024 class ... played for one of the top high school programs in the state of California.
- The Monarchs finished 13-1 overall his senior year, winning their fourth state title in history ... recovered a key fumble in the state title game, which set up a touchdown ... tabbed the Most Valuable Specialist on the All-Trinity League postseason awards ... was also a starter at safety for the Monarchs ... selected to play in the 2024 Polynesian Bowl in Hawai'i following his senior season.
- Able to kick field goals in addition to his talents snapping ... also a member of the school's volleyball program as an outside and opposite-side hitter.
- Considered a five-star prospect by Rubio Long Snapping and ranked as its top long snapper ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Air Force, Army, Pennsylvania and San Diego State.

PERSONAL

- Rylan L. Vagana ... born in Salt Lake City, Utah ... calls Huntington Beach, Calif. home ... parents are Levi and Amelia Vagana ... has one sibling, a younger sister Remington.
- Enjoys reading, rubix cubes and playing volleyball away from football.
- A biochemistry major at Texas Tech.



Kelby
VALSIN
WR | 6-1 | 195 | So. | 3rd Yr. | 1L
Arlington, Texas | Bowie HS
Career Games: 12 / Career Starts: 0

6

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Appeared in 12 of 13 games either on special teams or as a wide receiver as a redshirt freshman ... joined the wide receiver rotation late in the season ... also saw time on Texas Tech's kick return unit.
- Caught three passes for 21 yards on the season ... made his first career catch at Oklahoma State (11/23) late in the season, resulting in five yards ... hauled in two passes for 16 yards in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl versus Arkansas (12/27) ... credited with 44 offensive snaps versus the Razorbacks, according to Pro Football Focus, which marked the most in his career.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Bowie High School in his hometown of Arlington, Texas ... one of the top wide receiver prospects in the state of Texas over his two varsity seasons despite not playing football until his junior year.
- Caught more than 100 passes as a 2,000-yard receiver over his career to garner first team All-District 8-6A accolades each of his two seasons ... was an unanimous first team selection his senior year after hauling in 57 catches for 1,148 yards and 10 touchdowns ... recognized for his work in the classroom as an honorable mention Academic All-State honoree as a senior by the THSCA ... tabbed to the Academic All-District first team as well.
- Hauled in 49 passes for 831 yards and eight touchdowns as a junior ... totaled 18 receiving touchdowns for his career ... led the district in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns each of his two seasons ... helped push Bowie to an appearance in the Class 6A Division II playoffs as a senior.
- Standout on the hardwood as a three-year letterwinner for the basketball program ... originally set sights on playing basketball at collegiate level before joining the football program as a junior ... two-year captain for the Pirates, earning first team All-District 8-6A honors as a junior.
- Received scholarship offers from more than 30 schools across the country ... considered a three-star prospect by the likes of 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and On3.com ... listed as one of the top-100 recruits in Texas by both Rivals and On3 ... the No. 67 wide receiver in the country by Rivals and the No. 91 recruit in the state of Texas ... was No. 70 among wide receivers and No. 92 in Texas by On3.
- **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Stanford, Cal, Vanderbilt, Boston College, Memphis, Utah, SMU, TCU, Oregon State, Kansas, Pittsburgh, Arkansas, Tulsa, Washington, Washington State, San Diego State and Texas State.

PERSONAL

- Kelby Ray Valsin ... son of Jimmy Valsin Jr. and Karshena Valsin ... has two older brothers, Jimmy and Franklin ... older brother, Jimmy Valsin III, enters his junior season at Oregon State in 2024.
- A sport management major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	12/0	12/0



Reggie VIRGIL

WR | 6-3 | 190 | Sr. | 4th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Apopka, Fla. | Mount Dora Christian Academy
Career Games: 36 / Career Starts: 12

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

CAREER AWARDS & HONORS

- Second-Team All-MAC (2024, Junior)

2025 (SENIOR)

- Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... has one season of collegiate eligibility remaining ... a true fourth-year senior with an available redshirt ... chose Texas Tech over offers from Arkansas, Florida, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Miami (FL), Michigan, Michigan State, Oklahoma, Penn State, Pittsburgh, UCF and West Virginia upon entering transfer portal ... listed at No. 47 overall and 10th among wide receivers on ESPN's final transfer portal rankings.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Spent first three seasons of collegiate career at Miami (Ohio) in the Mid-American Conference ... played in 36 career games as a Redhawk with 12 starts ... had a breakout junior campaign after a limited role during first two seasons ... recorded 41 of 43 career receptions as a junior, as well as 816 of 878 career receiving yards and nine of 10 career receiving touchdowns during the 2024 season.
- Credited with appearing in 758 offensive snaps during collegiate career with vast majority coming during his 2024 junior season (604) ... saw an additional 243 snaps on special teams with significant experience as part of kickoff coverage (88 snaps) and punt team (123 snaps) ... also saw limited action as part of the kick return team and punt return unit.
- **2024 SEASON (JUNIOR at MIAMI-OH):** named a second-team All-MAC performer after a breakout season ... tabbed the team's "Most Improved Player of the Year" on offense at its end-of-season banquet ... played in 13 games and made 11 starts en route to leading the Redhawks to an appearance in the MAC Championship.
- Led Miami in yards per catch (19.9), 100-yard games (3), longest catch (75 yards) and receiving touchdowns (9) ... opted out of the Arizona Bowl, finishing junior campaign with 41 receptions and 816 receiving yards (62.8 yards per game) ... caught at least one pass in all 13 games and multiple receptions in 11 contests overall ... recorded three 100-yard games and four more with 70 or more receiving yards ... of his nine touchdowns, six went for at least 20 yards with one other being 19 yards.
- Best performance of the season came at Eastern Michigan (10/12) with three catches for a career-high 113 yards and two touchdowns ... caught a deep pass over the middle and took it 75 yards for a touchdown on the first offensive play of the game, marking the longest reception of his career ... later on the receiving end of a 19-yard touchdown strike with 35 seconds remaining until halftime to cap the first multi-touchdown game of his career ... received a 92.1 overall offensive grade by Pro Football Focus for the performance, his highest rating of his career.
- Later added similar 100-yard performances with five catches for 101 yards and a touchdown at Ball State (11/5) and four receptions for 107 yards and a touchdown versus Northern Illinois (11/19) ... had a touchdown reception in seven-consecutive games starting with the win at Eastern Michigan ... during that stretch, had touchdown grabs of 34 yards at Ball State (11/5), 69 yards versus Kent State (11/13), 30 yards versus Northern Illinois (11/19) and 20 yards at Bowling Green (11/29).
- Followed the Eastern Michigan outing with three catches for 39 yards and a touchdown versus Ohio (10/19) and four receptions for 50 yards and a score versus Central Michigan (10/26) ... touchdown stretch also featured two catches for 88 yards and a touchdown versus Kent State and a career-high six grabs for 82 yards and another score at Bowling Green ... limited to only two catches for 29 yards in the MAC Championship versus Ohio (12/27).
- Miami began the season with three-consecutive opponents from a power conference ... combined for seven catches for 121 yards and a touchdown over that span against Northwestern (8/31), Cincinnati (9/14) and Notre Dame (9/21) ... best performance was three catches for 77 yards and a touchdown versus Cincinnati ... escaped for a 58-yard touchdown midway through the second quarter to pull Miami to a 17-10 deficit against the Bearcats.
- **2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at MIAMI-OH):** played in 12 games as a sophomore, mainly on special teams ... had one catch overall, which was a 34-yard touchdown reception versus Delaware State (9/23) in a 62-20 rout in the Redhawks' home opener ... recorded five tackles on special teams throughout the year.

- **2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN at MIAMI-OH):** saw action in 11 games as a true freshman with one start ... saw majority of playing time on special teams, recording eight tackles ... made one catch on the season, which went for 28 yards against Robert Morris (9/10) ... earned his first career start a few weeks later against Kent State (10/8).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Mount Dora Christian Academy in Mount Dora, Fla. located outside of Orlando ... played on both sides of the ball as a wide receiver and defensive back for coach Michael Kintz ... recognized for his leadership as a two-time team captain.
- Earned first team All-State honors after recording 44 receptions for 873 yards and 12 touchdowns over 10 games as a senior ... had 1,212 all-purpose yards during senior season, which included 211 rushing yards and an impressive 128 interception return yards ... scored five rushing touchdowns and returned an interception for a touchdown for a total of 18 touchdowns registered as a senior ... on defense, posted two interceptions and 14 tackles.
- Posted 46 catches for 946 yards and 10 touchdowns and 1,104 all-purpose yards during junior season ... scored 19 touchdowns as a junior with additional seven rushing touchdowns, one kickoff return touchdown and one interception returned for a touchdown ... on defense, had 22 stops and four interceptions.
- Member of the basketball and track and field program for Mount Dora throughout his prep career.
- Ranked as a three-star prospect coming out of high school by 247Sports, On3 and ESPN ... listed as an "athlete" by most publications due to his ability on both sides of the ball ... ranked as high as No. 73 in the athlete category by On3.

PERSONAL

- Reggie Virgil ... born and raised in Apopka, Fla. ... son of the late George Mabry and Marycell Mabry ... is the youngest of five children - Clete, Precious, Tau and Jadon ...
- Enjoys basketball and bowling outside of football in personal time ... enjoys fishing for leisure as well.
- A leadership studies major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	11/1	12/0	13/11	36/12

* at Miami (OH)

CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2022 (M-OH)	11	1	28	0	0	0.1	28.0	2.6
2023 (M-OH)	12	1	34	1	0	0.1	34.0	2.8
2024 (M-OH)	13	41	816	9	75	3.6	20.0	62.8
Totals	36	43	878	10	75	1.2	20.4	24.4

2024 GAME-BY-GAME (@ MIAMI-OHIO)

Opponent	GS	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg	LG	Rush	Yds	TD
at Northwestern	*	3	32	0	10.7	12	0	0	0
Cincinnati	*	3	77	1	25.7	58	0	0	0
at Notre Dame	*	1	12	0	12.0	12	0	0	0
UMass	*	1	10	0	10.0	10	0	0	0
at Toledo	*	4	76	0	19.0	51	0	0	0
at Eastern Michigan	*	3	113	2	37.7	75	0	0	0
Ohio	*	3	39	1	13.0	18	0	0	0
Central Michigan	*	4	50	1	12.5	22	0	0	0
at Ball State	*	5	101	1	20.2	41	0	0	0
Kent State	*	2	88	1	44.0	69	0	0	0
Northern Illinois	*	4	107	1	26.8	50	0	0	0
at Bowling Green	*	5	82	1	13.7	28	0	0	0
vs. Ohio	*	2	29	0	14.5	19	0	0	0
vs. Colorado State	DNP								
Totals		41	878	7	19.9	70	0	0	0



Amier WASHINGTON

DL | 6-2 | 270 | So. | 3rd. Yr. | 1L
Orange, Texas | Little Cypress-Mauriceville HS
Career Games: 14 / Career Starts: 3

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

- Appeared in 12 of 13 games as a redshirt freshman with three starts at outside linebacker ... entered the season as the starter on the edge, making starts in three of the first four games against Abilene Christian, Washington State and Arizona State ... missed only the Big 12 road opener at Arizona due to injury.
- Finished with 10 tackles (5 solo), which all came during Big 12 play or in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl ... shared two tackles for loss (1.0), including one that was a sack ... added two quarterback hurries ... had a tackle in five different games and combined for nine of his 10 stops during Big 12 play.
- Credited with 345 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, which ranked 13th on the team and was fourth among outside linebackers ... publication awarded him 16 total pressures, which was tied for third on the team with De'Braylon Carroll and led the outside linebacker room ... pressures were a result of three quarterback hits and 13 hurries per PFF.
- Matched his career high for tackles in the Big 12 opener versus Arizona State (9/21), finishing with four stops, including one that was a shared sack ... previously had four tackles in his Red Raider debut against Cal in the 2023 Independence Bowl ... shared a sack with A.J. McCarty on Arizona State's opening drive, which was followed by a C.J. Baskerville interception on the next play.
- Notched one tackle at TCU (10/26) and against Arkansas (12/27) in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl ... previously closed the regular season with two tackles in wins at Oklahoma State (11/23) and against West Virginia (11/30) ... added a quarterback hurry in the win over the Mountaineers.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... appeared in two games overall against Houston (9/30) and then Cal (12/16) in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl.
- Emerged as a potential standout on the defensive line with his performance against Cal ... finished with four tackles - all for a loss - including 2.0 sacks while also forcing a fumble in the win over Cal ... became the first Red Raider to record 4.0 or more tackles for a loss in a game since Jordyn Brooks had the same total against Oklahoma State in 2019.
- Recorded his first career tackle for loss on Cal's second drive, resulting in a five-yard loss in the red zone to eventually help stop the Golden Bears' drive on downs ... notched the first forced fumble of his career on a strip-sack in the second quarter, which was recovered by the offense.
- Came up with back-to-back key plays on Cal's final drive of the half, starting the possession with a six-yard tackle for loss on the opening play before sacking Fernando Mendoza for a seven-yard loss immediately after ... Cal went 3-and-out on the drive, punting to Texas Tech, which connected on a late field goal to take a 24-14 lead into the half.
- Recorded his other sack on Cal's final play of the fourth quarter, leading to another punt ... regarded as one of the top bowl performances of the college football season.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School in Orange, Texas ... three-year varsity letterwinner for the Battin' Bears, helping push the school to two playoff appearances during prep career.
- Advanced all the way to the Class 4A Division I regional finals his junior year ... marked the furthest the Bears had advanced in the playoffs since 1997 ... among the most disruptive defensive linemen in the state that season, garnering first team All-District 10-4A honors in the process.
- Totaled 87 tackles as a junior, including 18.0 tackles for loss and nine sacks to go along with an additional 11 quarterback pressures ... named a finalist for the Willie Ray Smith Award, honoring the best defensive player in Southeast Texas ... recognized that season as the Defensive MVP for the All-Orange Leader area teams.
- Wrapped senior season at 6-5 overall, helping push LCM to consecutive winning seasons for the first time since 1994-95 ... recognized as the District 10-4A Co-Defensive MVP as a senior.
- Previously tabbed the District 10-4A Defensive Newcomer of the Year as only a sophomore ... selected to the final ballot for the Whataburger Super Team compiled by Dave Campbell's Texas Football as a senior.

- Standout in throwing events for the track and field program ... was both the district and area champion in the shot put and discus.
- Consensus three-star prospect by 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN an ON3.com ... listed as the No. 60 defensive tackle in the country by ESPN ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Baylor, Central Michigan and Houston.

PERSONAL

- Amier Roman Washington ... goes by the nickname "Mimir" ... born in Orange, Texas, to parents Stacy Washington and Anjenetta Rigsby ... has an older sister, Aariah, and an older brother, Jared.
- A criminology major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION

	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	2/0	12/3	14/3

CAREER STATS

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Bldk	QBH
2023	2	4	0	4	4.0	26	0	1	0	0	0
2024	12	5	5	10	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	14	9	5	14	5.0	27	0	1	0	0	2

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
Abilene Christian	*	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Washington St.	*	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
North Texas		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	*	2	2	4	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Arizona	DNP-injured									
Baylor		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at TCU		1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Colorado		0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma St.		1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia		1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1
vs. Arkansas		0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0	0	0
Totals		5	5	10	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	2

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	SACKS-YDS	TFL-YDS	FF	FR	INT	QBH
at Wyoming	DNP									
Oregon	DNP									
Tarleton State	DNP									
at West Virginia	DNP									
Houston	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	
at Baylor	DNP									
Kansas State	DNP									
at BYU	DNP									
TCU	DNP									
at Kansas	DNP									
UCF	DNP									
at Texas	DNP									
vs. California	4	0	4	2.0-16	4.0-26	1	0	0	0	
Totals	4	0	4	2.0-16	4.0-26	1	0	0	0	

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TEXAS TECH



TJ
WEST

WR | 6-1 | 195 | So. | 3rd Yr.
Houston, Texas | Humble HS
Career Games: 2 / Career Starts: 0

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

• Appeared in two games during second full season on campus ... saw action against both North Texas (9/14) in non-conference play and then Arkansas (12/27) in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl ... scout team member.

2023 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

• Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Humble High School in the Houston area ... athletic wide receiver with great speed that totaled more than 1,600 receiving yards in one of the toughest districts in Texas ... closed his senior season with 41 receptions for 685 yards and eight touchdowns ... was a second team All-District 21-6A selection as a junior and earne first team accolades his senior season.
• Key member of the track and field program, competing in the 100 meters, 200 meters, the 400-meter and 800-meter relays ... clocked at a blistering 10.74 in the 100 meters and at 21.39 in the 200 meters.
• Considered a four-star prospect by Rivals and a three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and ON3.com ... listed as the No. 51 wide receiver in the country by Rivals and the No. 65 player in the state of Texas ... tabbed the No. 78 wide receiver in the country by ESPN and among the top 100 players in the state ... also No. 58 among wide receivers nationally and the No. 71 prospect in the state of Texas by ON3 ...
CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER: Utah, Memphis, UTSA, Prairie View A&M.

PERSONAL

• Tyrone Bernard West ... goes by the nickname "T.J." ... born in Houston to parents James Mike and Latonya Russell ... has an older sister, Triniti, and a younger sister, Dominique.
• A sports management major at Texas Tech.



Haydon
WIGINTON

WR | 5-11 | 190 | Sr. | 5th Yr. (4th at Tech) | 1L
Midlothian, Texas | Heritage HS | Oklahoma State
Career Games: 7 / Career Starts: 0

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (JUNIOR)

• Appeared in five games as a junior either on special teams or as a wide receiver ... inserted in four different Big 12 games against Baylor (10/19), Colorado (11/9), Oklahoma State (11/23) and West Virginia (11/30) ... made his season debut on kickoff coverage in the non-conference finale against North Texas (9/14) ... also saw time on kickoff and punt returns during the season.

2023 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

• Inserted into one game, which came in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl versus Cal (12/16) ... went in for four snaps on offense late in the victory over the Golden Bears.

2022 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

• Appeared in one game during debut season as a Red Raider ... caught one pass for seven yards in the season opener versus Murray State (9/3) ... scout team member and regular member of the travel squad.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

• Transferred to Texas Tech following one season at Oklahoma State ... will have four years of eligibility remaining with the Red Raiders after redshirting the 2021 season with the Cowboys.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Midlothian Heritage High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... helped lead the Jaguars to the playoffs all four seasons, including the Class 4A Division I state quarterfinals as a junior.
• Had a breakout season as a senior, totaling 77 receptions for more than 1,000 receiving yards ... previously recorded 52 catches for 846 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior ... two-time first team All-District 5-4A selection.

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• Named the 2020-21 Heritage Male Athlete of the Year ... recognized for his work in the classroom as a senior as a second team Academic All-State honoree.

PERSONAL

• Haydon Wiginton ... son of Lee and Becky Wiginton ... has one younger sister, Julia.
• Comes from a line of college football players ... father played football at Angelo State University and is currently the head football coach at Allen High School and the former president of the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) ... grandfather played football at Sam Houston State.
• Talented musician who loves listening to music and playing his guitar ... has released three albums while a Red Raider - Talk Funny (2023), West Texas Dirt (Part One, 2024) and West Texas Dirt (2025) ... has more than 30,000 monthly listens on Spotify alone ... has opened for the likes of Randy Rogers Band, William Clark Green and more with shows across the state of Texas.
• Earned a bachelor's degree in sport management at Texas Tech ... currently working toward a masters in sport management.



J'Koby
WILLIAMS

RB | 5-10 | 185 | So. | 2nd Yr. | 1L
Beckville, Texas | Beckville HS
Career Games: 10 / Career Starts: 1

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 3 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: YES

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

• Emerged as a potential standout at running back following a stellar performance in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl ... appeared in 10 games as a true freshman, making one start, which came versus Arkansas in the bowl game ... joined with fellow true freshman Cameron Dickey as backups to Tahj Brooks throughout the season.
• Likely was destined to redshirt early in the season until a season-ending injury to Cam'Ron Valdez ... member of the scout team the first few weeks of the season ... in fact, tabbed the offensive scout team player of the week following Texas Tech's season-opening win over Abilene Christian (8/31).
• Finished with 236 rushing yards and two touchdowns on the season off 41 carries, which ranked second on the team slightly ahead of Dickey ... bulk of his yardage and carries came in the bowl game, however ... made at least one rush attempt in eight of his 10 games played ... contributed via the passing game in one of the two games without a rushing attempt.
• Threat in the passing game and as a returner, catching 10 passes for 100 yards and a touchdown, while returning 12 kicks for 296 yards (24.7 average) ... was fifth on the team with 63.2 all-purpose yards per game and fifth overall with 632 all-purpose yards on the season.
• Served as Texas Tech's primary kick returner late in Big 12 play following an injury to fellow speedster Drae McCray ... boasted two kick returns of at least 40 yards with one of those pushing the Red Raiders past midfield at 50-plus yards.
• Credited with 118 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus and additional 45 on special teams (all on kick or punt returns) ... received a 75.3 overall grade by PFF, which ranked sixth on the offense ... did not allow a pressure as a pass blocker in his 12 opportunities on the season.
• **IN NCAA RANKINGS:** ended the season tied for 20th in the FBS for kick return average (24.7), just behind Drae McCray (25.4) at No. 14 in the rankings ... Texas Tech was the only FBS school with two returners ranked in the top 20 of the final national rankings ... as a team, the Red Raiders shared the FBS lead with five combined kick returns (between McCray and Williams) that went at least 40 yards ... the Red Raiders were also tied for sixth for kick returns of 30 or more yards (7) and second for 50-plus yard returns (2).
• **IN BIG 12 RANKINGS:** was third in the league for kick return average behind only BYU's Keelan Marion (26.2) and McCray (25.4) ... was one of six returners in the league to have two or more kick returns of at least 40 yards ... as a team, the Red Raiders led the league for kick returns of at least 30 yards (7), 40 yards (5) and shared the conference high for 50 or more yards (3).
• **North Texas (9/14):** made his Red Raider debut with four carries for 27 yards and a touchdown in the win over the Mean Green ... caught one pass for 10 yards in the rout as well ... found the end zone for the first time in his career via a three-yard rushing touchdown with 4:06 remaining in the third quarter ... the touchdown run pushed Texas Tech's lead to 59-14 at the time.
• **Baylor (10/19):** found the end zone via the air against the Bears as part of two catches for 22 yards and a touchdown ... did not have a rushing attempt in the loss ... connected with Behren Morton on an 18-yard reception with 6:31 remaining in regulation for his first career touchdown catch.
• **at TCU (10/26):** saw an increased role offensively with eight carries for 42 yards against the Horned Frogs ... inserted as Texas Tech's primary kick returner for the

first time with three returns for 62 yards ... finished with 104 all-purpose yards, marking the first of three games on the season with 100-plus yards.

- **at Iowa State (11/2):** contributed to the win over the rancid Cyclones via four kick returns for 85 yards with a long of 28 yards ... added one carry for one yard and one reception for two yards.
- **Colorado (11/9):** provided a spark in the return game versus the Buffaloes with both of his kick returns going at least 40 yards ... finished with two returns for 103 yards to go along with four carries for 12 yards ... returned the opening kick of the game 46 yards to set up a quick Texas Tech scoring drive that featured a Behren Morton to Jalin Conyers 17-yard touchdown pass only four plays later ... set up another scoring opportunity for the Red Raiders just before halftime with a 57-yard attempt with only 19 seconds remaining ... marked his longest return of the season.
- **at Oklahoma State (11/23):** had only one return for 13 yards in the road win over the Cowboys to go along with two carries for four yards.
- **West Virginia (11/30):** closed the regular season with five carries for 20 yards to go along with two receptions for 30 yards ... called on for two kick returns for 33 yards in the win as well.
- **Arkansas (12/27):** made his first career start in place of Tahj Brooks in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, finishing with 123 yards and a touchdown off 15 carries, all season highs ... added four catches for 36 yards as well, including one for a season-long 22 yards ... became the first Red Raider true freshman to start at running back since Ta'Zawn Henry did so midway through the 2018 season against TCU ... his 123 rushing yards marked the most by a true freshman in his first career start since Justin Stockton ran for 135 yards versus UTEP in 2014 ... scored the Red Raiders' opening touchdown on a 54-yard touchdown run - his longest of the season - with 11:15 remaining in the second quarter ... averaged 8.2 yards per carry as he and Dickey combined for 199 rushing yards on 30 combined carries.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized as the Offensive Player of the Game (visiting team) for the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Beckville High School in Beckville, Texas, near the Texas-Louisiana state line ... one of the state's most dynamic rushers throughout high school career ... during four-year run, Beckville won 42 games - a four-year best at any stretch for a school that started playing football back in 1931 ... success included helping the Bearcats to three-straight district titles with all of them coming in undefeated fashion, a first for Beckville.
- Set the school rushing mark with 6,401 yards and 98 touchdowns ... averaged an impressive 12.5 yards per carry on the ground ... primarily split time at running back and as a slot receiver but did play behind center at quarterback during part of his senior year ... threw for 1,348 yards, 17 touchdowns and six interceptions during his career behind center ... on special teams, returned five punts and two kickoffs for a touchdown in his career.
- Combined for 3,116 total yards and 49 touchdowns his senior season alone ... helped push the Bearcats to a 10-2 record and a District 10-2A title following an undefeated 6-0 run through the district slate ... helped push Beckville to the Class 2A Division I area round that same season.
- Single-handedly kept Beckville in its area round game, running for a career-high and school record 303 yards on a career-high 28 carries ... scored all four touchdowns in a 42-28 loss to Garrison, which included touchdown runs of 72, 56 and 52 yards.
- Finished his senior season with 1,901 rushing yards, which ranked second all-time in school history ... his 32 rushing touchdowns set a program record, breaking the previous mark by former teammate Ryan Harris, who rushed for 31 in 2020.
- Voted the unanimous District 10-2A MVP following both his junior and senior seasons ... tabbed one of 25 semifinalists for the Mr. Texas Football award by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... named the Built Ford Tough 2A Player of the Week following six touchdowns, in four different ways, in the Bearcats' 69-14 victory over Big Sandy ... recognized as a second-team All-State honoree by Padilla Poll and an honorable mention selection as a quarterback by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) his senior season.
- Garnered first team All-State accolades by the TSWA following his 2022 junior season ... registered 2,408 all-purpose yards and 39 touchdowns as a junior ... also tabbed to the first ever THSAA Super Elite Team following junior season.
- A TSWA Class 2A second team All-State kick returner and an honorable mention All-State pick at running back his sophomore season ... credited in helping lift the program to a 10-4 record his freshman season, its best record in two decades.
- Three-sport athlete for Beckville, starring in both basketball and track and field in addition to football ... twice named to the Class 2A All-Region team on the hardwood ... three-time state champion in the 110-meter hurdles during high school career at the Class 2A level ... set a new personal record to complete the three-peat, clocking in at 14.19 to win the gold medal as a senior ... previously

posted a 14.41 time to win the state title as a sophomore before being clocked at 14.26 as a junior.

- Five-time state champion overall, also winning gold in the 300-meter hurdles as a sophomore in 2022 and in the triple jump as a junior in 2023 ... set a personal record in the 300-meter hurdles, finishing at 39.21 to sweep the hurdle events as a sophomore ... measured at 45' 11.75 in the triple jump to win the Class 2A ranks his junior year ... placed third at the state meet three other times during his career - in the 4x200 relay as a sophomore, in the 300-meter hurdles as a junior and in the 4x200 relay as a senior ... qualified for the state meet in both the long jump and the 4x400 meter relay as only a freshman in 2021, finishing fifth overall in both events.
- Tabbed a four-star prospect by On3, ranking 27th nationally among running backs and at No. 55 among prospects from the state of Texas ... considered a three-star recruit by Rivals, ESPN and 247Sports ... **CHOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Baylor, Houston, LSU, Michigan, SMU, TCU, Texas and UCF, among others.

PERSONAL

- J'Koby Williams ... son of Dexter and Amber Prince ... has three siblings - an older brother, Jay, a younger brother, Jordan and a younger sister, Kenzie.
- Related to former NFL linebacker, Demorrio Williams, who played in 138 games over a nine-year professional career with the Atlanta Falcons, Kansas City Chiefs and San Diego Chargers.
- A sports management major at Texas Tech.

2024 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	GS	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG
Abilene Christian		DNP							
at Washington State		DNP							
North Texas		4	27	1	12	1	10	0	10
Arizona State		2	7	0	5	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati		DNP							
at Arizona		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baylor		0	0	0	0	2	22	1	18
at TCU		8	42	0	13	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State		1	1	0	1	1	2	0	2
Colorado		4	12	0	6	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma State		2	4	0	3	0	0	0	0
West Virginia		5	20	0	11	2	30	0	18
vs. Arkansas	*	15	123	1	54	4	36	0	22
Totals		41	236	2	54	10	100	1	22



Keyshawn WILLIAMS

DL | 6-3 | 325 | R-Fr. | 2nd Yr.
Houston, Texas | Dekaney HS
Career Games: 4 / Career Starts: 0

96

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 4 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... scout team member ... praised as one of Texas Tech's top developmental players of the season.
- Appeared in each of the last four games either on the defensive line or on Texas Tech's field goal block unit ... made his collegiate debut versus Colorado (11/9) and proceeded to see time at Oklahoma State (11/23) and versus both West Virginia (11/30) and Arkansas (12/27) in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Dekaney High School in the greater Houston area ... a two-way athlete at the Class 6A level as both an offensive and defensive lineman ... will focus primarily on the interior defensive line with the Red Raiders.
- Helped lead the Wildcats to the Class 6A playoffs both his junior and senior seasons, including an appearance in the Division II regional semifinals in 2022 ... tabbed a first team All-District 14-6A selection as both an offensive and defensive lineman his senior season ... registered 32 tackles, 17.5 of them for a loss, 4.5 sacks and forced six fumbles as a senior ... was a second team All-District 14-6A honoree on the offensive line as a junior.
- Three-sport athlete as a member the basketball and track and field programs.
- Listed as a three-star prospect coming out of high school by both On3 and 247Sports ... chose to attend Tech over offers from Rice and Marshall, among others.

PERSONAL

- Keyshawn Williams ... son of Kasey Williams and Thesia Kawah ... has one younger sibling, Seriyen.
- A leadership studies major at Texas Tech.



Sheridan WILSON

OL | 6-5 | 300 | Jr. | 4th Yr. | 1L
Argyle, Texas | Argyle HS
Career Games: 15 / Career Starts: 13

72

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 2 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

2024 SEASON (SOPHOMORE)

- Earned the starting job at center out of preseason camp ... started at center in all 13 games, joining only fellow offensive lineman Caleb Rogers as well as wide receiver Caleb Douglas as the only offensive players to do so ... one of seven players on the entire team to start in all 13 games.
- Did not allow a single sack in his 581 pass-blocking opportunities on the season according to Pro Football Focus ... allowed only 13 pressures altogether with three quarterback hits and 10 hurries ... marked the second-lowest total on the team for pressures allowed behind only Davion Carter's eight pressures ... finished with a 98.9 pass-blocking efficiency rating that was second on the offensive line only behind Carter (90.0).
- Received an 87.1 grade as a pass blocker by PFF, which ranked fourth nationally among centers with at least 500 snaps ... trailed only the likes of Luke Petitbon of Wake Forest (89.4), Jacob Gardner of Colorado State (88.6) and Jakai Clark of SMU (88.5) ... of that group, only Petitbon will return to college football for the 2025 season as he transferred to Florida State for his final year of eligibility.
- Credited with 1,021 offensive snaps by PFF, which ranked second on the team only behind Caleb Rogers (1,025) ... was the second-highest total among centers nationally ... trailed only Jake Majors of Texas who played in three more games.
- Part of an offense that ultimately finished in the top 10 nationally for scoring, total yards per game and passing yards per game ... the Red Raiders averaged 37.6 points per game, their highest average since when Patrick Mahomes II was quarterback in 2016 and Texas Tech averaged 43.7 points a contest.
- **AWARDS AND HONORS:** recognized for his work in the classroom as part of the Academic All-Big 12 first team.

2023 SEASON (REDSHIRT SEASON)

- Served as Texas Tech's backup center as a redshirt freshman ... appeared in two games overall against Tarleton State (9/16) and in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl versus Cal (12/16) ... inserted late against Tarleton State for his collegiate debut.

2022 SEASON (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirt season ... did not see any game action ... was often an injury away from playing time late in the season as a key backup to Dennis Wilburn at center ... scout team member.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Argyle High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex ... helped lead Argyle to a perfect 16-0 record and the Class 4A Division I state title his junior season ... helped push Argyle to the regional finals his senior season.
- Tabbed the District 7-4A Offensive Lineman of the Year each of his junior and senior seasons ... garnered first-team All-State honors as a senior by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) ... invited to play in the Under Armour All-American game following his senior season.
- Recognized for his work in the classroom as well as an Academic All-State honorable mention recipient.
- Consensus three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN ... **CHOOSE TEXAS TECH OVER:** Arizona State, Colorado, Memphis, San Diego State, TCU and Washington State, among others.

PERSONAL

- Sheridan Wilson ... son of Jon and Lacey Wilson ... father is a graduate of Auburn and the chief financial officer for a local non-profit organization ... mother is a graduate of UCF.
- Father was a four-year letterwinner and four-year starter for Auburn from 1988-92 ... has an older brother, Preston, and a younger brother, Carter ... Preston Wilson wrapped his collegiate career as an offensive lineman at Oklahoma State following the 2024 season.
- An information technology major at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2022	2023	2024	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	2/0	13/13	15/13



Cole WISNIEWSKI

S | 6-4 | 220 | R-Sr. | 6th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Sparta, Wis. | Sparta HS | North Dakota State
Career Games: 47 / Career Starts: 19

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YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER AWARDS & HONORS

- Phil Steele FCS Preseason All-America First-Team (2024, S-Sr.)
- FCS Athletic Directors Association All-America Team (2023, Sr.)
- AFCA FCS All-America First Team (2023, Sr.)
- Stats Perform FCS All-America First Team (2023, Sr.)
- AP FCS All-America First Team (2023, Sr.)
- Phil Steele FCS All-America First Team (2023, Sr.)
- Walter Camp FCS All-America Team (2023, Sr.)
- All-MVFC First Team (2023, Sr.)
- Two-Time NCAA Elite 90 Award Winner (2022-23, Jr./Sr.)
- CSC Academic All-America First Team (2023, Sr.)
- MVFC Scholar-Athlete of the Year (2023, Sr.)
- Two-Time MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2021-22, So./Jr.)

2025 (REDSHIRT SENIOR)

- Joined the Red Raiders prior to the spring of 2025 ... will have one season of eligibility at Texas Tech.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Arrived at Texas Tech following five years at FCS powerhouse North Dakota State ... member of Bison's roster during 2021 and 2024 national championship seasons ... enters his sixth season as a collegiate athlete after starting his career as a linebacker for NDSU in 2020 before moving to a safety after the 2022 season ... extended collegiate career initially into 2024 by utilizing the 2020 blanket waiver from COVID ... missed the entire 2024 season after suffering a foot injury during summer workouts ... retained season of eligibility having never utilized a redshirt previously.
- Participated in 47 games with 19 starts throughout four seasons (2020-23) on the field for the Bison ... made 194 tackles (114 solo) over his career, including 5.5 that went for a loss and 1.0 sack ... recorded at least 20 tackles in each of his four seasons, finishing with a career-high 92 stops during his 2023 FCS All-America campaign ... built a reputation as a ballhawk during his NDSU career with eight interceptions to go along with three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.
- Among the most-decorated players in program history as a consensus FCS All-American in 2023 ... garnered All-Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) accolades that season as well ... recognized for his work in the classroom as well as a member of the CSC Academic All-America first team in 2023 and a two-time recipient of the prestigious NCAA Elite 90 Award.
- Credited with appearing in 1,479 defensive snaps by Pro Football Focus during his career with the Bison ... was among the publication's top performing safeties each of the last three seasons, grading at 76.0 or higher overall, including a 93.0 grade in 2023 that led the FCS ... created 20 pressures over his career with one sack, nine quarterback hits and 20 additional hurries per PFF ... also a regular on special teams with 326 snaps over his career with experience on all five teams.
- **2024 SEASON (SUPER SENIOR at NDSU):** redshirt season ... missed the entire season after suffering a foot injury during summer workouts ... garnered FCS preseason All-America honors by multiple outlets (Phil Steele, Stats Perform) as well as preseason All-MVFC first team honors.
- **2023 SEASON (SENIOR at NDSU):** tabbed a consensus first team FCS All-American in his first year playing safety for the Bison ... earned first team All-MVFC honors after starting and playing in 14 of 15 games, missing only a home date with Western Illinois (10/21) due to injury midway through the season ... helped push NDSU to the semifinal round of the NCAA FCS playoffs where the Bison fell to No. 2 Montana in double overtime.
- Led all Division I players with eight interceptions, tying the Missouri Valley Football Conference and NDSU single-season records ... matched the NDSU school record that was previously set by Frank Esposito in 1953 ... also led NDSU with 92 tackles (49 solo) and five pass breakups ... total included 2.0 tackles for loss and one forced fumble.
- Recorded multiple stops in 13 of 14 games overall and was in double digits in four different contests for tackles ... notched a career-high 11 tackles in the season opener against Eastern Washington (9/2) at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis to earn MVFC Defensive Player of the Week honors ... matched that total two more times on the season at South Dakota State (11/4) and in the FCS semifinal round

at Montana (12/16) ... posted 10 tackles and had a 75-yard interception return for a touchdown in a key road win over Northern Iowa (11/18) in the regular season finale ... earned MVFC Defensive Player of the Week honors after both the Eastern Washington and Northern Iowa games.

• Performance against Eastern Washington also included his first career interception, which was returned 39 yards to end the first half ... followed with two interceptions the next week versus Maine (9/9) ... matched that total with two interceptions at South Dakota (12/9) in the FCS playoffs to tie the MVFC and NDSU single-season records ... other two interceptions on the year outside the one returned for a touchdown against Northern Iowa came at Missouri State (10/7) and Montana State (12/2) ... went 64 into Missouri State territory on his interception in the red zone late in the third quarter.

• Considered the highest-graded defensive player at the FCS level with a .930 overall grade from Pro Football Focus ... publication lauded his performance with an 88.4 grade in rush defense, an 80.5 grade as a tackler and an impressive 91.8 grade in coverage ... credited with 688 defensive snaps and an additional 90 on special teams ... targeted 40 times in the passing game with only 19 of those resulting in a completion.

• Voted the MVFC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in addition to earning MVFC Scholar-Athlete first team honors ... was a finalist for the Doris Robinson Award, presented annually to the FCS Scholar-Athlete of the Year ... selected to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Division I football first team ... named to the FCS Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team ... tabbed a finalist for one of two FCS ADA postgraduate scholarships.

• **2022 SEASON (JUNIOR at NDSU):** limited to only eight games as a junior after missing the first seven contests due to injury ... played a significant role over the final eight games, making one start, which came in the FCS national championship game against South Dakota State ... marked the fewest games played in a season over his tenure at NDSU.

• Recorded 27 tackles (14 solo) on the season to go along with a fumble recovery ... best performance of the year came with eight stops and a fumble recovery in the FCS second round win over Montana (12/3) ... fumble recovery came in the endzone for a touchdown, giving NDSU a 21-10 lead with less than a minute remaining before halftime ... was one of seven games with multiple stops on the year.

• Named the NCAA Elite 90 award winner for the second-consecutive year after boasting the highest GPA of all the participants in the 2023 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game ... named to the MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award list and MVFC Honor Roll for third-consecutive season.

• **2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at NDSU):** played in all 15 games with two starts as a sophomore, ranking fourth on the team with 53 total tackles, including 2.5 for a loss and the lone sack of his NDSU career ... added two forced fumbles and two pass breakups as well ... made his two starts against Valparaiso (9/11) early in the regular season and against Southern Illinois (12/4) in the second round of the FCS playoffs.

• Made at least one tackle in all 15 contests with multiple stops in 11 different games ... finished tied for second on the team with six tackles on special teams ... recorded a season-high eight tackles midway through the season against Missouri State (10/23) ... previously had six stops, including his first career sack, a few weeks earlier against Northern Iowa (10/9) ... forced two fumbles late in the season at Youngstown State (11/13) and against Southern Illinois (12/4), finishing with four stops in both games.

• Recognized as the NCAA Elite 90 award winner with the highest GPA at the 2022 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game ... also honored for his work in the classroom as part of the MVFC Honor Roll for the second-consecutive season ... earned the MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award and MVFC All-Academic honorable mention accolades.

• **2020 SEASON (FRESHMAN at NDSU):** played in all 10 games as a true freshman in season that was extended into the spring of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic ... started both NCAA playoff games against Eastern Washington (4/24) and Sam Houston (5/2) in place of injured teammate James Kaczor ... made a career-high nine tackles in the win over EWU ... followed that performance with six tackles in the quarterfinal loss at Sam Houston ... finished the year with 22 total tackles, including one for a loss ... led NDSU with seven special teams tackles, including five stops on kickoff coverage ... named to the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL

• Attended Sparta High School in his hometown of Sparta, Wisc. ... was a three-year starter at the prep level and a team captain his senior year ... two-way player as a quarterback and safety for coach Adam Dow ... led the Spartans to their first playoff win in school history during prep career.

• Named the Defensive Player of the Year for his conference and an honorable

mention All-State defensive back as a senior with 75 total tackles, two sacks, two interceptions and a pair of forced fumbles and recoveries ... a three-time All-Conference quarterback, earning first-team honors his final two seasons ... accounted for 68 total touchdowns and 5,400 all-purpose yards in his career ... set school records for rushing yards and rushing touchdowns, single-season and career total touchdowns and single-season completion percentage ...

• Multi-sport athlete as a member of the basketball and track and field programs ... voted a team captain for the basketball program in addition to football.

PERSONAL

• Cole Wisniewski ... married his wife Keely Wisniewski in September 2023 ... son of Tom Wisniewski and Corina Koch ... has an older brother, Ryan, who played wide receiver at D-III Wisconsin-Whitewater and was a NFF Campbell Trophy semifinalist.

• Earned bachelor's degree in business administration from North Dakota State ... enrolled in post-baccalaureate courses at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2020*	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	10/2	15/2	8/1	14/14	0/0	47/19

* at North Dakota State

TACKLES	GP	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	INT
2020 (NDSU)	10	13	10	23	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2021 (NDSU)	15	38	15	53	2.5	9	2	2	0	0	0
2022 (NDSU)	8	14	13	27	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2023 (NDSU)	14	49	43	92	2.0	7	5	1	0	0	8
2024 (NDSU)	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	47	114	81	195	5.5	17	7	3	1	0	8

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ NORTH DAKOTA STATE)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
DNP									

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ NORTH DAKOTA STATE)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
vs. E. Washington *	7	4	11	0.0-0	1-39	0	0	0	1
Maine *	2	1	3	0.0-0	2-26	0	0	0	0
Central Arkansas *	3	3	6	0.0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
South Dakota *	1	3	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri State *	4	1	5	0.0-0	1-64	0	0	0	1
at North Dakota *	0	1	1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Western Illinois	DNP								
Murray State *	0	3	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at S. Dakota St. *	6	5	11	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
Southern Ill. *	5	4	9	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
Northern Iowa *	4	6	10	1.0-5	1-75	0	0	0	1
Drake *	5	2	7	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Montana State *	7	1	8	1.0-2	1-0	0	0	0	0
at South Dakota *	0	3	3	0.0-0	2-35	0	0	0	0
at Montana *	5	6	11	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	49	43	92	2.0-7	8-239	1	0	0	5

2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ NORTH DAKOTA STATE)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
Drake	DNP								
N. Carolina A&T	DNP								
at Arizona	DNP								
at South Dakota	DNP								
Youngstown St.	DNP								
at Indiana St.	DNP								
S. Dakota St.	DNP								
Illinois State	2	1	3	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at W. Illinois	5	1	6	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at S. Illinois	0	2	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	0	0	0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Montana	4	4	8	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Samford	1	1	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Incarinate Word	2	0	2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
S. Dakota St. *	0	4	4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	13	27	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0

2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ NORTH DAKOTA STATE)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
UAlbany	1	0	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Valparaiso *	2	2	4		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Towson	2	0	2		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at North Dakota	2	1	3		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Northern Iowa	5	1	6		1.0-6	0-0	0	0	0
at Illinois State	0	1	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Missouri State	6	2	8		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Indiana State	0	1	1		0.5-0	0-0	0	0	1
at S. Dakota St.	3	1	4		1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0
at Youngstown St.	2	2	4		0.0-0	0-0	1	0	0
South Dakota	1	0	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois *	3	1	4		0.0-0	0-0	1	0	0
E. Tennessee St.	2	2	4		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
James Madison	4	1	5		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Montana State	5	0	5		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Totals	38	15	53		2.5-9	0-0	2	0	2

2020-21 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (@ NORTH DAKOTA STATE)

Opponent	GS	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	FF	FR	PBU
Central Arkansas	1	0	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Youngstown St.	0	0	0		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Southern Ill.	0	0	0		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Missouri St.	1	0	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Illinois State	0	0	0		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
North Dakota	1	1	2		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Northern Ill.	1	0	1		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
S. Dakota St.	1	1	2		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Eastern Wash. *	4	5	9		0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Sam Houston *	4	2	6		1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	13	9	22		1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0



Hunter
ZAMBRANO

OL | 6-5 | 310 | S-Sr. | 6th Yr. (1st at Tech)
Weston, Fla. | University School | Illinois State
Career Games: 30 / Career Starts: 26

57

YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY ENTERING SEASON: 1 | REDSHIRT AVAILABLE: NO

CAREER AWARDS & HONORS

- All-MVFC 2nd-Team (2023, Jr.)
- MVFC Offensive Lineman of the Week (9/26/2023, Jr.)
- MVFC Offensive Lineman of the Week (9/12/2023, Jr.)

2025 (SUPER SENIOR)

• Joined the Red Raiders prior to spring practices as a mid-year enrollee ... will have one season of eligibility at Texas Tech ... will be a sixth-year, utilizing the NCAA blanket waiver from the interrupted COVID season in 2020 ... was the Red Raiders first portal commitment in the winter cycle ... rated by ESPN as the No. 5-ranked offensive tackle from the transfer portal and No. 38 portal prospect overall.

PRIOR TO TEXAS TECH

- Began collegiate career in 2020 at Illinois State, playing in 30 career games for the Redbirds with 26 starts, mainly at left tackle ... among the top offensive linemen at the FCS level as a junior in 2023, earning All-MVFC conference honors before suffering a season-ending injury two games into his 2024 senior season ... opted to enter the transfer portal and extend career into a sixth year via the NCAA blanket waiver from the 2020 COVID year.
- Credited with 1,637 offensive snaps over his career by Pro Football Focus with vast majority coming at left tackle (1,585) ... allowed only seven sacks and just 30 pressures over 874 pass blocking opportunities over his career, according to the publication.
- **2024 SEASON (SENIOR at ILLINOIS STATE):** redshirt season ... played in the first two games before suffering a season-ending injury (hip) ... made starts at left tackle at Iowa (8/31) and North Alabama (9/7) ... was previously listed on the preseason All-America first team compiled by Phil Steele entering the year ... was also a nominee for the William V. Campbell Trophy presented by the National Football Foundation.

- **2023 SEASON (JUNIOR at ILLINOIS STATE):** named an All-MVFC second team selection after a standout year ... started all 11 games at left tackle for an offensive line that allowed the fewest sacks in the MVFC ... the Redbirds surrendered just seven sacks as a team, ranking in the top five nationally at the end of the year ... was a two-time MVFC Offensive Lineman of the Week selection.
- Graded out as the team's top offensive lineman at over 90 percent by the coaching staff ... received a 79.3 overall grade by Pro Football Focus, which included an 88.1 grade as a pass blocker ... ranked sixth by the publication as a pass blocker among FCS offensive linemen with at least 300 offensive snaps ... was the 17th highest-graded overall offensive lineman at the FCS level that same season ... credited with only one sack allowed over 381 pass blocking opportunities on the season by PFF ... listed with 686 offensive snaps that season.
- **2022 SEASON (SOPHOMORE at ILLINOIS STATE):** played in eight games with seven starts at left tackle for the Redbirds ... posted the second-highest team grade in six of eight games played ... credited with 473 offensive snaps by Pro Football Focus, allowing only one sack and seven pressures over 257 pass blocking opportunities ... lone sack allowed came in the season opener at Wisconsin (9/3) ... missed three of the final five games of the season.
- **2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN at ILLINOIS STATE):** appeared in nine games as a redshirt freshman while making six starts ... started the final five games of the year and six of the last seven overall at left tackle for the Redbirds ... made his first career start at No. 7 Southern Illinois (9/25) ... totaled 381 offensive snaps according to Pro Football Focus, surrendering three sacks and nine pressures over 184 pass blocking opportunities.
- **2020 SEASON (FRESHMAN at ILLINOIS STATE):** the Redbirds' 2020 season was pushed to the spring of 2021 due to the COVID pandemic ... did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended University High School in Florida ... school is commonly known as University School or simply U-School due to its location on the campus of Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale.
- Two-year varsity starter for the Sharks ... earned second team All-County honors as a senior after helping lead the Sharks to the regional semifinals of the Class 4A RHSAA playoffs ... previously helped push University School to a state championship as a sophomore.
- Listed as a three-star prospect by both Rivals and 247Sports ... chose Illinois State over offers from Charleston Southern, Southern Miss and Jacksonville State, among others.

PERSONAL

- Hunter Zambrano ... born and raised in Weston, Florida ... son of Gus and Heather Zambrano ... has an older brother, Zack.
- Earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois State in interdisciplinary studies ... seeking a graduate certificate in sports communication at Texas Tech.

PARTICIPATION	2020*	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024*	CAREER
GP/GS	0/0	9/6	8/7	11/11	2/2	30/26

* at Illinois State