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2003

PLAYER PROFILES





VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

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BRYAN ADAMS



Redshirt Freshman • Linebacker
6-0 • 220
Pleasantville, N.J.

VILLANOVA: Strong, athletic performer: Will compete for playing time at outside linebacker.

2002: Redshirted.

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL: First team All-State in 2000 and 2001; First team All-Conference in 2000 and 2001; First team All-Pres in 2000 and 2001; Defensive MVP in 2000 and 2001; Led team in tackles as a junior.

PERSONAL: One of seven children of Morgan Adams; Born 7/31/84 in Somers Point, N.J.



DARRELL ADAMS



Sophomore • Defensive End
6-4 • 250
Bayshore, N.Y.

VILLANOVA: All-Conference Candidate; Poised for a breakout year in 2003; Expected to be one of the team's defensive playmakers; Has a good combination of speed and strength.

2002: Tallied 25 solo tackles, 14 assisted stops for 39 total tackles to go with six tackles for loss, four sacks, four quarterback hurries and two pass break-ups; Made one solo tackle versus Rutgers; Registered two solo tackles and one sack at Colgate; Recorded two tackles, one tackle for loss and a sack versus New Hampshire; Made three tackles, including one stop for loss at JMU; Credited with two solo tackles and a pass break-up against Hofstra; Had two tackles and a tackle for loss against Penn; Registered two unassisted tackles, two assisted stops and a tackle for loss against UMass; Tallied four tackles and a sack versus William & Mary; Totaled four tackles, two sacks and a tackle for loss against Rhode Island; Registered three solo stops at Delaware; Recorded three solo tackles and a tackle for loss versus Furman in first round of I-AA playoffs; Had four solo stops and a tackle for loss in semifinal loss to McNeese State.

ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three varsity letters in both football and basketball; All-League as a junior in 1999; All-County as a senior in 2000; Member of NYS Golden 50; Selected to the Outback Steak House Team; 1998 second team All-League in basketball; 1999 All-League in basketball; 2000 All-County in basketball; Owns school record for career rebounds.

PERSONAL: Communications major; Son of Heath Slocum and Brenda Adams; Born 9/16/83 in Jamaica, N.Y.



JOHN ANGELO



Redshirt Freshman • Linebacker
6-0 • 225
Leetonia, Ohio

VILLANOVA: Hard nosed performer who will fight for playing time at linebacker; Has the potential to be a contributor on the defensive side of the ball. **2002:** Redshirted.

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three varsity letters in football for head coach James Vivo; Received three varsity letters in baseball as a pitcher; 2000 and 2001 All-Steel Valley Conference in football; An All-Northeastern Ohio performer in 2001; 2000 and 2001 All-Steel Valley in baseball; Won a state championship in both football and baseball in 2000.

PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; Youngest of two sons of Mike and Debra Angelo; Father, Mike, played football at Miami of Ohio from 1973-77; Grandfather, Lou, played football at Youngstown College in the mid-1940's; Uncle, Lou, played football at North Carolina from 1969-73 and also played for the New York Stars of the World Football League from 1973-74; Uncle, Jerry, played football at Miami of Ohio from 1967-71 and is currently the General Manager of the Chicago Bears; Uncle, John, played football at Tulane from 1981-85; Born 6/8/84 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

ADAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES				INT.	SACKS	PASS BRUP	FUMBLE FR	FF
		UT	AT	TT	TFL					
2001										
2002	13	25	14	39	6.0	0	4.0	2	0	0
Totals	13	25	14	39	6.0	0	4.0	2	0	0



Darrell Adams

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MATT BAUMBACH

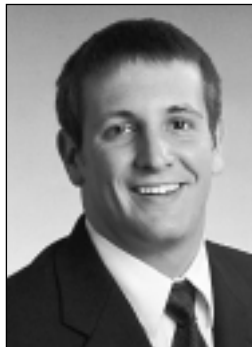


Senior • Offensive Line
6-4 • 285
Acworth, Ga.

VILLANOVA: Experienced performer who has a good grasp of the Villanova offense; Will fight for playing time along the offensive line. **2002:** Saw limited playing time as a reserve. **2001:** Saw action as a reserve along the offensive line. **2000:** Saw limited action along the offensive line.

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL: Named second team All-County Atlanta Journal; All-County Marietta Daily Journal; Named starting tackle for Team USA Global Football Championship; Southeast Team-Elite-Gridiron Greats.

PERSONAL: Sociology major; Youngest of four children of Herb and Valerie Baumbach; Born 10/30/81 in Plantation, Fla.



CHRISTOPHER BELL



Junior • Placekicker
5-10 • 170
Lititz, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Loyal performer who will add depth the Villanova kicking game. **2002:** Saw limited playing time. **2001:** Saw limited action.

PERSONAL: Accounting major; Oldest of two children of William and Cheryl Bell; Born 9/25/82 in Lancaster, Pa.



ANDREW BERGGREN



Junior • Offensive Line
6-4 • 290
Groton Long Point, Conn.

VILLANOVA: Extremely hard worker who will fight for playing time along the offensive line; Provides Villanova with size along the line. **2002:** Saw limited playing time. **2001:** Saw limited action.

PERSONAL: Political Science major; One of three children of Rick and Pat Berggren; Born 4/15/83 in Willingboro, N.J.



GREG BISHOP



Sophomore • Linebacker
6-2 • 215
Weston, Fla.

VILLANOVA: Expected to battle for a starting spot at linebacker; Possesses good quickness; Has good athleticism. **2002:** Tallied three tackles on the season; Credited with two tackles at UMass; Had one stop in win over Hofstra. **2001:** Played in five games tallying six unassisted tackles and two assisted tackles; Had three solo stops in win over UMass; Tallied two tackles at New Hampshire; Credited with one solo and one assist at Hofstra; Made two stops at William & Mary.

WESTON HIGH SCHOOL: 1999-2000 All-Broward County at linebacker; Western High School Player of the Year in 2000; Tallied 77 tackles in 2000, including 14 tackles for a loss, three sacks and two fumble recoveries; Blocked two PATs, one field goal and one punt.

PERSONAL: Political Science major; Older of two boys of Gregory and Betty Bishop; Born 4/29/82 in Hollywood, Fla.

BISHOP'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES				INT.	SACKS	PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL				FR	FF
2001	5	6	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	5	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	9	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	0



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BAYLEN BOTTS



Senior • Defensive Tackle
6-3 • 245
East Hampton, N.J.

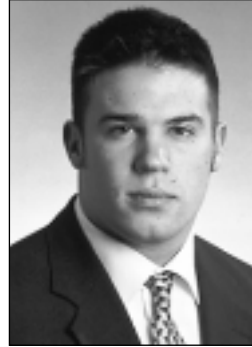
VILLANOVA: Hard worker who gives maximum effort on each play; Experienced performer who is expected to start along the defensive line; Fundamentally sound player. **2002:** Tallied 17 solo stops, 12 assisted tackles for 29 total stops to go with three sacks and two tackles for loss; Made two solo tackles and two assisted stops in season opener at Rutgers; Had one solo tackle against Maine; Recorded one tackle and a sack versus New Hampshire; Tallied two tackles and a sack against Hofstra; Made one tackle against both Penn and UMass; Made a season-high seven tackle and a tackle for loss in win over William & Mary; Registered four solo tackles and an assisted stop at Northeastern; Totaled two tackles and a _ sack versus Delaware; Made two solo tackles against Furman in first round of I-AA playoffs. **2001:** Tallied 22 tackles, four tackles for a loss and four sacks; Registered three tackles, two tackles for a loss and a sack at Richmond; Had one tackle, a tackle for a loss, a pass break-up and a sack in an overtime win over James Madison; Made one solo stop versus New Haven; Recorded two tackles and 1/2 sack versus UMass; Made two solo tackles at New Hampshire; Credited with two stops at Hofstra; Amassed three tackles, one tackle for a loss and a sack against Delaware; Registered five tackles and a sack in season finale at William & Mary. **2000-** Played in five games, tallying nine tackles and two quarterback sacks; Suffered a broken leg in practice on Oct. 10; Had one solo tackle versus Rutgers; Recorded his first career sack in win over Millersville; Registered one solo tackle and one quarterback sack versus Norfolk State; Credited with two stops in loss at James Madison. **1999:** Redshirted.

RANOCAS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Team Captain; Named second team All-County and All-State; 1998 first team All-South Jersey selection; Recognized as an NJFCA Super 100; Tallied 85 tackles and 10 sacks in senior season; Named to *Who's Who in High School Sports*.

PERSONAL: Management major; Son of Bernard and Rosemarie Botts; Born 1/13/81 in Hurlburt, Fla.

BOTTS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES			TFL	INT.	SACKS	PASS	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT				BRUP	FR	FF
1999										
		<i>Redshirted</i>								
2000	5	2	7	9	0-0	0	2	0	1	0
2001	9	11	11	22	4.5	0	4.5	0	0	0
2002	14	17	12	29	2.5	0	3.0	0	0	0
Totals	28	30	30	60	7.0	0	9.5	0	1	0



BRIAN BOYSON



Sophomore • Defensive Back
6-0 • 205
Norfolk, Mass.

VILLANOVA: Will add depth to the Villanova secondary. **2002:** Saw limited action.

PERSONAL: Business major; Older of two children of Brian and Arcilla Boyson; Born 3/28/84.



Baylen Botts

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RYAN BREEDEN



Senior • Defensive Back
5-11 • 215
Mayfield Village, Ohio

VILLANOVA: Will battle for a starting spot; Intense performer with a strong work-ethic; Earned a scholarship after beginning his career as a walk-on. **2002:** Tallied 16 tackles and a sack; Had two solo tackles and an assisted stop versus Rutgers; Credited with one solo tackle at Colgate; Had one solo stop versus Maine; Tallied three solo tackles against UNH; Made two tackles at JMU; Registered one stop each against UMass, Rhode Island and Furman; Recorded an assisted tackle versus McNeese State in the semifinal round of the playoffs. **2001:** Played in all 11 games and recorded 27 tackles, three pass break-ups, one tackle for a loss and one interception; Had one solo stop versus Colgate; Registered four tackles versus Northeastern; Made one solo tackle and one assisted tackle at Richmond; Recorded one solo stop versus JMU; Amassed three solo stops versus New Haven; Made one tackle at Maine; Credited with one stop against UMass; Tallied one tackle for a loss and first career interception versus New Hampshire; Made a season-high 11 stops to go with one pass break-up versus Hofstra; **2000:** Saw limited action.

PERSONAL: Business major; One of three children of Chuck and Debbi Breeden; Born 7/22/82 in Cleveland, Ohio.



MARVIN BURROUGHS



Redshirt Freshman • Quarterback
6-1 • 180
Atlantic City, N.J.

VILLANOVA: Will compete for the starting quarterback spot; Possesses a strong arm and good mobility. **2002:** Redshirted.

ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three varsity letters in football for head coach Bob Weiss, as well as two letters in basketball and one in track & field; Received first team All-Conference honors in 2000 and 2001; Named to the All-South Jersey first team in both 2000 and 2001; A two-time first team All-Group performer; Earned second team All-State accolades in 2000 and 2001; Two-time Conference Player of the Year; Amassed 1,696 yards passing and 16 touchdowns as a senior; A member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL: Business major; Oldest of two sons of Marvin and Jodi Burroughs; Born 10/7/83 in Atlantic City, N.J.

BREEDEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES				TFL	INT.	SACKS	PASS		FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT	BRUP				FR	FF		
2000	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2001	11	21	6	27	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	
2002	9	12	4	16	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	21	33	11	44	1	1	1.0	3	0	0	0	



Ryan Breeden



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JAMIL BUTLER



Junior • Defensive End
6-2 • 240
Norristown, Pa.

VILLANOVA: All-Conference Candidate; Named pre-season second team All-Atlantic 10; Heart and

soul of the Villanova defense; Will be a playmaker for the Wildcat defensive unit; Plays with great passion and energy. **2002:** Started all 15 games and had 68 tackles, nine tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks, two pass break-ups and a fumble recovery; Had five tackles in season opener at Rutgers; Tallied five tackles and a tackle for loss at Colgate; Recorded five tackles and a pass break-up versus Maine; Registered three tackles, a tackle for loss and a sack versus UNH; Made five tackles and a tackle for loss at JMU; Credited with two solo stops versus Hofstra; Totaled three tackles and a sack against Penn; Amassed six tackles, a tackle for loss and a sack at UMass; Made three solo stops versus William & Mary; Registered eight solo tackles, one assisted tackle and a tackle for loss at Northeastern; Was dominant versus Rhode Island with five tackles, a tackle for loss, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a pass break-up; Recorded three solo tackles at Delaware; Tallied six tackles and a tackle for loss against Furman; Made one solo tackle against Fordham; Registered two solo tackles at McNeese State.

2001: Played in all 11 games registering 55 tackles, six tackles for a loss, a team-high tying six and a half sacks and two fumble recoveries; Recorded four tackles, two tackles for a loss and one sack in season opener versus Colgate; Tallied three tackles, one tackle for a loss and one fumble recovery against Northeastern; Made 12 total tackles at Richmond; Had two solo stops against James Madison; Recorded three solo stops versus New haven; Credited with three solo tackles and a tackle for a loss at Maine; Amassed two tackles, one tackle for a loss, one sack and one fumble recovery against UMass; Registered two tackles, one sack and a pass break-up versus New Hampshire; Credited with 11 tackles, one tackle for a loss and one and a half sacks at Hofstra; Had two tackles, a sack and a pass break-up against Delaware; Posted four solo stops at William & Mary. **2000:** Redshirted. **NORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL:** Tri-Captain; Team Co-MVP; First team All-League; First team All-Area Times Herald & Montgomery Post; Times Herald Defensive Player of the Week; Tallied 135 tackles in his senior season.

PERSONAL: Communications major; Son of Jeffrey and Deborah Butler; Born 6/28/82 in Norristown, Pa.

JAMIL BUTLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES					INT.	SACKS	PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL	FR				FF	
2000											
2001	11	28	27	55	6.0	0	6.5	1	2	0	
2002	15	42	26	68	9.0	0	4.5	2	1	0	
Totals	26	70	53	123	15.0	0	11.0	3	3	0	



TERRY BUTLER



Junior • Running Back
6-1 • 195
Syracuse, N.Y.

VILLANOVA: All-Conference Candidate; Made great improvement in spring drills and looks poised

for a big year in 2003; Strong runner with good pass catching skills; Possesses a good combination of size and strength. **2002:** Had 202 carries for 868 yards (4.3 yards per rush) and nine touchdowns to go with 36 receptions for 311 yards and three scores; Finished second on the team in scoring with 72 points; Tallied first career 100-yard rushing game with 21 carries for 121 yards and a touchdown; Recorded 19 carries for 48 yards and a score to go with six receptions for 103 yards and a touchdown at Colgate; Carried 13 times for 48 yards and a touchdown versus Maine; Recorded 95 yards on 18 rushes and two touchdowns versus UNH; Carried 18 times for 64 yards and had three catches for 16 yards at JMU; Recorded 17 rushes for 91 yards versus Hofstra; Totaled 30 yards on 13 carries versus Penn; Registered 11 carries for 17 yards and a touchdown to go with four receptions for 14 yards at UMass; Had 14 rushes for 73 yards and two catches for 30 yards and a score against William & Mary; Totaled 53 yards on 14 carries and 44 receiving yards on six receptions against Northeastern; Tallied 11 carries for 70 yards and a score and five catches for 35 yards versus Furman; Recorded 19 carries for 81 yards and a score to go with three catches for 33 yards and a touchdown versus Furman; Registered 65 rushing yards on 12 carries and a score to go with two catches for 32 yards at McNeese State. **2001:** Carried 10 times for 59 yards for a 5.9 yards per carry average; Had one carry for one yard at Maine; Tallied two rushes for eight yards versus Massachusetts; Registered two carries for 29 yards including a career-long 25 yard gain at New Hampshire; Recorded four rushes for 21 yards at Hofstra; Had one rush for no yards versus Delaware.

HENNINGS HIGH SCHOOL: 2000 first team All-Conference; 2000 Conference Player of the Year; Rushed for a career record 5,688 yards; Set a single season school and Section III record with 2,010 rushing yards.

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; Son of Terry Butler and Karen Anderson; Born 8/2/82 in Syracuse, N.Y.



Terry Butler

TERRY BUTLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	RUSHING					RECEIVING			
		ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	
2001	7	10	59	5.9	0	0	0	0.0	0	
2002	14	202	868	4.3	9	36	311	8.6	3	
Totals	21	212	927	4.4	9	36	311	8.6	3	

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JOE CASAMENTO



Sophomore • Quarterback
6-0 • 190
Fabius, N.Y.

VILLANOVA: Will battle for the starting quarterback spot; Tough competitor with a good grasp of the Wildcat offense; Hard worker who has good mobility. **2002:** Served as Brett Gordon's back-up and completed 2-of-4 for 13 yards with all four attempts versus Rhode Island. **2001:** Redshirted.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY: 1999-2000 *USA Today* All-America honorable mention; 1999-2000 All-State first team; 1999-2000 All-League first team; Member of NYS Golden 50; Prep Star All-Region; Owns NY State record for most yards passing in a single season with 2,767; Tallied 5,017 career passing yards, 1,400 career rushing yards and 53 career passing touchdowns.

PERSONAL: Communications major; Older of two children of Joseph and Sandra Casamento; Father was on the rowing team and football team at Syracuse; Born 7/24/82 in Syracuse, N.Y.

CASAMENTO'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	PASSING						
		ATT	COMP	INT.	YDS.	TD	LONG	EFFIC
2001								
2002	3	4	2	0	13	0	8	77.30
Totals	3	4	2	0	13	0	8	77.30



Joe Casamento



NOBLE CHAMPEN



Junior • Wide Receiver
6-3 • 200
Oneonta, N.Y.

VILLANOVA: Slated as a starter at wideout entering pre-season camp; Athletic performer who provides a big target; Has improved each year and looks poised for a breakout year in 2003. **2002:** Recorded 29 receptions for 399 yards; Had one catch for three yards at Rutgers; Made one grab for 10 yards at Colgate; Tallied three catches for 51 yards against Maine; Pulled-down four catches for 59 yards versus UNH; Recorded a career-high nine catches for 58 at JMU; Had two receptions for 23 yards versus Hofstra; Tallied one catch for eight yards versus Penn; Recorded one catch for three yards against UMass; Made two receptions for 44 yards versus William & Mary; Registered five receptions for a career-high 140 yards including a career-high 57-yard reception at McNeese State in the semifinal round of the NCAA playoffs. **2001:** Made seven tackles as a special teams player. **2000:** Redshirted.

ONEONTA HIGH SCHOOL: Earned All-Metro/All-star honors during his senior year; Named Honorable Mention for basketball.

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; Youngest of five children of James Boykin and Doronda Champen; Born 4/28/82 in Bronx, N.Y.

CHAMPEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
2000									
2002	14	29	399	13.8	0	2	18	9.0	0
Totals	14	29	399	13.8	0	2	18	9.0	0



Noble Champen



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MATT CHILA



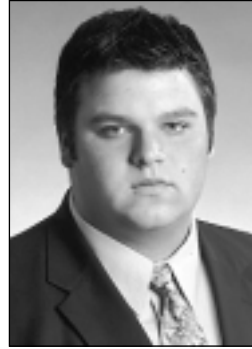
Senior • Tight End
6-3 • 250
Ocean City, N.J.

VILLANOVA: All-American Candidate; Named pre-season first team All-Atlantic 10; Named to the

Sports Network Pre-season Honorable Mention All-America Team; Top tight end in the Atlantic 10 Conference; Possesses good hands; Good blocker who has a great grasp of the Villanova offense. **2002:** Received first team All-Atlantic 10 Conference honors; Garnered All-ECAC honorable mention accolades; Tallied 48 catches for 514 yards and five touchdowns; Tallied three catches for 28 yards against Rutgers; Made four catches for 32 yards and a score versus Maine; Had three receptions for 44 yards against UNH; Registered five catches for 48 yards and a score at JMU; Tallied two receptions for 19 yards versus Hofstra; Made two catches for 12 yards versus Penn; Recorded three receptions for 17 yards at UMass; Grabbed two receptions for 14 yards versus William & Mary; Recorded two catches for 39 yards versus Northeastern; Made one catch for 12 yards and a score versus Rhode Island; Had one catch for 23 yards at Delaware; Recorded six receptions for 45 yards and a score against Furman; Made five receptions for 44 yards against Fordham, Totaled three receptions for 42 yards and a score versus McNeese State. **2001:** Second team All-Atlantic 10; Recorded 15 receptions for 136 yards and three touchdowns; Tallied three receptions for 23 yards versus Northeastern; Had one catch for five yards against JMU; Made four catches for 25 yards including a four-yard touchdown reception versus Maine; Recorded one catch for 28 yards against UMass; Recorded two catches for 27 yards and one touchdown at New Hampshire; Made two catches for 11 yards versus at Hofstra; Tallied two catches for 17 yards including an 11-yard touchdown catch in season finale at William & Mary. **2000:** Started all 11 games as a true freshman, making nine receptions for 100 yards and one score; Made two catches for six yards versus Millersville; Had one catch for 19 yards in win over Maine; Recorded one catch for seven yards versus James Madison; Registered one catch for 18 yards at Northeastern; Caught his first-career touchdown on a 23-yard pass from Scott Lukash in win over UNH; Had one catch for seven yards at UMass; Pulled down two receptions for 20 yards versus William & Mary.

OCEAN CITY HIGH SCHOOL: Team Captain; First team All-Conference; First team All-South Jersey; First team All Area; First team All State Group III; Second team All-State; Named to the 1999 All-Decade team and Second team All-CAL in baseball.

PERSONAL: Communications major; Youngest of three children of Paul and Tina Chila; Born 9/10/81 in Somers Point, NJ.



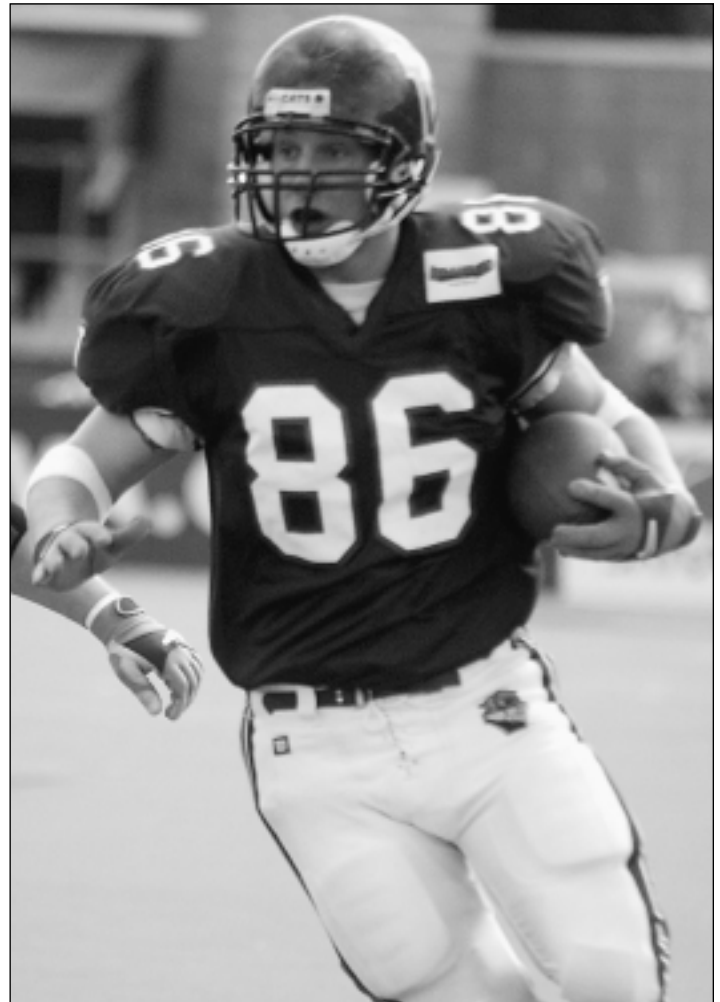
CASEY COSGROVE



Sophomore • Offensive Line
6-3 • 310
San Rafael, Calif.

VILLANOVA: Will add depth to the Villanova offensive line. **2002:** Saw limited action.

PERSONAL: Business major; Son of Terry and Linda Cosgrove; Born 8/9/84.



Matt Chila

CHILA'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	RECEIVING				
	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2000	11	9	100	11.1	1
2001	8	15	136	9.1	3
2002	15	48	514	10.7	5
Totals	34	72	750	10.4	9

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MATT COSTANTINO



Sophomore • Defensive End
6-2 • 250
Abington, Mass.

VILLANOVA: Expected to be the team's long snapper; Will add depth to the Villanova defensive line. **2002:** Saw time as a long snapper.



CLARENCE CURRY



Senior • Cornerback
6-1 • 190
Parsippany, N.J.

VILLANOVA: All-Atlantic 10 Conference Candidate; Experienced performer who will be a key member to the Villanova secondary; Will start at cornerback; Athletic performer with good size. **2002:** Credited with 38 total tackles, two interceptions, nine pass break-ups, one fumble recovery and one tackle for loss; Registered six solo tackles, one assisted tackle and a pass break-up at Rutgers; Recorded one assisted tackle, an interception and a pass break-up versus Colgate; Tallied four tackles and a pass break-up against Maine; Had three solo tackles and a pass break-up versus UNH; Made two solo tackles against Hofstra; Registered two tackles, a tackle for loss and a pass break-up against Penn; Credited with four solo tackles versus William & Mary; Registered six solo stops and a pass break-up against Northeastern; Recorded three solo tackles, one assisted stop and a pass break-up versus Rhode Island; Made two solo tackles against Delaware; Had two solo tackles against Furman; Recorded three tackles against Fordham. **2001:** Registered 32 tackles, 10 pass break-ups and two interceptions; Had one tackle and one pass break-up versus Colgate; Recorded four tackles against Northeastern; Returned an interception 14 yards versus New Haven; Posted five tackles and two pass break-ups at Maine; Had one tackle and one pass break-up versus UMass; Posted four tackles and had a game-saving pass break-up to secure the Villanova win at New Hampshire; Tallied nine tackles in win at Hofstra; Had an interception and a pass break-up against Delaware; Totaled four tackles at William & Mary. **2000:** Saw the majority of his playing time on special teams; Tallied six tackles on the season; Blocked a punt and recovered it in the endzone for a touchdown versus William & Mary.

PARSIPPANY HIGH SCHOOL: Second team All-County; Honorable Mention All-Area; Named to the All-County and All-Area teams by the Daily Record, named All-county by the Star Ledger; Named All-State Group III; Also lettered in track and basketball; Named All-Conference, All-Area, All-County, All Group III States in track during his senior year; Named All-Conference, Second team All-County and Honorable Mention All-Area in basketball.

PERSONAL: Education major; One of three children of Clarence, Jr. and Brenda Curry; Born 12/7/81 in Rochester, Michigan.

COSTANTINO'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES				INT.	SACKS	PASS		FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL			BRUP	FR	FF	
2002	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Totals	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	



Clarence Curry

CURRY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES				INT.	SACKS	PASS		FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL			BRUP	FR	FF	
2000	9	3	3	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	
2001	9	21	11	32	0	2	0	10	0	0	
2002	13	31	7	38	1	2	0	9	1	0	
Totals	31	55	21	76	1	4	0	20	1	0	



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CARMEN DeFRANCESCO



Junior • Defensive Back
6-0 • 210
Danville, Pa.

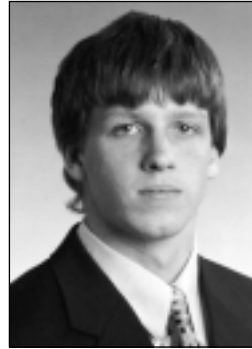
VILLANOVA: Will fight for playing time at safety; Looks healthy entering 2003 after suffering through an injury plagued 2002 campaign; Hard worker with good football instincts. **2002:** Played in four games and had five solo tackles and an assisted tackle; Credited with a solo tackle and an assisted stop versus Rutgers; Made two solo stops against Colgate; Tallied two tackles versus UNH. **2001:** Recorded 10 total tackles; Had one assisted stop versus Colgate; Tallied one solo stop against Northeastern; Posted one solo stop at Maine; Registered one tackle against UMass; Credited with one solo tackle versus New Hampshire; Recorded two solo stops at Hofstra; Made one solo tackle against Delaware; Posted one solo tackle at William & Mary.

DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Four-time All Conference; Three-time Defensive Player of the Year; First team Big School All-State; Region Player of the Year.

PERSONAL: Communications major; Attended same high school as current wildcat Michael Finn; One of three children of Carmen and Karen DeFrancesco; Father played football at Juniata College; Born 8/26/80 in Danville, Pa.

DeFRANCESCO'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES			TFL	INT.	SACKS	PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT					FR	FF
2001	8	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	4	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	14	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	0



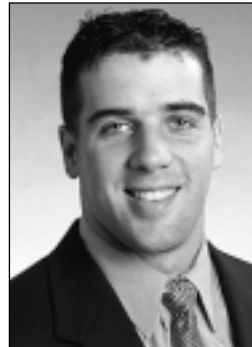
CHRISTOPHER DeMASKEY



Senior • Defensive Back
6-2 • 180
West Chester, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Loyal performer who will add depth to the Villanova secondary. **2002:** Saw limited action; Hard worker who will add depth to the Wildcat secondary. **2001:** Saw limited action.

PERSONAL: Computer Engineering major; One of three children of Michael and Andrea DeMaskey; Born 3/11/82.



JOHN DIESER



Sophomore • Wide Receiver
6-0 • 190
Bethlehem, Pa.



John Dieser

VILLANOVA: Slated as the starter at wide receiver; Runs precise routes; Possesses good hands.

2002: Played in all 15 games and tallied 38 receptions for 531 yards and three scores; Had one catch for nine yards at Rutgers; Made one grab for 42 yards at Colgate; Recorded six receptions for 41 yards versus Maine; Registered one catch for 14 yards versus New Hampshire; Earned Yankee Conference Rookie of the Week honors for his play at James Madison when he tallied six catches for 136 yards and two scores; Pulled-down three receptions for 33 yards against Hofstra; Made three receptions for 49 yards versus Penn; Had one catch for 10 yards at UMass; Totaled two catches for 31 yards and a touchdown versus William & Mary; Recorded two receptions for 34 yards versus Northeastern; Tallied five receptions for 77 yards at Delaware; Had one catch for 12 yards versus Furman; Made four receptions for 20 yards against Fordham; Recorded two receptions for 20 yards versus McNeese State. **2001:** Redshirted.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three varsity letters in football, two in track and one in basketball; 2000 first team All-State; 1999 Prep Star All-Region Team...Named to the Big 33 in 2000...1999-2000 first team All-Area wide receiver and defensive back; 1999-2000 first team All-Conference wide receiver and defensive back; Earned Athlete of the Year honors by the North End Wanderers; Won a silver medal in the 4x100 relay at the state meet in 2001.

PERSONAL: Business major; Youngest of four children of John and Susan Dieser; Brother Brian is a member of the Georgetown golf team; Born 12/26/82 in Chicago, Ill.

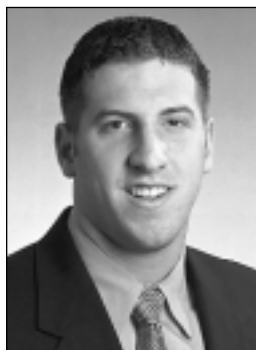
DIESER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	RECEIVING			
		REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2001		38	531	14.0	3
		<i>Redshirted</i>			
Totals	15	38	531	14.0	3

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



PLAYER PROFILES



PHIL DIGIACOMO



Junior • Running Back
6-1 • 215
Doylestown, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Experienced performer who will start at fullback; Good receiver out of the backfield;

Hard runner with a good feel for the game. **2002:** Recorded 176 yards rushing on 33 carries (5.3 yards per carry) and five touchdowns to go with 24 receptions for 180 yards and two scores; Tallied four carries for 34 yards and a touchdown and three receptions for 45 yards and a score at Rutgers; Credited with four rushes for 14 yards and two catches for nine yards at Colgate; Had 12 yards on one carry against Maine; Registered three carries for 35 yards and two receptions for 20 yards versus New Hampshire; Had two rushes for 21 yards versus JMU; Made two catches for 11 yards and a touchdown versus Hofstra; Tallied five carries for 15 yards and three receptions for 16 yards versus Penn; Made one catch for 25 yards against William & Mary; Recorded five carries for 25 yards and a score and one catch for eight yards against Rhode Island; Totaled two rushes for nine yards and a touchdown and two catches for 31 yards at McNeese State. **2001:** Had 10 carries for 44 yards and 12 receptions for 115 yards and one touchdown; Carried three times for 13 yards and had six receptions for 45 yards versus New Haven; Recorded two rushes for 12 yards and three receptions for 57 yards at Maine; Posted five carries for 19 yards and two receptions for eight yards including his first touchdown on a two-yard catch against UMass; Made one reception for five yards at New Hampshire.

CENTRAL BUCKS WEST HIGH SCHOOL: 2000 first team All-State; 2000 All-League; 2000 Maxwell Award winner; Named to the Dick Butkus Weekly Honor Roll; 2000 *Philadelphia Inquirer* Suburban Player of the Year; Senior year stats included 1,416 yards rushing, 489 yards receiving and 410 passing yards; Earned high honors in 1998-2000.

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; Oldest of three children of Phil and Joann DiGiacomo; Father, Phil, played defensive end at Villanova and was captain of the 1977 team; Cousin, Rick Gibney, was a defensive tackle at Georgia Tech and Uncle, Don Cligget, played safety at Kansas State; Born 11/20/82 in Abington, Pa.

DIGIACOMO'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	RUSHING				RECEIVING			
		ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2001	7	10	44	4.4	0	12	115	9.6	1
2002	14	33	183	5.3	5	24	180	7.5	2
Totals	21	43	227	5.3	5	36	295	8.2	3



JAMES DUBENETSKY



Redshirt Freshman • Defensive Tackle
6-4 • 240
Poway, Calif.

VILLANOVA: Will fight for playing time along the defensive line; Has the potential to be a quality

Atlantic 10 performer. **2002:** Redshirted.

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL: Earned two varsity letters in both football and basketball; Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2001; Received first team All-Eastern League honors; Team captain as a senior in 2001; Totaled 22 sacks during his high school career; Union Tribune All-Academic Team.

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; Younger of two sons of John and Liz Dubenetsky; Father, John, played at Notre Dame from 1973-77; Grandfather, Paul, played quarterback from Temple from 1948-51; Born 12/12/83 in Huntington Beach, Calif.



Phil DiGiacomo



VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



KINGSLEY ECHEMA



Junior • Defensive Back
5-9 • 175
Hawthorne, Calif.

VILLANOVA: Will battle for a starting position at cornerback; Athletic performer who has good football skills; Valuable special teams performer. **2002:** Made 14 solo stops and one assisted tackle; Had two solo stops against Rutgers; Tallied one solo and one assisted stop at Colgate; Recorded one solo tackle versus Maine; Registered one assisted tackle Penn; Had one solo tackle versus William & Mary; Totaled three solo tackle versus Rhode Island; Credited with solo stop against Delaware; Made one solo tackle against Furman, Fordham and McNeese State.

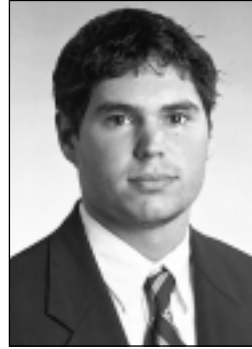
PERSONAL: Sociology major; Youngest of three children of Joe and Charity Echema; Born 12/3/82 in Lagos, Calif.

ECHEMA'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES				INT.	SACKS	PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL				FR	FF
2002	11	14	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	14	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0



Kingsley Echema



HEATH EVANS



Junior • Quarterback
6-0 • 205
Tulsa, Okla.

VILLANOVA: Loyal performer who will add depth to the Villanova quarterback spot. **2002:** Saw limited action. **2001:** Saw limited action.

PERSONAL: Chemistry major; Oldest of two children of Dr. Bill and Dr. Barbara Evans; Born 5/19/82 in Tulsa, Okla.



CARMEN FALCONE



Senior • Defensive Tackle
6-2 • 250
Collegeville, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Will fight for playing time along the defensive line; Possesses good strength. **2002:** Made two solo tackles and two assisted stops. **2001:** Tallied 11 tackles, one tackle for a loss and two and a half sacks on the season; Had one solo stop at Richmond; Tallied one tackle versus James Madison; Credited with one stop versus New Haven; Recorded one tackle, one tackle for a loss, and one half a sack against New Hampshire. **2000:** As a true freshman, he registered four solo tackles, three assisted stops, seven total tackles, one tackle for a loss, one forced fumble and two sacks; Credited with one solo tackle against Rutgers; Tallied two tackles and one sack in win over Norfolk State; Had a tackle for a loss versus Maine; Posted one solo stop versus Richmond; Registered two tackles, one tackle for a loss, and a forced fumble at UMass.

PERKIOMEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: First team All-Conference offense and defense; MVP PAC 10; Butera Athletic Award; Lettered one year in track and lacrosse.

PERSONAL: Communications major; Oldest of three children of Anthony and Kathy Falcone; Grandfather played football for University of Pennsylvania; Born 10/30/81 in Norristown, Pa.

FALCONE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES				INT.	SACKS	PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL				FR	FF
2000	5	4	3	7	1	0	2	0	0	1
2001	4	3	1	4	0	0	0.5	0	0	0
2002	3	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	12	9	6	15	1	0	2.5	0	1	1

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



PLAYER PROFILES



MIKE FINN



Senior • Offensive Line
6-2 • 280
Danville, Pa.

VILLANOVA: All-Conference Candidate; Returning as the starting center for the third-straight year; Earned pre-season second team All-Atlantic 10 distinction; Hard worker who possesses good strength. **2002:** Earned third team All-Atlantic 10 honors; Started all 15 games at center. **2001:** Saw limited action due to a knee injury. **2000:** Started at center for the injured Robert Richardson in the first three games of the year versus Rutgers, Millersville, and Norfolk State.

DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: First team Big School All-State; PFN First team AAA team; Central Susquehanna Conference Offensive and Defensive Lineman of the year; Also lettered in track and wrestling; District and league champ in the shot put.

PERSONAL: Political Science major; Attended same high school as current Wildcat Carmen DeFrancesco; Youngest of three children of Jerome and Karen Finn; Born 1/25/82 in Danville, Pa.



JOHN FINNERAN



Redshirt Freshman • Offensive Line
6-6 • 280
Coto de Caza, Calif.

VILLANOVA: Will fight for playing time at tackle; Slated as the back-up entering pre-season practice; Possesses good size and strength. **2002:** Redshirted

SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three varsity letters in football for head coach Jim Hartigan; Three-year starter on the offensive line; Two-time All-Serra League; Named to the Gridiron Greats Elite Team in 2001; Received All-Orange County honors in 2001; Named to the *Superprep Magazine* and *PrepStar Magazine* All-Region Teams; Starter in the second annual Los Angeles versus Orange County All-Star Game.

PERSONAL: Business major; Oldest of five children of John and Dena Finneran; Born 7/18/84 in Washington D.C.



Mike Finn



CHRISTIAN GADDIS



Redshirt Freshman • Offensive Line
6-2 • 275
N. Miami Beach, Fla.

VILLANOVA: Versatile performer who can play guard and center; Good athlete with a wealth of potential; Will battle for playing time along the offensive line. **2002:** Redshirted

MIAMI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL: Earned varsity letters in football, basketball and lacrosse; Named to the All-Conference Team as a senior; Team MVP in 2001; A first team All-Dade County football performer in 2000 and 2001; Named second team All-State in both 2000 and 2001; Totaled 232 tackles, 16 sacks, 10 forced fumbles and seven fumble recoveries during his high school career.

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; One of two sons of Dwayne and Patricia Gaddis; Born 10/5/84 in Jacksonville, Fla.



VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



PETER GALLO



Sophomore • Linebacker
5-10 • 205
Woodbridge, Conn.

VILLANOVA: Hard worker who will add depth at linebacker. **2002:** Saw limited playing time.



JACOB GARNER



Junior • Offensive Line
6-4 • 300
Vass, N.C.

VILLANOVA: Expected to start at tackle; Fundamentally sound player with good size. **2002:** Saw limited playing time after transferring from Rutgers after week one of the season.



MARTIN "MOE" GIBSON



Sophomore • Running Back
5-10 • 185
District Heights, Md.

VILLANOVA: All-Conference Candidate; Talented performer with game-breaking ability; Strong runner who has good quickness; Named pre-season second team All-Atlantic 10 return specialist. **2002:** Set a Villanova school record for highest average per play at 18.6 yards per play versus Furman in the first round of the I-AA playoffs; Tallied 333 yards rushing on 69 carries (4.8 yards per rush) and five touchdowns, 15 receptions for 189 yards and a score and 35 kickoffs for 817 yards and a touchdown; Had two kickoff returns for 33 yards versus Maine; Recorded eight carries for 31 yards and one kickoff return for 29 yards against New Hampshire; Credited with three kickoff returns for 61 yards at JMU; Had one kickoff return for 38 yards versus Hofstra; Registered three rushes for 19, one reception for 19 yards and two kickoff returns for 41 yards at UMass; Tallied 12 rushes for a career-high 109 yards and first career score to go with two kickoffs for 57 yards against William & Mary; Totaled five kickoffs for 94 yards at Northeastern; Had 11 carries for 58 yards and a touchdown, three catches for 63 yards and a kickoff for 55 yards against Rhode Island; Recorded 12 carries for 55 yards and two scores, four receptions for 32 yards and five kickoff returns for 52 yards at Delaware; Amassed six rushes for 29 yards, two receptions for 16 yards and five kickoff returns for 197 yards including a 96-yard return for a touchdown; Registered 11 carries for 24 yards, two catches for 38 yards and two kickoffs for 29 yards versus Fordham; Tallied two rushes for six yards, two receptions for 17 yards and five kickoff returns for 95 yards at McNeese State.

Central High School: Lettered three times in both football and basketball, and once in track; Wyoming Seminary Offensive MVP; Resume includes All-League, All-Metro, All-County and All-State accolades; Named to the Gridiron Greats Team in 2001; Set school records for most yards in a game (284), most yards in a season (1,140), most touchdowns in a game (5), and most touchdowns in a season (14).

PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; One of seven children of Charles Gibson and Letitia Hackett; Born 3/11/83 in Washington D.C.



Martin Gibson

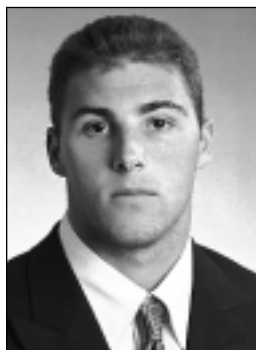
GIBSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	RUSHING				RECEIVING			
		ATT	Yds	AVG	TD	REC	Yds	AVG	TD
2002	14	69	333	4.8	5	15	189	12.6	1
Totals	14	69	333	4.8	5	15	189	12.6	1

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



PLAYER PROFILES

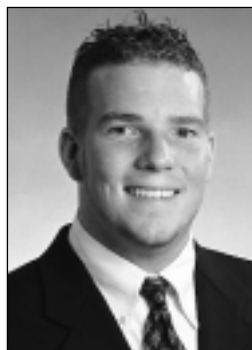


KEVIN HAMES



Freshman • Linebacker
6-0 • 215
Westlake Village, Calif.

VILLANOVA: Hard worker who will add depth at linebacker.



JOE HEINMILLER



Junior • Defensive End
6-0 • 225
Eden Prairie, Minn.

VILLANOVA: Loyal performer who will add depth to the defensive line. **2002:** Saw limited playing time. **2001:** Saw limited action.

PERSONAL: Business major; One of four children of John and Julie Heinmiller; Born 8/4/82.



NOAH HOFFMAN



Senior • Placekicker
6-3 • 210
Lewisburg, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Expected to handle the kickoff duties for the Wildcats; Loyal performer who possesses a strong leg. **2002:** Handled the kickoff duties in all 15 games.

LEWISBURG HIGH SCHOOL: Owns school record 51-yard field goal; Advanced to state tennis tournament in doubles as a junior and senior; 2000 district tennis doubles champion; 1999 district tennis runner-up.

PERSONAL: Electrical Engineering major; Member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Dean's List; Oldest of three children of Daniel and Marsha Hoffman; Born 1/13/82.



RHUDY HOLLY



Sophomore • Defensive End
6-3 • 230
Upper Marlboro, Md.

VILLANOVA: Hard worker who will add depth to the Villanova defensive line. **2002:** Saw limited playing time.

PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; Younger of two children of Jerry and Pam Holly; Born 1/1/83.



VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



BRIAN HULEA



Sophomore • Linebacker
6-2 • 235
Canfield, Ohio

VILLANOVA: All-Conference Candidate; Slated as the starter at linebacker; Named pre-season first team All-Atlantic 10; Hard hitter who plays with great intensity.

2002: Played in 11 games and tallied 70 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, four sacks, two pass break-ups, two quarterback hurries and an interception; Missed the Delaware game and all three playoff games due to mononucleosis; Made three tackles and a tackle for loss versus Rutgers; Had a team-high right tackles at Colgate; Credited with eight tackles and a forced fumble versus Maine; Tallied six tackles, a sack and a tackle for loss versus New Hampshire; Recorded eight solo stops and a tackle for loss at JMU; Made five unassisted tackles, two assisted stops and an interception versus Hofstra; Registered nine total stops, two sacks and a tackle for loss against Penn; Amassed seven solo stops, two assisted tackles and a sack at UMass; Made 10 tackles and two tackles for loss versus William & Mary; Totaled seven solo tackles and a tackle for loss at Northeastern. **2001:** Redshirted. **CANFIELD HIGH SCHOOL:** Two-time League Defensive Player of the Year; NEO District Defensive Player of the Year; First Team All-Ohio; All-time leader for tackles in a career, tackles in a season and tackles in a game; First Team All-League in basketball; Second Team All-District in basketball; Honorable Mention All-Ohio for basketball; Fifth all-time leading rebounder at Canfield.

PERSONAL: Education major; One of three children of Nick and Nancy Hulea; Father played football at Heidelberg (Ohio) College; Born 12/8/82 in Canton, Ohio.

HULEA'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES			TFL	INT.	SACKS	PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT					FR	FF
2001										
2002	11	52	18	70	10	1	4	2	0	0
Totals	11	52	18	70	10	1	4	2	0	0



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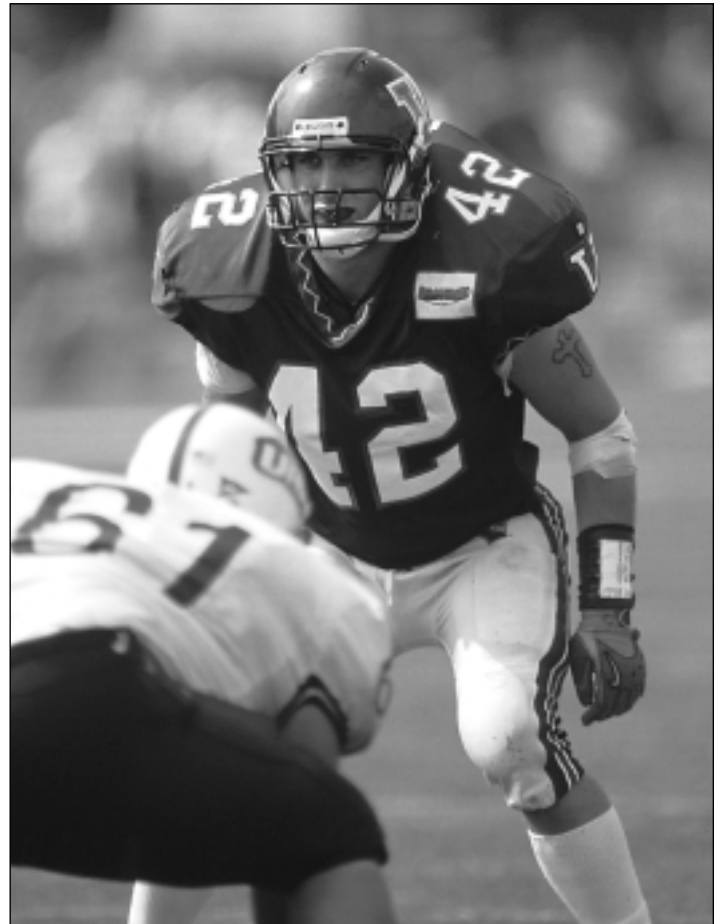
Sophomore • Defensive Back
5-11 • 175
Chalfont, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Hard worker who has good speed; Will add depth to the Villanova secondary.

2002: Saw limited playing time. **2001:** Redshirted.

CENTRAL BUCKS WEST HIGH SCHOOL: Suburban I first team for offense and defense; 2001 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award winner; U.S. Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete Award winner; 2001 Suburban I first team track for 100m; 2001 Suburban I honorable mention for 200m; Owns second fastest 100m time in school history at 10.8; Four-year honor student.

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; Oldest of three children of Edward and Luann Ingram; Born 10/6/82 in Philadelphia, Pa.



Brian Hulea

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



PLAYER PROFILES



ADAM JAMES



Sophomore • Punter/Place kicker
5-10 • 170
Marietta, Ga.

VILLANOVA: Leading candidate to serve as both the team's punter and place kicker; Possesses a

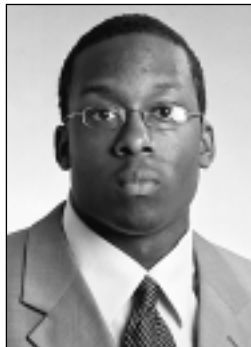
strong leg and a good understanding of the kicking game. **2002:** Led the team in scoring with 88 points; Set a Villanova freshman record for points in a season with 88; Made 11-of-19 field goals and 55-of-59 PATs; Tallied 56 punts for 2,026 yards (36.2 yards per punt), including eight inside the 20; Made a 21-yard field goal and had four punts for 159 yards (39.8) at Rutgers; Went 2-of-2 in field goal attempts and had three punts for 88 yards (29.3) at Colgate; Missed all four field goal attempts and averaged 35.2 yards per punt, including three punts inside the 20-yard line versus Maine; Made a career-long 37-yard field goal against New Hampshire; Averaged 39.5 yards per punt and went 1-for-2 in field goal attempts versus JMU; Registered five punts for 145 yards for a 29.0 yards per punt average against Hofstra; Connected on a 23-yard field goal and recorded eight punts for 253 yards; Made good on 1-of-2 field goal attempts and had five punts for 162 yards (32.4 yards per punt) including two inside the 20-yard line at UMass; Tallied two punts for 95 yards, including a career-long 5-yarder at Northeastern; Made a 24-yard field goal and registered four punts for 217 yards for a 43.4 yards per punt average; Credited with three punts for 100 yards and was 1-of-2 in field goal attempts at Delaware; Went 1-of-2 in field goal attempts and had three punts for 121 yards, including a 44-yarder against Furman; Connected on a 27-yard field goal and had four punts for 151 yards including a 45-yarder; Registered four punts for 166 yards, including a 49-yard punt. **2001:** Redshirted.

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL: First Team All-State punter by Associated Press and Atlanta Journal; First Team Academic All-State place kicker by *Georgia Prep Magazine*; First Team All-County place kicker/punter by *Atlanta Journal Marietta Journal*; First Team All-Metro punter by TV33; Region 5-AAAAA Scholar Athlete of the Year; Georgia High School All-Star; National Football Foundation Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete; Scholastic All-American by U.S. Navy/ National High School Athletic Coaches Association; Four-year letterman; First player to start every game all four years; Owns 14 school records; Had a career-high 48-yard field goal and 63-yard punt.

PERSONAL: Business major; Oldest of three children of Larry and Sherry James; Father played soccer at Mercer University; Attended same high school as Villanova senior Matt Baumbach and junior Jeremy Morgan; Born 7/13/83 in Marietta, Ga.

JAMES' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	KICKING		PUNTING					
	FGM-A	XPM-A	No.	Yds	Avg.	LG	TB	I20
2001			<i>Redshirted</i>					
2002	11-19	55-59	56	2026	36.2	50	2	8
Totals	11-19	55-59	56	2026	36.2	50	2	8



AARON JONES



Redshirt Freshman • Running Back
5-11 • 185
Wilkesburg, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Will add depth to the Villanova

backfield; Possesses good vision and cutting ability. **2002:** Redshirted

WILKESBURG HIGH SCHOOL: Received first team All-Conference honors as a junior; Named to the Who's Who Among High School Sports; Earned Fabulous 22 accolades; Received first team Academic All-Conference honors; Student Leadership Award winner in 2001; Amassed 1,500 yards, 15 touchdowns and five interceptions in 14 career games.

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; Older of two children of George and Sharon Jones; Born 8/30/84 in Lynchburg, Va.



Adam James



VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



ALEX KOPLIN



Sophomore • Wide Receiver
5-11 • 180
Pasadena, Calif.

VILLANOVA: Hard worker who will add depth to the wide receiver position. **2002:** Saw limited

playing time.

PERSONAL: Business major; One of two children of Fred and Lynne Koplín; Born 3/25/84.



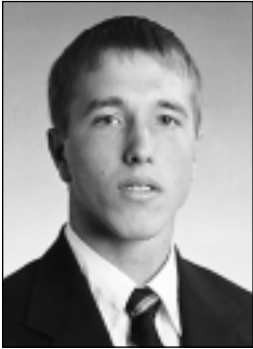
MATT KREBS



Junior • Defensive Back
5-9 • 170
Pittsburgh, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Loyal performer who will add depth to the defensive back position. **2002:** Saw limited playing time. **2001:** Saw limited action.

PERSONAL: Business major; Oldest of two children of Jim and Shelley Krebs; Born 10/3/82.



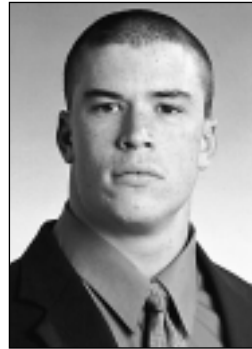
NICK LEMON



Sophomore • Quarterback
6-0 • 180
Danville, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Hard worker who will add depth to the quarterback spot. **2002:** Saw limited playing time.

PERSONAL: Engineering major; One of four children of Jeff and Connie Lemon; Born 10/19/82.



QUINN MATT



Junior • Tight End
6-1 • 220
Bowie, Md.

VILLANOVA: Will compete for playing time at tight end; Hard worker who has shown great improvement throughout his Wildcat career. **2002:** Saw limited playing time. **2001:** Saw limited action.

PERSONAL: Engineer major; One of three children of Michael and Carol Matt; Born 6/2/82.

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



PLAYER PROFILES



JEREMY MORGAN



Junior • Defensive Back
5-11 • 185
Kennesaw, Ga.

VILLANOVA: All-Atlantic 10 Conference candidate; Making the move from cornerback to safety in 2003; Talented performer with big play potential; Possesses good athleticism and a great understanding of the game. **2002:** Registered 57 tackles, eight pass break-ups, two interceptions, one fumble recovery and a blocked kick; Had two tackles and a pass break-up at Rutgers; Tallied four solo stops at Colgate; Recorded seven tackles, two pass break-ups and a blocked field goal against Maine; Totaled one tackle, a fumble recovery and a pass break-up versus UNH; Registered five total stops and returned an interception 20 yards at JMU; Recorded three solo tackles, a pass break-up and an interception he returned 16 yards against Penn; Had one solo stop at UMass; Made six solo tackles in back-to-back games versus William & Mary and Northeastern; Credited with two solo tackles and two assisted stops at Delaware; Made six solo tackles and three pass break-ups versus Furman; Tallied six solo tackles versus Furman; Registered two tackles at McNeese State. **2001:** Tallied eight total tackles; Recorded one solo stop versus Northeastern; Credited with one tackle at Richmond; Registered two solo stops versus James Madison; Posted three solo stops versus New Haven; Had one solo tackle against UMass.

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL: Senior year stats include 32 solo tackles, 28 assisted stops, two interceptions and 18 pass break-ups; 2000 second team All-Cobb County; Helped high school team to runner-up finish in the Georgia State 5AAAAA State Championship Game.

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; Younger of two boys of Gaylon and Angela Morgan; Brother, Jon, played running back at East Central University (Okla.); Attended same high school as Villanova sophomore Matt Baumbach and incoming freshman Adam James; Born 7/5/83 in Atlanta, Ga.

MORGAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES						PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL	INT.	SACKS		FR	FF
2001	6	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	15	48	9	57	0	2	0	8	1	0
Totals	21	55	10	65	0	2	0	8	1	0



Jeremy Morgan



KASEY O'BRIEN



Redshirt Freshman • Defensive Back
6-1 • 205
Thousand Oaks, Calif.

VILLANOVA: Possesses good football instincts; Will battle for playing time in the secondary.

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three varsity letters in football; Gained 1,007 yards in 123 carries (8.1 avg.) to go along with 21 touchdowns as a running back in 2000 and 2001; All-Merimont League defensive back in 2000; Received first team All-Merimont League honors in 2001; Named first team All-Ventura County in 2001; A member of the All-Southern Section C.I.F. first team as a senior.

PERSONAL: Business major; Younger of two children of Jim and Pam O'Brien; Father, Jim, played football at University of Cincinnati from 1966-70 and with the Baltimore Colts (1970-72) and Detroit Lions (1973); Born 8/10/84 in Thousand Oaks, Calif.



J.J. OUTLAW



Sophomore • Wide Receiver
5-9 • 180
Columbia, Md.

VILLANOVA: Will be looked upon to be a playmaker for the Wildcats in 2003; Should excel on special teams as a return man; Tough competitor with good hands.

2002: Made five catches for 58 yards and returned six punts for 35 yards; Recorded one catch for 12 yards and one punt return for seven yards versus UNH; Tallied one reception for 11 yards and two punt returns for 26 yards including a season-long 24-yard return versus Penn; Had one catch for four yards at UMass; Registered two receptions for 31 yards, including a season-long 26-yarder; Recorded one punt return for six yards and one kickoff return for 27 yards at McNeese State.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three varsity letters in football for head coach Mike Working, to go along with four letters in basketball and one in track; Associated Press All-State; Named Player of the Year by the Baltimore Touchdown Club; Three-time All-Conference performer; Selected to the 2001 All-Baltimore City/County Offensive first team; Chosen to play in the Super 44 All-Star Game (Virginia vs. Maryland); Broke four state receiving records: receiving yards in a season (1,428), touchdowns in a season (20), touchdowns in a career (41) and career receptions (167).

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts; Only child of John and Linda Outlaw; Father, John, played four years with the New England Patriots (1968-72) and six years with the Philadelphia Eagles (1972-78); Born 2/8/84 in Columbia, Md.

OUTLAW'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
		REC	Yds	Avg	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
2002	9	5	58	11.6	0	11	102	9.3	0
Totals	9	5	58	11.6	0	11	102	9.3	0



VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



DREW PHELAN

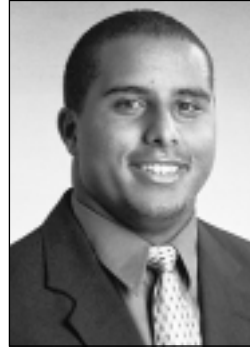


Sophomore • Placekicker
5-8 • 175
Narristown, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Transfer from the University of Maryland; Will compete for both the punting and

place kicking duties.

PERSONAL: Business major; One of two children of Jim and Debbie Phelan; Born 2/22/84.



ANDRE POGUE



Redshirt Freshman • Fullback
6-0 • 200
Bethlehem, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Will battle for playing time at fullback; Hard worker with a bright future. **2002:**

Redshirted.

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL: Four-year letterwinner in both football and track; Earned *Express Times* All-Area Team honors in 1998-2001; *Express Times* Rookie of the Year in 1998; Received first team Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division accolades in 2001; *Express Times* second team performer in 2001; Earned All-Conference honorable mention as a defensive back in 2000; District Champion in the 4x100m relay; Holds the district record in the 4x100m relay (42.3).

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; Middle of three children of Nathaniel and Kathleen Pogue; Father, Nathaniel, played football at Huron College from 1976-80; Brother, Nathaniel, currently plays defensive back for Moravian College.



CHRIS POLITE



Redshirt Freshman • Wide Receiver
6-1 • 180
Miami, Fla.

VILLANOVA: Talented performer with a bright future; Has a good combination of size and athleti-

cism; Enters pre-season camp No. 2 on the depth chart at wideout. **2002:** Redshirted.

MIAMI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL: Career stats: 2,700 yards receiving, 129 receptions, 28 touchdown receptions, 500 yards passing, five touchdown passes, 14 interceptions; 2001: Second team All-State; All-Miami Dade Team, Coaches Award, Basketball Team MVP; 2000: First team All-State, All-Miami Dade Team, Team MVP, Basketball and Track MVP; 1999: All-Miami Dade Team.

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; Son of Jessie and Adriane Polite; High school teammate of Villanova freshman Christian Gaddis; Born 10/29/83.



CHRIS POYDENIS



Junior • Defensive Back
6-1 • 195
Vero Beach, Fla.

VILLANOVA: Will add depth to the Villanova secondary. **2002:** Saw limited playing time.

PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; One of four children of Karen Poydenis; Born 12/19/82.

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



PLAYER PROFILES



DAVID REID



Sophomore • Offensive Line
6-4 • 260
Medford, N.J.

VILLANOVA: Will battle for playing time at guard; Slated as the back-up entering preseason playing time. **2001:** Redshirted.

RANCOCAS VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three varsity letters in football; 1999 and 2000 All-Conference; 2000 All-County; 1999 and 2000 Academic All-County; All-South Jersey and All-Group 4 in 2000; Earned Super 100 All-State honors in 2000; National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society member from 1999-2001.

PERSONAL: Business major; Youngest of three boys of Mark and Barbara Reid; Father, Mark Sr., wrestled at the University of Maryland; Brother, Mark Jr., wrestled at the University of Maryland; Brother, Sean, played football at William & Mary; Born 7/30/83 in Marlton, N.J.



JASON ROGERS



Senior • Offensive Line
6-4 • 280
Dayton, N.J.

VILLANOVA: All-Conference Candidate; Named pre-season second team All-Atlantic 10; Missed spring ball due to a broken leg, but looks completely healthy entering the fall; Experienced performer who has a good feel for the game. **2002:** Started all 15 games at guard. **2001:** Started all 11 games at guard. **2000:** Saw limited playing time.

IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL: Named to the Super 100 All-State Football team by the NJ Football Coaches Association; First team All-County; All-Area; All-Conference First Team (Mountain Valley Conference).

PERSONAL: Marketing major; Older of two children of Dave and Darlene Rogers; Born 2/23/82 in Alexandria, Va.



MIKE ROSEMAN

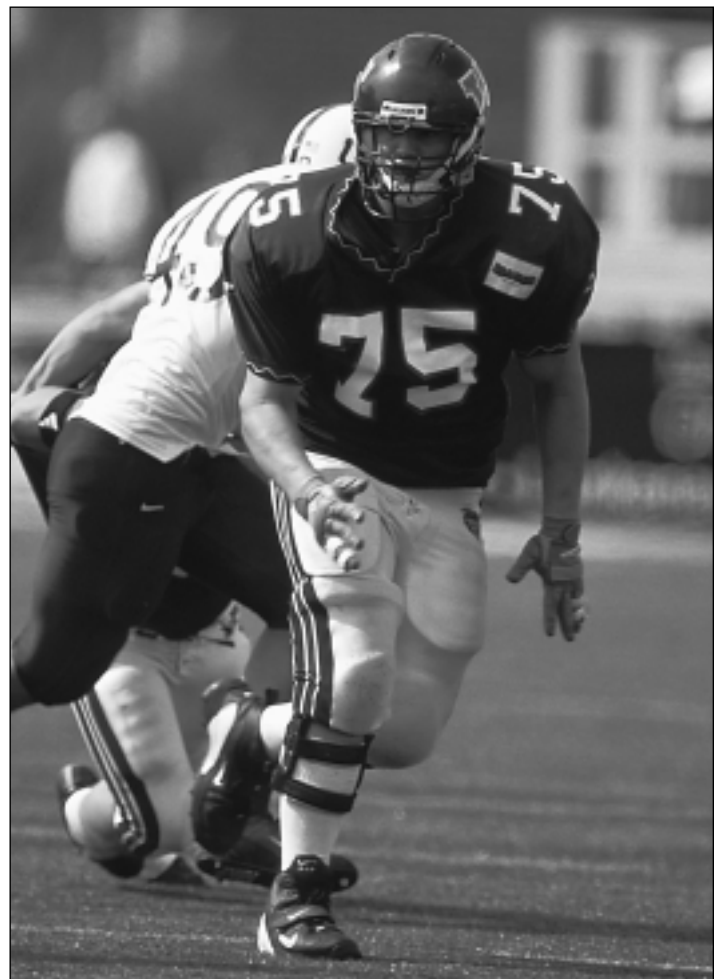


Junior • Offensive Line
6-5 • 275
West Chester, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Slated as the starter at tackle; Will use the experience he gained last year in his first season as an offensive lineman to be a dominant force up front; Mobile performer with good strength. **2002:** Started at tackle. **2001:** Saw limited playing time as a defensive lineman. **2000:** Tallied two tackles, and a tackle for a loss in a backup role.

WEST CHESTER EAST HIGH SCHOOL: Earned two varsity letters in football; Member of the National Honor Society; Named a Scholar Athlete Award Winner by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Philadelphia Chapter; Earned first team All-Chest-Mont honors and first team All-Chester County accolades in 1999; Honorable mention All-Chestnut Conference in 1998.

PERSONAL: Business major; Oldest of three children of Bob and Susan Roseman; Born 8/13/81 in Charlotte, N.C.



Mike Roseman



VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



SCOTT RUSNAK



Senior • Defensive Tackle
6-3 • 265
Orlando, Fla.

VILLANOVA: Experienced performer who will be counted on for leadership in 2003; Will see playing time at defensive tackle; Possesses good strength. **2002:** Tallied 24 tackles, four sacks, two tackles for loss and three quarterback hurries; Had one solo tackle at Rutgers; Made three solo tackles at JMU; Tallied two tackles and a sack versus Penn; Credited with one assisted stop and a sack at UMass; Registered one solo tackle versus William & Mary; Made two solo tackles and an assisted stop at Northeastern; Recorded one solo tackle and a tackle for loss versus Rhode Island; Totaled one solo tackle at Delaware; Recorded two solo tackles and a sack versus Furman; Had two solo tackles at McNeese State. **2001:** Saw limited playing time. **2000:** Recorded six tackles, a tackle for a loss, and a quarterback hurry in a reserve role. **1999:** Redshirted.
BISHOP MOORE HIGH SCHOOL: Three-year letter winner; First Team All-State; First Team All-Central Florida; First Team All-Orange County; League Defensive Player of the Year; League Defensive Lineman of the Year; Lettered two years in basketball; Member of National Honor Society.
PERSONAL: Communications major; One of the children of Dave and Kathy Rusnak; Born 8/6/80 in West Palm Beach, Fla.

RUSNAK'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES					SACKS	PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL	INT.			FR	FF
1999										
2000	7	4	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
2001	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	14	18	6	24	2	0	4	0	0	0
Totals	22	23	8	31	3	0	4	0	0	0



JASON SAKS



Sophomore • Offensive Line
6-3 • 275
Manheim, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Slated as the starter at guard; Fundamentally sound player with good strength. **2002:** Became the starting guard midway through the season. **2001:** Redshirted.
MANHEIM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL: First team All-Section 2; Big 33 All-Star Game participant; East-West Game nominee; Team captain.
PERSONAL: Business major; Younger of two children of Jeffrey and Daphney Saks; Born 4/26/83.



DAN SILVA



Senior • Linebacker
6-2 • 220
San Diego, Calif.

VILLANOVA: Expected to see playing time at linebacker; Hard worker who has shown tremendous improvement throughout his career; Plays with great emotion. **2002:** Tallied 27 tackles, 5.5 sacks, two tackles for loss, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and one pass break-up; Had four tackles and two sacks at Rutgers; Credited with a fumble recovery at Colgate; Recorded one tackle and a fumble recovery versus Maine; Tallied two solo tackles and an assisted tackle at JMU; Had one solo tackle and a tackle for loss versus Penn; Registered one assisted tackle and a forced fumble versus William & Mary; Totaled four solo tackles and two sacks against Rhode Island; Recorded four total tackles and a sack at Delaware; Had one solo tackle versus Furman; Made one solo stop against Fordham; Registered two solo stops and a fumble recovery at McNeese State. **2001:** Saw limited playing time. **2000:** Saw limited playing time.
PERSONAL: Philosophy major; One of three boys of Frank and Lynn Silva; Born 2/5/82 in San Diego, Calif.

SILVA'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES					SACKS	PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL	INT.			FR	FF
2000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2001	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	13	20	7	27	2	0	5.5	1	3	1
Totals	15	20	7	27	2	0	5.5	1	3	1

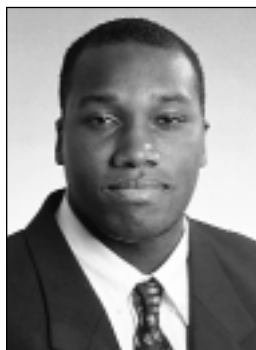


Dan Silva

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



PLAYER PROFILES



TERENCE TAYLOR



Junior • Defensive End
6-4 • 260
Hartford, Conn.

VILLANOVA: All-Conference Candidate; Named pre-season first team All-Conference; Has the potential to be one of the top defensive ends in the country; Strong, athletic performer with good speed. **2002:** Named third team All-Atlantic 10; Tallied 41 tackles, eight sacks, nine pass break-ups, three forced fumbles and a fumble recovery; Recorded four tackles, two pass break-ups, a sack and a tackle for loss at Rutgers; Had one tackle and a tackle for loss at Colgate; Registered three tackles, two pass break-ups, one sack and a tackle for loss versus Maine; Credited with two tackles and two sacks against UNH; Totaled four tackles and two tackles for loss at JMU; Made three tackles and a pass break-up versus Hofstra; Tallied one pass break-up against Penn; Recorded four tackles, a sack, a forced fumble and a tackle for loss versus William & Mary; Registered four solo tackles and a tackle for loss at Northeastern; Made three solo tackles and a sack at Delaware; Registered four solo stops, a pass break-up and a forced fumble against Furman; Made one solo tackle and a pass break-up versus Fordham; Tallied five solo stops, a fumble recovery, a tackle for loss and a pass break-up at McNeese State. **2001:** Recorded six total tackles on the season; Registered two tackles, one sack and a pass break-up versus New Haven; Had one tackle and one pass break-up against UMass; Registered two tackles at New Hampshire; Had one stop versus Hofstra; Posted one solo tackle against Delaware; Recorded one tackle against William & Mary.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three letters in basketball and football and two in track; Two-time All-Conference football performer; 2000-2001 Northwest Conference Sportsmanship Award; 2000-2001 Farmington High School Outstanding Male Athlete; Northwest Conference Connecticut All-Star Defensive MVP; Honor Roll Student; Had 70 carries for over 700 yards as a senior.

PERSONAL: Biology major; Son of Joe Simpson and Beatrice Taylor Simpson; Born 7/28/83 in Hartford, Conn.

TAYLOR'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TACKLES							PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
	GP	UT	AT	TT	TFL	INT.	SACKS		FR	FF
2001	7	6	0	6	1	0	1	2	0	0
2002	14	26	15	41	4.5	0	8	9	1	3
Totals	21	32	15	47	5.5	0	9	11	1	3



MIKE TESEI



Senior • Defensive Tackle
6-2 • 260
Nutley, N.J.

VILLANOVA: Experienced performer who will be a leader on the Wildcat defensive unit; Will start at defensive tackle; Hard worker with a good understanding of the game. **2002:** Tallied 40 total tackles, four tackles for loss, three sacks, two forced fumbles and one pass break-up; Had two tackles at Rutgers; Credited with one assisted stop at Colgate; Made one solo stop versus Maine; Tallied two tackles and one forced fumble versus UNH; Credited with one tackle and a tackle for loss at JMU; Had two solo tackles versus Hofstra; Made one solo stop against William & Mary; Totaled a solo tackle at Northeastern; Tallied three tackles and two tackles for loss versus Rhode Island; Recorded four tackles and a sack at Delaware; Made three solo tackles against Furman; Credited with four tackles at McNeese State. **2001:** Tallied 16 tackles, two sacks, two tackles for a loss, three quarterback hurries and one fumble recovery; Had one tackle against Colgate; Made three tackles and one tackle for a loss versus Northeastern; Posted two tackles at Richmond; Registered three tackles, one sack and one tackle for a loss at Maine; Credited with three tackles and a fumble recovery against UMass; Had one tackle and a tackle for a loss at New Hampshire; Made one tackle against Delaware; Registered three tackle in season finale at William & Mary. **2000:** Played in all 11 games and had 42 tackles, six sacks and two quarterback hurries; Had three tackles and a sack versus Millersville; Tallied four tackles and a sack versus Norfolk State; Registered four tackles and a sack against Maine; Credited with three stops at Northeastern; Made eight tackles against both New Hampshire and Richmond; Posted six stops and two sacks at UMass; Recorded six tackles and a sack versus William & Mary. **1999:** Redshirted.

NUTLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Three-year letter winner; Team captain; First Team All-NNJIL Pacific; First Team All-Essex County — *Star Ledger*; First Team All-Area Worrall Publications; First Team Quad Town — *Nutley Sun*; First Team All-County Essex County Coaches' Association; Second Team Group 3 All-State; Participated in New Jersey's North-South All-Star Classic; Also played baseball.

PERSONAL: Sociology major major; Youngest of three children of Joseph and Lesley Tesei; Born 1/26/81 in Montclair, N. J.

TESEI'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TACKLES							PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
	GP	UT	AT	TT	TFL	INT.	SACKS		FR	FF
1999										
2000	11	19	23	42	0	0	6	0	0	0
2001	8	11	8	19	2	0	2	0	0	0
2002	13	27	13	40	4	0	3	1	1	2
Totals	32	57	44	101	6	0	11	1	1	2



Mike Tesei



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PLAYER PROFILES



KEVIN TRAPP

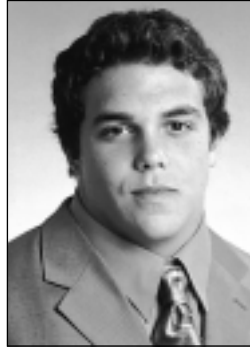


Junior • Offensive Line
6-6 • 265
Bridgewater, N.J.

VILLANOVA: Loyal performer who will add depth to the Villanova offensive line. **2002:** Saw

limited playing time.

PERSONAL: Business major; One of three children of Charles and Eileen Trapp; Born 9/19/82.



RAYMOND VENTRONE



Junior • Defensive Back
5-11 • 190
Pittsburgh, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Named pre-season second team All-Atlantic 10; Rising star who has the potential to

be one of the top performers in all of I-AA; Fierce hitter who plays with great emotion; Possesses a good combination of speed and strength. **2002:** Finished second on the team with 102 tackles to go with 10 tackles for loss, five pass break-ups, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries; Made two solo tackles at Rutgers; Had three solo stops and one forced fumble at Colgate; Recorded seven solo tackles, one tackle for loss and one pass break-up versus Maine; Tallied five solo tackles versus UNH; Credited with one solo tackle and one assisted stop at JMU; Registered three solo tackles and a pass break-up versus Hofstra; Credited with six solo tackles, two tackles for loss, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and two pass break-ups against Penn; Made four unassisted tackles and three assisted stops and a pass break-up versus William & Mary; Recorded six tackles and a tackle for loss at Northeastern; Totaled 10 tackles, a fumble recovery and a tackle for loss versus Rhode Island; Tallied eight tackles and three tackles for loss versus Delaware; Amassed six solo stops versus Furman; Made five tackles against Fordham; Recorded nine solo tackles and one pass break-up versus McNeese State. **2001:** Tallied 25 tackles, one pass break-up and one interception; Missed the final five games due to a knee injury suffered against Maine; Recorded three tackles versus Northeastern; Recorded 11 tackles at Richmond; Posted four tackles, one tackle for a loss and one interception against James Madison; Credited with one tackle versus New Haven; Amassed three total stops at Maine.

CHARTIERS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Three-time All-Conference performer; 2000 second team All-State; *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* Fabulous 22; *Pittsburgh Tribune Review* Terrific 25; National Honor Society; *Pittsburgh Tribune Review* Scholar Athlete; Career stats includes over 3,000 yards rushing, 36 touchdowns, nine interceptions, over 1,000 yards receiving, 22-of-45 for 322 yards and one touchdown passing, and over 75 tackles averaged per year; Owns three school records in track & field, including long jump (22'6"), triple jump (45'1"), and 100m (10.8).

PERSONAL: Business major; Oldest of three children of Ray and Denise Ventrone; Born 10/21/82 in Pittsburgh, Pa.



CURTIS WALTMAN



Sophomore • Wide Receiver
6-0 • 170
East Earl, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Will add depth at receiver; Good athlete with a strong work-ethic. **2002:** Saw limited

playing time. **2001:** Redshirted.

GARDEN SPOT HIGH SCHOOL: All-State in both football and basketball; Conference Football Player of the Year; Garden Spot Male Athlete of the Year; 2001 runner-up for basketball's Mr. Pennsylvania; Tallied 1,272 yards rushing as a quarterback; Scored 2,639 career points in basketball, including 1,049 as a senior; Averaged 36 ppg as a senior, including 60 in one game; Owns school records in the 100m (10.7) and 200m (22.0).

PERSONAL: Education major; One of four children of Paul and Kim Waltman; Born 3/17/83 in Reading, Pa.

VENTRONE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	TACKLES			INT.	SACKS	PASS BRUP	FUMBLES	
		UT	AT	TT				TFL	FR
2001	5	14	11	25	0	1	0	1	0
2002	15	83	19	102	10	0	5	2	2
Totals	20	97	30	127	10	1	6	2	2

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PLAYER PROFILES



ANTHONY WRIGHT



Junior • Tight End
6-2 • 235
Frackville, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Provides Villanova with a receiving threat from the tight end spot; Expected to see playing time; Possesses a good feel for the game. **2002:** Tallied four catches for 24 yards and two scores; Recorded a two-yard touchdown catch versus JMU; Registered a six-yard touchdown reception against Hofstra; Made one catch for 11 yards at UMass; Credited with one reception for five yards against Rhode Island. **2001:** Saw limited time as a reserve.

NORTH SCHUYKILL HIGH SCHOOL: Earned four letters in baseball, three in football and one in basketball; 1999 & 2000 *Reading Eagle* All-Antracite; 1999 and 2000 *Pottsville Republican* All-Area; 2000 PFN honorable mention; 2000 *Hazleton Standard Speaker* All-Area; Selected to the PSFCA first-ever East/West All-Star Game; National Honor Society; PFN All-Academic Gold Team; Frackville Rotary Scholastic Achievement Award; U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award; Frackville Elks Scholastic Athlete Award.

PERSONAL: Education major; Son of John and Bonnie Wright; Father played football at Juniata College; Born 3/4/82 in Pottsville, Pa.



LEIGHTON ZEMA



Sophomore • Wide Receiver
6-2 • 195
Steelton, Pa.

VILLANOVA: Good athlete who will compete for playing time at receiver; Expected to be a valuable special teams performer. **2002:** Blocked a punt versus New Hampshire. **2001:** Redshirted.

NORTH SCHUYKILL HIGH SCHOOL: Earned four letters in football, four in baseball, two in basketball and two in track; Associated Press third team All-State; *Pennsylvania Football News* second team All-State; Mid-Penn first team All-Conference; First Team MAPL; Team captain; As a senior, he recorded 48 catches for 878 yards, 14 touchdowns, six interceptions; Career stats include 124 catches, 2,262 yards, 30 touchdowns, and 22 interceptions; Honor Roll Student; Student Council Vice President

PERSONAL: Business major; One of three children of Raymond and Leigh Zema; Father played football at Clarion University; Born 3/23/82 in Steelton, Pa.

WRIGHT'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	RECEIVING			
		REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2001	0	0	0	0	0
2002	5	4	24	6.0	2
Totals	5	4	24	6.0	2



Anthony Wright



Leighton Zema



VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

NEWCOMERS



ALLYN BACCHUS



Freshman • Defensive Back
6-1 • 190
Hampton, Va.

KECoughtan High School: Earned four letters in football and track; Totaled 2,790 career rushing yards and 140 career tackles; Ran for 1,806 yards and 22 touchdowns as a senior to go along with 80 tackles and six interceptions; Earned All-Peninsula District Team honors as well as being named Offensive Player of the Year, first team offense and second team defense; All-Eastern Region Team – first team offense and second team defense; Associated Press All-State first team offense; Named to the Virginia High School Coaches Association All-State team; *Daily Press* All-Star and Offensive Player of the Year; Member of the National Honor Society.
PERSONAL: History/Political Science major; One of three children of Daniel and Lynn Bacchus; Born 9/15/85 in Memphis, Tenn.



RODNEY BADGER



Freshman • Defensive Back
5-10 • 180
San Marcos, Calif.

VISTA High School: Earned three varsity letters in football and one in basketball; Vista Defensive Player of the Year as a senior; Named a first team All-League performer in 2002; Recorded six interceptions, 76 tackles, 24 pass break-ups and 12 touchdowns during his career; *Union Tribune* All-Academic first team in 2002.
PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; One of four children of Kathy Badger; Born 6/11/85 in Oceanside, Calif.



T.J. CASCIO



Freshman • Linebacker
5-10 • 210
St. David's, Pa.

MALVERN PREP: Earned three varsity letters in football at Malvern Prep; Maxwell Football Club High School Award winner in 2002; *Suburban and Wayne Times* and *Main Line Life* Player of the Year as a senior; Inter-Ac League first team defense in 2002; All-Suburban High School Football and *Philadelphia Inquirer* first team defense as a senior; All-City High School Football and *Philadelphia Daily News* first team defense in 2002; An Inter-Ac League first team defensive performer in 2001; Named a first team defensive all-star by the *Main Line Times* and *Philadelphia Inquirer* in 2001.
PERSONAL: Commerce & Finance major; One of three children of Paul and Rita Cascio; Born 9/19/85 in Houston, Texas.



ADAM CLEMENTS



Freshman • Defensive Back
5-11 • 185
Southfield, Mich.

SOUTHFIELD High School: A four-time varsity letterwinner in track and a three-time varsity letterwinner in football; An All-League and All-County football performer during each of his final two seasons. All-State, All-League, All-County and All-Region in track for three seasons; Led the team in yards per carry and pass break-ups and was third on the team in sacks as both a junior and senior; Rushed for 1,000 yards on 94 carries and 13 touchdowns in two seasons.
PERSONAL: Business Management major; Younger of two sons of Allan and Betty Clements; Born 12/5/84 in Southfield, Mich.



JONATHAN COMBS



Freshman • Defensive Line
6-4 • 250
New York, N.Y.

POLY PREP/PHILLIPS ACADEMY: Earned five letters in football, four in lacrosse and three in track; An All-City and All-State performer as a junior and senior at Poly Prep; Received All-New England honors at Phillips Academy in 2002; Named All-State Lacrosse as a senior.
PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; One of five children of Gerry and Joanne Combs; Born 1/12/84 in New York, N.Y.



J.C. COOPER



Freshman • Linebacker
6-0 • 210
San Marcos, Calif.

CARLSBAD High School: Earned four varsity letters in track, three in football and three in surfing at Carlsbad; Football MVP as a senior; Avocado League Defensive Player of the Year in 2002; Received first team All-League and All-CIF accolades as a senior; Defensive MVP for the United States at the Global All-Star Championships; Named first team All-American by the Student Christian Athletes; Recorded nine touchdowns, 6.4 yards per carry, six sacks and 14 tackles for a loss in 2002.
PERSONAL: Communications major; One of six children of Denny and Anna Cooper; Born 6/7/84 in La Jolla, Calif.

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



NEWCOMERS



MICHAEL COSTANZO



Freshman • Offensive Line
6-4 • 260
Pittsburgh, Pa.

KEYSTONE OAKS HIGH SCHOOL: Two-time letterwinner in football at Keystone Oaks; A 2002 All-Conference performer at left tackle; Received Team Most Improved Player recognition as a senior; 2002 *Pittsburgh Tribune Review* All-AAA Team; Played in the East vs. West All-Star Game; 2002 Iron Eagle Strongest Player at Position; Helped lead the way for two 1,000 yard rushers.
PERSONAL: Business major; One of three children of Tony and Ann Costanzo; Born 6/14/85 in Pittsburgh, Pa.



JOSH CROMARTIE



Freshman • Defensive End
6-3 • 230
St. Petersburg, Fla.

ST. PETERSBURG CATHOLIC: Played in the All-Star Pinellas County Game; Member of the *Super Prep Magazine* Top Players list; An All-County performer; One of the Top 50 players in Fla.; Team Captain; Member of the All Academic City Team.
PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; One of two children of George and Linda Cromartie; Born 2/20/85 in St. Petersburg, Fla.



MATT DICKEN



Freshman • Running Back
5-10 • 180
Cape May, N.J.

LOWER CAPE MAY REGIONAL HS: Earned five varsity letters in track, four in football and two in wrestling; Received Team and County MVP honors as a senior; Named All-League, All-South Jersey Group 3, NJ Coaches Association top 100 in 2002; County MVP as a junior in 2001; Named an All-League and All-South Jersey second team performer in 2002; Holds the school records for rushing yards in a game with 326, rushing yards in a season with 1,778, rushing yards in a career with 4,277, touchdowns in a season with 16 and touchdowns in a career with 57.
PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; One of five children of Chip Faulkner and Denise Dicken; Born 7/21/84 in Camden, N.J.

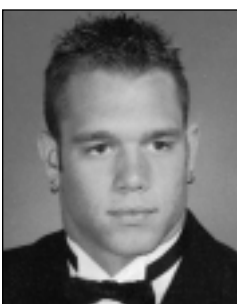


JUSTIN EVANS



Freshman • Defensive End
6-3 • 235
Paradise Valley, Ariz.

BROPHY COLLEGE PREP: Earned three varsity letters in football; A first team All-State performer at defensive end and a second team performer at tight end as a senior; All-Region first team defensive end/second team tight end in 2001 and 2002; All-Phoenix first team defensive end as a senior; Named to the Phoenix All-Star team in 2002; Received 5A All-Defense honors as a senior; Caught 27 passes for 364 yards and one score as a senior, in addition to recording 69 tackles, 13.5 sacks, three forced fumbles and one interception.
PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; Youngest of three children of James and Sheri Evans; Born 12/27/84 in Lake Forest, Ill.



JOEY FABRIZIO



Freshman • Defensive Back
5-11 • 200
Seminole, Fla.

SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL: Received four varsity letters in both football and wrestling and one in baseball; First team All-State 5A running back in 2002; Time Warner 2002 Co-Player of the Year; *St. Petersburg Times* Player of the Year as a senior; All-Suncoast first team linebacker in 2002; FACA Player of the Year as a senior; Received All-Conference honors in 2002; John Lynch Student-Athlete Award winner; Led school to a 37-5 record during his career; Totaled 1,605 yards rushing and had 126 tackles as a senior.
PERSONAL: Communications major; Older of two children of Joseph and Deborah Fabrizio; Father, Joseph, played football at West Chester University from 1979-83; Grandfather played football at Temple from 1958-60; Born 3/21/85 in Shreveport, La.



TYREE HUGHEY



Freshman • Running Back
6-1 • 215
Middletown, Conn.

AVON OLD FARMS HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered four times in football at Xavier and once at AOF; All-New England tailback; Named All-League and All-State by the *Hartford Courant*; *New Haven Register* All-State performer; Connecticut All-State Team; MVP of the All-City Game on offense; All-Conference tailback; Rushed for 1,400 yards – an average of more than seven yards per carry.
PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; Only child of Michael Edwards and Katonya Hughey; Born 8/28/84 in Hartford, Conn.



VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

NEWCOMERS



FRANK JANKOWSKI



Freshman • Quarterback
6-2 • 200
Berwick, Pa.

BERWICK AREA HIGH SCHOOL: Earned four varsity letters in both football and baseball; 1999 and 2000 CSC All-Conference; 2000 MHS Offensive Back of the Year; Reading Eagle 2001 All-Anthracite Big School; 2001 and 2002 Berwick Offensive Player of the Year; 2002 *Prep Star* High School All-Region; 2002 *Tom Lemming* top 100 prep athlete; 2002 Atlantic East Rivals No. 13 rated quarterback; First team Wyoming Valley Conference baseball performer; Passed for 5,912 career yards and 47 touchdowns; Member of the Honor Society from 2001-2003.
PERSONAL: Secondary Education major; Older of two children of Fran and Honora Jankowski; Born 5/10/84 in Bethlehem, Pa.

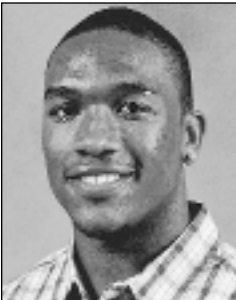


ZACH MARIACHER



Freshman • Strong Safety
6-0 • 190
New Castle, Pa.

NEW CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL: Earned four varsity letters in track and three in football; First team All-Parkway Conference in 2002; Two-time *New Castle News* Athlete of the Week in 2001 and 2002; Picked by the *Pittsburgh Tribune Review* as one of the top 10 defensive backs in the WPIAL in 2002; Selected to play in the Big 33 Football Game in Hershey, Pa., in 2003; Member of the National Honor Society.
PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; Younger of two children of George and Connie Mariacher; Born 6/18/84 in Youngstown, Ohio.

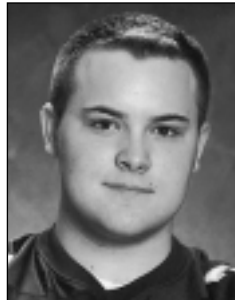


DEQUESE MAY



Freshman • Running Back
5-11 • 208
Shelbyville, Ky.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL: An All District (Jefferson) performer; All District and All State in both 2001 and 2002; A Kentucky Pre-season FAB 50 member in 2002; Helped lead Trinity to state championships in 2001 and 2002.
PERSONAL: Pre-med major; One of four children of William May and Alisa Jackson; Born 12/9/84.



BRANDON McINERNEY



Freshman • Offensive Line
6-2 • 280
Fayetteville, N.Y.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY: Earned three varsity letters in football and two in track; Team captain as a junior and senior; Three-time All-League first team performer; Earned All-Upstate NY first team accolades three times; All-State first team as a junior and senior; Team captured the league, section and/or region championships during each of his three seasons.
PERSONAL: Education major; One of four children of Terry and Barb McInerney; Born 2/25/85 in Syracuse, N.Y.



RUSSELL MCKITTRICK



Freshman • Fullback
6-3 • 220
Carlsbad, Calif.

SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL: Earned two varsity letters in football and one in track at San Marcos; Offensive Most Valuable Player as a senior; *SD Union Tribune* All-Academic Team in 2002.
PERSONAL: History major; Only child of Scott and Liz McKittrick; Born 2/25/84 in Newport Beach, Calif.



TERRANCE REAVES



Freshman • Defensive Back
6-1 • 195
Gibsonton, Fla.

RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL: Earned four varsity letters in football, three in track and one in basketball; Member of the Hillsborough County All-Star team; First team Western Conference performer; Second team All-District; *Tampa Tribune*/Channel 8 Gridiron Player of the Week; *Tampa Tribune* Athlete of the Week; Honorable mention All-State; All-Conference and All-State track performer; Ran for 1200 yards on 188 carries; Tampa Chapter National Football Foundation Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete; Member of the National Honor Society.
PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; One of four children of Terrance and Robin Reaves; Born 4/2/85 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



NEWCOMERS



ANTON RIDLEY



Freshman • Wide Receiver
6-5 • 190
Laurel, Del.

LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered twice in football and basketball at Laurel High School; First team All-Conference in football; All-State honorable mention; Laurel Offensive MVP in football; First team All-South performer in basketball; First team All-Conference and third team All-State in basketball; Recorded a career-high three touchdowns in one game (two receiving and one interception return).
PERSONAL: Liberal Arts major; One of five children of Calvin and Lindsey Wilson; Born 2/15/85 in Perry, Ga.



MATT SHERRY



Freshman • Tight End
6-4 • 230
Rumford, R.I.

BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL: Earned four varsity letters in golf and three in football; First team All-State performer in 2002; Two-time first team All-Division selection; Team MVP in 2002; Prep Star All-Region Team in 2002; Caught 34 passes for 415 yards and 11 touchdowns during his career, in addition to totaling 19 sacks; Member of the National Honor Society.
PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; Oldest of three children of Karl and Kathleen Sherry; Born 12/11/84 in Hinsdale, Ill.



BLAKE SHUBERT



Freshman • Linebacker
6-1 • 225
Fairfax Station, Va.

JAMES W. ROBISON HIGH SCHOOL: Earned four varsity letters in football and two in lacrosse; George Michael's Golden 11 All-Met Team in 2002; All-State linebacker in 2001 and 2002; *Washington Post* All-Met performer in 2002; Two-time All-Region selection as linebacker; All-Patriot District linebacker in 2000-2002; *All-Journal* football squad member in 2001 and 2002; All-Times team in 2001-2002; Helped team to a 56-5 record during his career; Four-year starter; Two-year captain; State Champions in 2001; Member of the National Honor Society.
PERSONAL: Commerce & Finance major; One of three children of Ed and Linda Shubert; Father, Ed, played football at Drexel as well as in the NFL for the Philadelphia Eagles (1974-75), and New York Jets (1976); Mother, Linda, played basketball at Drexel; Sister, Andrea, played lacrosse at Clemson. Born 7/8/84 in Westfield, N.J.



RYAN SQUILLANTE



Freshman • Wide Receiver
5-11 • 180
Weston, Conn.

WESTON HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three varsity letters in football, and two each in basketball and track; Received All-State honors as a junior and senior; All-League second team performer by the *Connecticut Post*; First team *Connecticut Post* in 2002; Totaled 1,300 yards receiving on 75 catches (25 TD) and 400 rushing as a senior; Had 600 yards rushing and 600 receiving to go along 13 touchdowns as a junior.
PERSONAL: Undecided on college major; One of four children of Frank and Eileen Squillante; Born 10/20/84 in Stamford, Conn.



ALEX SUDER



Freshman • Offensive Line
6-5 • 285
Pekasie, Pa.

PENNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL: Earned three varsity letters in football and two in lacrosse; Three-year starter; Offensive Line MVP as a senior; First team All-Area Offense as a senior; First team All-League Offense in 2002; Second team All-League Defense as a senior; Named second team All-League Offense and honorable mention defense in 2001.
PERSONAL: Commerce & Finance major; Oldest of three children of Thomas and Joanne Suder; Born 1/29/85 in Abington, Pa.



VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE/STATE-BY-STATE LISTING

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Darrell Adams . . . . .	.Da-rell	Brian Hulea . . . . .	.Hool-e-a
Allyn Bacchus . . . . .	.Back-us	Dequesne May . . . . .	.Da-kweese
Jamil Butler . . . . .	.Ja-MEAL	Andre Pogue . . . . .	.Pog
John DieserDee-ser	Mike TessiTa-say
Phil DiGiacomoDa-jock-a-mo	Leighton ZemaLay-ton Zee-ma
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VILLANOVA FOOTBALL: STATE-BY-STATE LISTING

Arizona1	Minnesota1
California11	New Jersey10
Connecticut . . . . .	.5	New York . . . . .	.6
Delaware . . . . .	.1	North Carolina . . . . .	.1
Florida . . . . .	.8	Ohio . . . . .	.3
Georgia . . . . .	.3	Oklahoma . . . . .	.1
Kentucky1	Pennsylvania26
Maryland4	Rhode Island1
Massachusetts2	Virginia2
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VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



ALL-STAR CANDIDATES



#90

**DARRELL
ADAMS**

SOPHOMORE
DEFENSIVE END



#53

**JAMIL
BUTLER**

JUNIOR
DEFENSIVE END



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Tallied 25 solo tackles, 14 assisted stops for 39 total tackles to go with six tackles for loss, four sacks, four quarterback hurries and two pass break-ups in 2002.
- Registered a season and career in tackles with four on two different occasions.

2002 SEASON NUMBERS

TACKLES	39
TACKLES FOR LOSS	6.0
SACKS	4.0
PASS BREAK-UPS	2

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Named pre-season second team All-Atlantic 10.
- Started all 15 games and had 68 tackles, nine tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks, two pass break-ups and a fumble recovery in 2002.
- Had a season-high eight tackles at Northeastern in 2002.
- Registered 55 tackles, six tackles for a loss, a team-high tying six and a half sacks and two fumble recoveries as a freshman in 2001.

2002 SEASON NUMBERS

TACKLES	68
TACKLES FOR LOSS	9.0
SACKS	4.5
PASS BREAK-UPS	2
FUMBLE RECOVERIES	1



#27

**TERRY
BUTLER**

JUNIOR
RUNNING BACK



#86

**MATT
CHILA**

SENIOR
TIGHT END



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Had 202 carries for 868 yards (4.3 yards per rush) and nine scores to go with 36 receptions for 311 yards and three touchdowns in 2002.
- Tallied first career 100-yard rushing game last season with 21 carries for 121 yards and a score vs. Rutgers.
- Recorded 95 yards on 18 rushes and two touchdowns versus UNH in 2002.
- Recorded 19 carries for 48 yards and a score to go with six catches for 103 yards and a touchdown at Colgate last season.

2002 SEASON NUMBERS

RUSHES	202
YARDS RUSHING	868
AVG. PER RUSH	4.3
TOUCHDOWNS	9
RECEPTIONS	36
RECEIVING YARDS	311
TOUCHDOWNS	3

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Named pre-season first team All-Atlantic 10.
- Received first team All-Atlantic 10 honors and honorable mention All-ECAC accolades in 2002.
- Tallied 48 catches for 514 yards and five touchdowns in 2002.
- Second team All-Atlantic 10 in 2001.
- Had a career-high six receptions for 45 yards and a score against Furman last season.

2002 SEASON NUMBERS

RECEPTIONS	48
RECEIVING YARDS	514
YARDS PER CATCH	10.7
TOUCHDOWNS	5



VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

ALL-STAR CANDIDATES



#7

**CLARENCE
CURRY**



SENIOR
CORNERBACK



#50

**MIKE
FINN**



SENIOR
OFFENSIVE LINE

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Credited with 38 total tackles, two interceptions, nine pass break-ups, one fumble recovery and one tackle for loss in 2002.
- Had a season-high in tackles with six versus on two occasions last season — at Rutgers and at Northeastern.
- Registered 32 tackles, 10 pass break-ups and two interceptions in 2001.

2002 SEASON NUMBERS

TACKLES	38
TACKLES FOR A LOSS	1
INTERCEPTIONS	2
PASS BREAK-UPS	9
FUMBLE RECOVERIES	1

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Returning as the starting center for the third-straight year in 2003.
- Earned pre-season second team All-Atlantic 10 Conference distinction.
- Earned third team All-Atlantic 10 honors last season.
- Started all 15 games at center in 2002.
- Helped the Wildcats rush for 1843 yards as a team in 2002.



#42

**BRIAN
HULEA**



SOPHOMORE
LINEBACKER



#4

**JEREMY
MORGAN**



JUNIOR
DEFENSIVE BACK

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Played in 11 games and tallied 70 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, four sacks, two pass break-ups, two quarterback hurries and an interception in 2002.
- Registered nine total stops, two sacks and a tackle for loss against Penn last season.
- Made a season and career-high 10 tackles and two tackles for loss versus William & Mary.

2002 SEASON NUMBERS

TACKLES	70
TACKLES FOR A LOSS	10.0
SACKS	4.0
INTERCEPTIONS	1
PASS BREAK-UPS	2

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered 57 tackles, eight pass break-ups, two interceptions, one fumble recovery and a blocked kick in 2002.
- Recorded a season-high seven tackles, two pass break-ups and a blocked field goal against Maine.
- Made six solo tackles in back-to-back playoff games last season versus Furman and Fordham

2002 SEASON NUMBERS

TACKLES	57
INTERCEPTIONS	2
PASS BREAK-UPS	8
FUMBLE RECOVERIES	1

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL



ALL-STAR CANDIDATES



#78

**JASON
ROGERS**



SENIOR
OFFENSIVE LINE



#44

**TERENCE
TAYLOR**



JUNIOR
DEFENSIVE END

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Named pre-season second team All-Atlantic 10 Conference.
- Started all 15 games at guard in 2002.
- Helped the Wildcats rush for 1843 yards as a team in 2002.
- Started all 11 games at guard as a sophomore in 2001.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Named pre-season first team All-Atlantic 10 Conference.
- Named third team All-Atlantic 10 in 2002.
- Tallied 41 tackles, eight sacks, nine pass break-ups, three forced fumbles and a fumble recovery last season.
- Recorded a season-high five tackles in the 2002 I-AA Playoffs at McNeese State.

2002 SEASON NUMBERS

TACKLES	41
TACKLES FOR A LOSS	4.5
SACKS	8.0
PASS BREAK-UPS	9
FUMBLE RECOVERIES	1
FORCED FUMBLES	3



#28

**RAYMOND
VENTRONE**



JUNIOR
DEFENSIVE BACK

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Named pre-season second team All-Atlantic 10.
- Finished second on the team with 102 tackles to go with 10 tackles for loss, five pass break-ups, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in 2002.
- Totaled a season-high 10 tackles versus Rhode Island last season.
- Recorded a career-high 11 tackles at Richmond in 2001.

2002 SEASON NUMBERS

TACKLES	102
TACKLES FOR A LOSS	10.0
PASS BREAK-UPS	5
FUMBLE RECOVERIES	2
FORCED FUMBLES	2



Raymond Ventrone

VILLANOVA FOOTBALL

WALK-ON SUCCESS

Every college football team around the country is filled with players who come to school looking for a shot to be a contributor to the team. While not offered a scholarship coming out of high school, these individuals known as walk-ons, join the team in hopes of earning a scholarship through hard work and determination. On each and every college football roster across the country, there are numerous walk-ons chasing a dream on the gridiron.

At Villanova, it has become the norm that a walk-on's dream becomes a reality.

Throughout head coach Andy Talley's tenure on the Main Line, recruited walk-ons have not only earned a scholarship, but in many cases, these players have turned into starting players and sometimes even developed into bona fide superstars.

There is no greater walk-on success story than former Wildcat Jay Strippoli who graduated in 1999. Upon graduation from Mater Dei High School in New Jersey, Strippoli joined the Villanova squad as a walk-on linebacker. After struggling to earn playing time, Strippoli moved to full-back where he again was not able to find his way on to the Wildcat depth chart. With the Villanova tight end spot lacking depth during pre-season practice in 1996, Strippoli was converted to his third position in three years. Through hard work, Strippoli climbed his way to No. 2 on the depth chart by year's end. Also, that season, Strippoli became a valuable member of the Villanova special teams.

During summer camp in 1997, Villanova's starting tight end was injured and lost for the first six weeks of the season. With this, Strippoli became the starting tight end. Strippoli flourished in his starting role and occupied the starting tight end for the entire season for a Wildcat team that went 12-1, captured the Atlantic 10 Championship and was ranked No. 1 for the final six weeks of the regular season. In 12 games, he made 19 receptions for 127 yards and two touchdowns. At the conclusion of the 1997 season, Strippoli was awarded for his tireless work ethic and unselfish attitude as he was granted a full scholarship, in addition to be voted team captain by his teammates.



As a walk-on in 1995, Todd Golemi led Villanova in rushing with 624 yards on 130 carries.

"Jay Strippoli is the epitome of the many walk-on success stories we have had here at Villanova," said Talley. "Jay came to Villanova as a walk-on and through hard work and dedication he became a starter and earned himself a scholarship. It is not everyday that a former walk-on is voted team captain by his teammates."

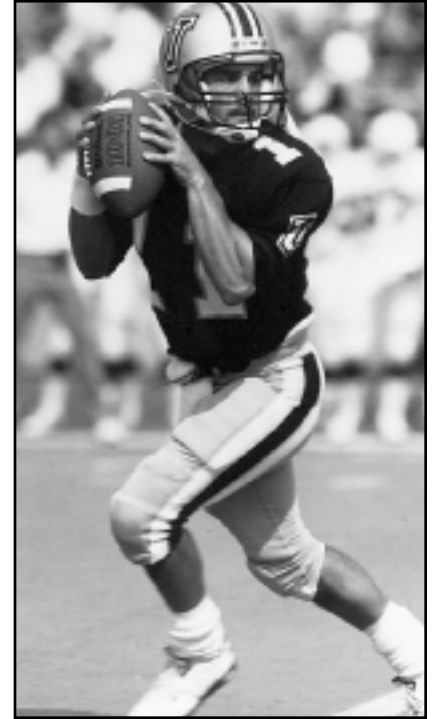
Another former walk-on success story is running back Todd Golemi, who finished his eligibility in 1998. In 1995, Golemi arrived on the Main Line from Kenner, La., as a walk-on running back who was adding depth in the Villanova backfield. When the season was over, Golemi had gained 624 yards on 130 carries and led the 'Cats in rushing. In addition, he made 23 receptions for 184 yards. For his efforts, Golemi was given a scholarship for the remainder of his three years. As his career has progressed, Golemi also became one of the team's top special team performers.

Two former Villanova walk-on success stories who deserve mention are quarterback Tom Colombo and offensive lineman Chris Okano. Colombo showed up at Villanova in the fall of 1989 as a five-foot, seven-inch quarterback looking for a chance. Growing up as a coach's son in Brockton, Mass., Colombo had a dream of being a college quarterback. However, due to his size, Villanova was one of the few schools to give the "Diminutive Dynamo" an opportunity. Through hard work and dedication, Colombo started under center for three seasons, leading the Wildcats to two NCAA I-AA playoff appearances and currently rates third on Villanova's all-time passing yards list. In 1991, Colombo finished ranked 19th in the country in passing efficiency en route to earning second team All-Yankee Conference honors.

Okano made his way to Villanova as a walk-on from his native Hawaii and served as a back-up for three seasons. In 1996, Okano's perseverance paid off as he started every game at guard and helped Villanova return to national prominence and garner a bid to the I-AA playoffs. Okano played so well in 1996 that he was named third team All-Yankee Conference.

The latest walk-on success story is Ryan Breeden who will be a senior in 2003. Breeden arrived on the Main Line as a walk-on linebacker and through hard work he was given a full scholarship during the 2001 season. In his first full year as a scholarship player last year, Breeden tallied 27 tackles, one interception and three pass break-ups.

"We have never turned away a walk-on player here at Villanova. The great thing about Villanova walk-ons is that they many become starters and achieve star status," stated Talley. "At Villanova, we view the walk-on player as an extremely integral part of our program."



Tom Colombo began his career as a walk-on and finished with 5,825 yards passing. (Action Sports of America photo).